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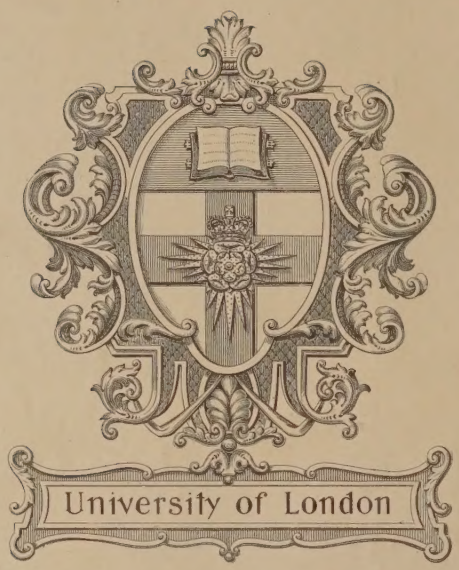

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MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

TAKEN BEFORE

FREDERICK SOLLY FLOOD, ESQUIRE;
JOHN DEEDES, ESQUIRE, AND
WILLIAM BALIOL BRETT, ESQUIRE;

The Commissioners appointed under the Act of the 15th & 16th Victoria, chap. 57, for the purpose of inquiring into the Existence of Corrupt Practices in the Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull.

At the Town Hall, Wednesday, 13th July, 1853.

Thirty-first Day.

Jesse Malcolm sworn, and examined.

Jesse Malcolm.
13th July 1853.

42,577. Where do you live?—In High Street.
42,578. In this town?—Yes.
42,579. What is your business?—A wharfinger.
42,580. What rent do you pay?—I am rated at about 420*l.* in High Street.
42,581. Are you a voter as a householder?—Yes.
42,582. How long have you been such a voter?—Since the Reform Bill.
42,583. Are you also a freeman?—No.
42,584. Did you take an active part in the election of 1852?—As a canvasser in part of High Street,—the north end of High Street.
42,585. For which side? the orange or the blue?—The orange.
42,586. Were you a member of any committee?—Yes.
42,587. Which committee?—Lowgate Ward.
42,588. Do you know a person of the name of Thomas Wood?—Yes.
42,589. Did you canvass him for his vote for Clay and Goderich?—Yes.
42,590. Did you give him a note to the town clerk, after the election, for getting work for the corporation?—I do not know whether it was before or after.
42,591. You gave him a note to get him work for the corporation?—Yes; he complained that he was several years in High Street, and never had any money from the corporation, and I thought it was his own fault in not applying. The corporation gave a turn to every tradesman in the town.
42,592. Are you a member of the corporation?—No.
42,593. The note you gave was to the town clerk?—No, to the committee.
42,594. Thomas Wilde was one of the orange party?—When I asked him for his vote, he did not say what he was.
42,595. I mean the man who was examined on the 8th of June, who says he is a sawyer and a publican?—No, a whitesmith.
42,596. You canvassed him for his vote?—Yes; and he gave me no promise at the time I canvassed him.
42,597. What was the work for that you gave him a note? to support Clay and Goderich?—No.
42,598. I will read you his evidence, and you will see how far you agree with him. Do you remember his asking you before you voted at the election to give him a note?—I offered to give him a note; he said he had had no work for several years from them.
42,599. I will read you what he said. Did he ask you before the election to give him a note as soon as the election was over?—No, he never asked me for a note; I proffered it. He was complaining that he never had any work from the corporation.
42,600. He also said that he asked you to write him a note after the election, and asked you before the election?—I proffered him one that he might call any time, and I would give him a note.
42,601. Did you give him that note as a supporter of Clay and Goderich?—No, it was not that; he had had no work from the corporation, and I thought he had a right to it.
42,602. How do you mean you thought he had a right?—Because they divided the work among the different tradesmen of the town.
42,603. What work had the corporation to give?—Whitesmiths' work every quarter. They give it to the different tradesmen of the town,—the joiners' work as well.
42,604. Do the corporation, then, employ a considerable number of tradesmen?—They appoint one for each different work every quarter.

Jesse Malcolm.

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42,605. They change every quarter, do they?—Yes.

42,606. So as to take the tradesmen in rotation?—Yes.

42,607. At the time you asked him for work, I believe you took the opportunity of asking him for his vote?—He would give me no promise at the time.

42,608. So I understood?—I never knew he had voted, indeed.

42,609. It so happened that on the same occasion when you were canvassing, he took the opportunity?—Yes; he complained very much that he had no work from the corporation.

42,610. When you asked him to vote?—Yes.

42,611. Then did you say he should have some after the election?—No; I cannot swear that.

42,612. I thought you gave him a note?—Yes; I thought he had been overlooked.

42,613. You did it in order to put him in a good humour, and to satisfy him?—He was cross upon that account.

42,614. And you gave him a note to put him into a good humour?—I did not give him any note at the time. I told him he might call at any time.

42,615. You promised him the note?—Yes.

42,616. What did he say then?—I came away.

42,617. Did he not say he was obliged to you, or thank you?—I do not know that he did; he was in a very bad humour when I called.

42,618. Not quite so bad a humour when he found he was to get work?—No; I came away, and left him in that humour.

42,619. Do you remember what was in the note?—No, I do not.

42,620. You wrote?—Yes.

42,621. Do you remember what you put in it?—He complained of being so long out of work from the corporation.

42,622. Did you say anything about the vote?—No, nothing about Clay or Goderich, or any vote.

42,623. You gave him the note to put him in good humour?—I do not know it was that; I thought it was very hard upon the man, his not having work. He seemed to be a good workman.

42,624. It was the ordinary case of a voter taking advantage of election times, to get his grievances set right?—I do not know that.

Daniel Brown.

DANIEL BROWN sworn, and examined.

42,625. Where do you live?—Cleveland Street.

42,626. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes, and a shop.

42,627. What rent do you pay?—£12.

42,628. And are you a freeman?—No.

42,629. A householder?—Yes.

42,630. Do you know anything of a committee that met at Mr. King's room during the last election?—No.

42,631. A committee which met at Mr. King's rooms?—No.

42,632. Were you canvassed by the blue party?—Yes.

42,633. Did you promise them your vote?—Yes.

42,634. How long before the election?—I cannot say to the time. Perhaps two or three weeks, or four weeks; I cannot say exactly the time.

42,635. You promised them to vote, but you say you did not vote?—No, I did not.

42,636. Why did you not vote?—The orange were so many ahead that I thought it was of no use.

42,637. When did you determine not to vote?—The election day.

42,638. When?—The same day of the election.

42,639. They could not be ahead until the election had been on some time?—The afternoon I went up.

42,640. What time?—It might be towards three o'clock,—between two and three, or near three.

42,641. Where did you go to poll?—Nowhere; I went there, and walked round to see the state of the poll.

42,642. You had promised to vote for the blue party?—Yes.

42,643. Do you mean to say the only reason you did not vote was because you found the orange ahead?—Yes.

42,644. If everybody had abstained from voting for the blues on that account, would they not be much more behind?—Yes, no doubt they would.

42,645. Did you speak to anybody about your vote?—Yes.

42,646. Who spoke to you about it?—When I was going round, I saw a man of the name of Petch.

42,647. What did he say to you?—I told him I was going to vote, but I saw the state of the poll, and that it was of no use voting; so him and me came out together.

42,648. Had he promised the blues?—Yes, I suppose he had.

Daniel Brown.

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42,649. I ask you whether your not voting at all was in consequence of the committee I have referred to?—No, it was not.
42,650. Nothing to do with it?—No.
42,651. Do you know Mr. Mandeville?—No.
42,652. Do you know a man of the name of Groves?—No.
42,653. Did you have your name set down for the blues?—I suppose it was.
42,654. Where was it done?—It was in my shop, if I am not mistaken.
42,655. How long before the election?—I cannot say exactly.
42,656. As near as you can remember?—It might be two or three or four weeks; I cannot say to the exact time.
42,657. For how many days were you set down?—None.
42,658. What do you mean by saying your name was set down?—To vote for them.
42,659. Who put you down?—He was a man of the name of Stephenson.
42,660. Were you to get any money for your vote if you voted?—No.
42,661. Did you ever vote before?—No.
42,662. At any former election?—No.
42,663. Do you mean you were only canvassed in the ordinary way, or that your name was put on a list or not?—On a list to vote.
42,664. On the day of the election, did you see any body of persons going about preventing others from voting?—No.
42,665. You never saw them?—No.
42,666. Did any people speak to you about not voting, or advise you not to vote?—I do not remember that they did.
42,667. Do you mean to say, on your oath, your not voting was entirely from your own act?—Yes.
42,668. Or was it in consequence of what somebody said to you?—My own act.
42,669. Entirely?—Yes.
42,670. Were you at all afraid to vote?—No.
42,671. Did you hear that the persons who voted against the rights of the people were to be marked men?—Yes, I heard of it.
42,672. Have you never given that as the reason why you did not vote?—No.
42,673. Did the blue party see you afterwards about your not voting? those whom you had promised, what did you say to them for not voting?—I do not know that I saw any one.
42,674. Did they not speak to you and ask you why you did not vote since the election?—I have talked with people in the shop about it, and told them the reason that I did not.
42,675. Who were the people to whom you promised to vote, and who took your name down?—I cannot say; I had Messrs. Moore and Butler in my shop, and told them I should support them if I voted.
42,676. Did you not tell them you would vote and support them?—I told them I should support them.
42,677. And that your name was put down?—For anything I know.
42,678. You told them it was?—I believe it was; I do not know anything to the contrary.
42,679. I ask you then, since the election, if you had not been asked by the blue party why you did not vote?—Not to my knowledge.
42,680. Do you know Thomas Smith, of Cleveland Street?—Yes.

Thomas Smith.

THOMAS SMITH sworn, and examined.

42,681. Where do you live?—Cleveland Street Groves.
42,682. Are you a householder?—Yes.
42,683. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes; 20*l.* I am assessed at.
42,684. Are you a freeman?—No.
42,685. Were you canvassed at the last election?—Yes, they canvassed me.
42,686. What party?—Both parties.
42,687. Did you promise either?—No.
42,688. How long have you been a householder?—Ten years in that house.
42,689. Did you promise to vote for the blues or the orange party?—No.
42,690. Neither?—No.
42,691. Was your name put down in any list?—I do not know whether they put my name down or not
42,692. When the blue party canvassed you, what did you tell them?—They wished me to give them a vote, but I promised no one.
42,693. What did you tell them, I ask you?—I told them I did not promise any one
42,694. Did you promise to vote on the day of the election?—I did not; I was out of town that day.
42,695. Why did you go out of town?—I had some business out of town.

Thomas Smith.

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42,696. Did you go out of town in consequence of hearing that persons who did not support a particular cause would be marked men ?—No ; I did not go out of town for that cause.

42,697. Where did you go to ?—I went to Beverley.

42,698. Why did you not go the day after the election, or the day before ?—The reason why was, my business did not suit any other day,—I was requested to go that day.

42,699. Do you know the man standing by your side, the last witness, Daniel Brown ?—No, I do not not.

42,700. He says he knows you ?—I know him by sight, but I am not much acquainted with him ; he lives near me.

42,701. Did you have any conversation with him about going away ?—Nothing at all.

42,702. Did you have any conversation at all with him about not voting ?—No.

42,703. Not a word ?—No.

42,704. Neither before nor or on the day of the election ?—I told them when they solicited me that I should not vote for either party ; when Mr. Clay and Mr. Gresham came in, I told them I should not vote for any party.

42,705. You did vote in 1847, did you not ?—No, I never voted at all ;—not for ten years.

42,706. Were you not a runner for Mr. Brown in the election of 1847 ?—No.

42,707. You were set down ?—No, I am sure I was not.

42,708. You have been a householder for ten years ?—I have ; but I never was registered before the last year.

42,709. You did not vote in 1847 ?—No.

42,710. Nor run for anybody ?—No ; I voted for no one since I went into that house.

S. Terrington.

SAMUEL TERRINGTON sworn, and examined.

42,711. What is your business ?—A little in the baking line.

42,712. A baker ?—Yes.

42,713. Are you a householder ?—Yes, I am a householder.

42,714. What rent do you pay ?—I am paying 6*l.* now, but not anything which comes against it.

42,715. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

42,716. When were you made a freeman ?—About ten years ago.

42,717. Did you vote at the election of 1847 ?—No.

42,718. In 1852 did you vote ?—Yes.

42,719. For whom ?—Clay and Goderich.

42,720. Did you have a committee room ?—Yes.

41,721. When did they give a committee room ?—The polling day.

42,722. Were you paid for it ?—Yes.

42,723. How much ?—10*s.*

42,724. Who by ?—Mr. Boulter.

42,725. Where did you live ?—16, Cleveland Street.

42,726. How came your room to be taken ?—About seven or eight days previous to the polling day there came Mr. Boulter and Mr. Peck, and asked me if I would let them have a room for their use as they wanted it for a committee room. I told them I was rather inconvenienced ; they said it was very far off to the polling booth. I consented ; they did not say they would give me anything for it. I let them have it, and about a fortnight after I was going down to Drypool, and Mr. Boulter called me in and said they left me 10*s.* for the use of the room.

42,727. At your room ?—No, at Mr. Boulter's ; he said he had 10*s.* for me for the use of the room.

42,728. When might this be ?—About six or seven days after the polling day.

42,729. Was your room used at all ?—No, they never came in it ; but we cleared all away and kept everything ready for them if they wished to make use of it.

42,730. There were chairs and tables in the room, I suppose ?—Yes ; and we removed them out of the way on purpose, if they thought proper to make use of it.

42,731. Had you promised to vote for Clay and Goderich ?—Yes, a fortnight before.

42,732. Did Mr. Boulter give you any name, or any reason to expect any person would come ?—No ; all he asked me was, who are you going to vote for.

42,733. Did he give you in the names of any committee who would come ?—No ; not at all.

42,734. He asked you who you were going to vote for ?—Yes ; and I said Clay and Goderich.

42,735. What did he say ?—He said, very well ; that is all he said, and I never heard anything more about it, neither one way or the other.

42,736. Where was the room ?—At 16, Cleveland Street.

42,737. Is it near the polling booth that you polled at ?—No, it is some distance off.

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42,738. Is it near any one of the polling booths?—No; it is some distance off—half a mile; one is in Witham, and the other in the Groves.

42,739. You say he asked you who you should vote for?—Yes.

42,740. Was the matter about the room mentioned at the same time?—Oh dear, no, not at all. When Mr. Boulter first asked me, I told him I should vote for Clay and Goderich; that was a fortnight, I dare say, before he asked me about the room, and there was no room at all mentioned then; that was only a day or two before the polling day that he asked me about the room—or I do not know it was only one day that they asked me about the room. they were down in the Groves looking for one

42,741. Did the blue party apply to you for the room?—No.

42,742. Did you vote at the election of 1847?—No.

42,743. Never before?—No.

42,744. Did you make out any bill?—No.

42,745. Did you send in any bill?—No.

42,746. Did you apply to have your room taken?—No, not at all.

William Taylor.

WILLIAM TAYLOR sworn, and examined.

42,747. Where do you live?—Wilmington.

42,748. What is your business?—A hosier and beer retailer.

42,749. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.

42,750. How much?—£15.

42,751. Are you a freeman?—No.

42,752. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

42,753. For whom?—Clay and Goderich.

42,754. Did you have a committeee room?—No.

42,755. Was there no committee room taken at your house?—No.

42,756. Did you have your name set down?—Not that I am aware of.

42,757. Did you apply for a committee room?—No.

42,758. Were you canvassed for the blues?—Yes.

42,759. Did you apply to them for a room?—No.

42,760. Did they ask you for a room?—No.

42,761. Did you receive any money at all for the last election?—No.

42,762. Either for a room, or otherwise?—No.

42,763. Did you have a flag?—Yes.

42,764. And a staff?—Yes.

42,765. Where did you get them?—I bought them.

42,766. Who of?—Mountil and Kirk.

42,767. Did you buy it yourself?—Yes.

42,768. And paid for it with your own money?—Yes; I applied for one and could not get one.

42,769. Where did you apply?—At King Street; I understood they were giving them away; I applied, and I found I was too late.

42,770. Did they ask you to have your name set down?—No.

42,771. What did you want the flag and staff for?—I do not know exactly, I am sure; because I intended to vote for Clay and Goderich, that is all.

George Scott.

GEORGE SCOTT sworn, and examined.

42,772. Where do you live?—In Cleveland Street.

42,773. What is your business?—A grocer and licensed victualler.

42,774. Do you occupy a house?—Yes.

42,775. What rent do you pay?—None at all.

42,776. Is it your own?—Yes.

42,777. What are you rated at?—£14 a year.

42,778. Are you a freeman?—Yes, but I never took it up.

42,779. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

42,780. Are you on the register as a 10*l.* householder?—I am; I never took my freedom up.

42,781. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

42,782. Did you have a committee room for the orange party?—Yes.

42,783. Did you apply for one?—No.

42,784. Did they offer one to you?—No.

42,785. Anybody?—No.

42,786. Did you receive any money for the orange party in any way?—No.

42,787. Were you canvassed by the blues?—No.

42,788. Not canvassed?—No.

42,789. Never applied to the blue party?—No.

42,790. Did you have any committee room in the Holderness Ward?—Not there.

42,791. You had no room there at all?—No.

George Scott.

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42,792. Neither for the orange nor the blue?—For neither.
42,793. Did you vote before the last election?—No.
42,794. Do you mean that there was no room in your house engaged as a committee room?—Not one.
42,795. Nothing said about it?—Nothing said at all.

W. Holdsworth.

WILLIAM HOLDSWORTH sworn, and examined.

42,796. What is your business?—A wireworker.
42,797. Do you occupy a house?—Yes.
42,798. What rent?—£42.
42,799. Are you a freeman?—No.
42,800. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.
42,801. For whom?—Clay.
42,802. A plumper?—Yes.
42,803. Were you upon his committee?—Yes.
42,804. Where?—Fish Street.
42,805. Did you make out a bill for your time?—Yes, part of my time.
42,806. Have you got it, or a copy of it with you?—I have not.
42,807. What was the amount you charged?—£3.
42,808. Who did you take it to?—To Mr. Wells.
42,809. Which Mr. Wells?—The hairdresser.
42,810. Where does he live?—Mytongate.
42,811. Why did you take it to him?—He was the deputy chairman.
42,812. Of that ward?—Yes.
42,813. Was that the committee of which Alderman Forester was the chairman?—Yes.
42,814. What shape was your bill in?—It was merely for part of the time being secretary for the Fish Street room, and the other for being polling clerk on the day of the election.
42,815. How much of the 3*l.* did you charge for your time?—There was a guinea, I think, if I am not mistaken. I wish to speak correctly,—one guinea for the polling day only, the rest for spare time, time devoted to the room.
42,816. It is the market place committee?—Yes.
42,817. You were a member of the committee, I see?—Yes.
42,818. Was that sum paid?—Yes.
42,819. You said the 3*l.* was paid and was partly charged for your time, and partly for being a polling clerk?—Yes, quite correct.
42,820. How much do you charge for your time out of it?—Deduct the guinea off, that would be 1*l.* 19*s.*
42,821. What were you doing the time when you charged for your time?—I had been there from the first to the last, but Mr. Isherwood left on the Wednesday, if I speak correct.
42,822. You did something that Mr. Isherwood had done before?—Yes; I finished it up.
42,823. If I understand, the 1*l.* 19*s.* you charged was for your loss of time when one of the committee, and the rest for what you did when you succeeded Mr. Isherwood?—Yes, that is quite correct.

C. H. Lambert.

CHARLES HENRY LAMBERT sworn, and examined.

42,824. Where do you live?—In Carr Lane.
42,825. What is your busines?—A dispensing chemist.
42,826. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
42,827. How much?—£40 a year.
42,828. You are not a freeman, perhaps?—Yes, I am.
42,829. When were you made a freeman?—I think in 1841.
42,830. In 1839, perhaps?—No, I think it was August, 1841.
42,831. At whose expense? or did you pay your own charges?—I paid my own charges.
42,832. Did you vote in the election of 1847?—That would be Clay and Baines?
42,833. Yes; when Clay, Baines, and Brown were the candidates, in 1847?—Yes; I did.
42,834. Did you receive any money in anyway at that election?—No.
42,835. Did you have any room engaged at that election?—No.
42,836. Did you vote in 1852?—Yes.
42,837. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Lord Goderich.
42,838. Did you have a committee room at your place?—No.
42,839. Did you take a room of a man of the name of Fell?—Yes; I did.
42,840. He has told us that you took his room upon the polling day?—I did.
42,841. Did you pay him for it?—I did not.
42,842. What was he to have for it?—I believe I told him two or three guineas, I cannot say which.

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42,843. That was on the polling day?—Yes.

42,844. And was for Clay and Lord Goderich?—It was for his vote.

42,845. And for that party?—Yes; when I asked him,—I was canvassing that neighbourhood—he said he would not vote without an interest.

42,846. Finding Fell very willing, did you make other engagements of the same kind that day?—No; not that I know of.

42,847. Did you get any people to have their names set down?—I did not.

42,848. Before or on that day at any time?—No.

42,849. Was Fell the only person you applied to for his vote?—No; I canvassed Waterhouse Lane.

42,850. The only person you paid for voting? I take your own expression?—He was the only person in Waterhouse Lane.

Robert Whinham.

ROBERT WHINHAM sworn, and examined.

42,851. Where do you live?—No. 11, Waterworks Street.

42,852. What is your business?—Hat and cap maker and furrier.

42,853. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.

42,854. How much?—£15.

42,855. Are you a freeman?—No.

42,856. How long have you had this house?—I have voted two general elections.

42,857. Do you know a Mr. Warrendale?—Yes.

42,858. Did he promise you six days' pay on the Tuesday?—No.

42,859. Did you promise Warrendale six days' pay to get his name set down, as he has told us you did?—I took him to get his name set down, not to give him any promise.

42,860. At Saville Street?—Yes.

42,861. For Clay and Goderich?—Yes.

42,862. Did you take anybody else?—Yes; I took other voters.

42,863. At Saville Street?—Yes.

42,864. Do you remember their names?—I am sure I hardly can say their names now; there were five or six.

42,865. Do you remember their names, any of them?—I remember Warrendale and a man of the name of North; he did not vote at all.

42,866. Did you vote?—Yes.

42,867. Who for?—Clay and Goderich.

42,868. Did you receive anything yourself—any money?—Yes; I received for labour done.

42,869. How much?—I think about 2*l.*

42,870. Who from?—I received part of the money from the Temperance Society and part of it from Mr. Galloway's office.

42,871. When were you paid?—The money was sent to my house, part of it, and part of it I went to Mr. Galloway's office and received.

42,872. When?—At the election time.

42,873. Before or after, or when?—Before the election.

42,874. Both sums before?—Yes.

42,875. Were they both sent to your house?—Partially—so much per day. We had part from the Temperance Society, and so much from Mr. Galloway's office.

42,876. Was that for your vote?—No, for labour; I was delivering circulars from six o'clock in the morning till ten at night, and voters' cards; I was a porter.

42,877. Who employed you for the Temperance Society?—I believe Mr. Hopwood; I gave my name in prior to this.

42,878. When did you apply to him?—I gave my name down about three weeks before the election, stating I would go with them, and I had no knowledge of anything being given.

42,879. When did he send to you?—He sent the notes in twice, in two different weeks; we were three days employed one week, and four the following week.

42,880. When did he send to you to come and be employed?—No doubt the week before the election.

42,881. Did he ask you how you were going to vote?—No.

42,882. Did he know it?—I put my name down to go with them in the choice of their men; that was the understanding we had.

42,883. What do you mean? to go with them in the choice of the men?—Of the most suitable men to represent the town, and we considered Lord Goderich and Mr. Clay were the most suitable men.

42,884. Were you on the Temperance committee?—No; I was on no committee.

42,885. What did you do that Mr. Galloway paid you for?—Work and labour,—running about, taking out circulars.

42,886. When did you do it?—Three days one week, and four days the week following; in two different weeks—the week prior to the election, and the election week.

42,887. When were you paid for that?—The first payment I think that we received

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was the Saturday, and the next I think on the day of the election, or after the day of election—the day after I think; near about then.

42,888. Was your name down in Saville Street?—I do not know; I was told it was, but I never saw it down.

42,889. Did you apply at Mr. Galloway's to be employed?—No.

42,890. They sent to you, did they?—Yes; I gave my name down, as I said before, to Mr. Hopwood; that is where I got my employment.

42,891. When I say "set down in Saville Street," I mean upon the list of those people who were to be paid?—I never received a farthing, or made application for any.

42,892. Very few people have received anything; was your name down upon the list of runners who were to be paid at Saville Street?—I was there backwards and forwards.

42,893. Was your name upon that list?—I am not aware; I never set it down or saw it down.

42,894. Are you a member of the Temperance Society yourself?—No, not now; not at present.

42,895. Were you at that time?—No.

42,896. You knew what you took the men to Saville Street for?—To have their names set down.

42,897. As runners?—Yes.

42,898. And to be paid for it?—Yes.

42,899. That was the understanding?—Yes; that was the understanding.

George Grant.

GEORGE GRANT sworn, and examined.

42,900. Where do you live?—Brook Street.

42,901. What is your business?—A carrier.

42,902. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.

42,903. How much?—£18.

42,904. Are you a freeman?—No.

42,905. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

42,906. For whom?—Clay and Goderich.

42,907. Was your room hired?—No.

42,908. Did you hire a room of Mr. Tesseyman?—Yes.

42,909. How much for?—£5.

42,910. Was that for Tesseyman's vote?—I never said anything about his vote.

42,911. Did you know he was going to vote orange?—I did not know it; I thought he would.

42,912. Was it not to secure his vote that you took his room?—No; it was not for that.

42,913. I he had said he was going to vote blue, should you have taken his room?—Yes; if he would have let it.

42,914. Were you canvassing for the orange party?—No.

42,915. Who for?—For no party.

42,916. Then you were taking a room for nobody, were you?—No.

42,917. Who was the room for, if you were canvassing for nobody?—It was for a committee room for Clay and Goderich.

42,918. What did you mean by saying you were not canvassing for anybody?—I was not canvassing for his vote. He said the blues wanted his room. I said, "You had better let the orange party have it;" and he said, "You shall have it if you will take it;" and I said I would.

42,919. For 5*l.*?—For 5*l.* He said he had got as much as 15*l.* formerly for his room, so I thought it was very cheap for 5*l.*

42,920. When was this?—I think it would be about a fortnight or ten days before the election; I am not certain.

42,921. After you had taken his room, whom did you report to that you had done so?—I told my partner I had taken it.

42,922. Who is your partner?—Mr. Sississon.

42,923. Were you on the committee?—No.

42,924. Did you tell Tesseyman of any persons that would occupy the room?—No.

42,925. Did you give him a list of any people?—No.

42,926. Or of any use the room was to be put to?—No.

42,927. Did you report that you had engaged the room to any committee?—No.

42,928. Did you ever use it yourself?—No.

42,929. Did you ever send anybody to the room?—No.

42,930. Did Mr. Sississon, your partner?—I dare say he was in it, but I am not aware that he was.

42,931. Did you take at the time a letter you had had from the blues?—No; I had had no letter.

42,932. Did you see a letter which Tesseyman had had from the blues?—No.

42,933. Did not Tesseyman give you a letter that he had had from the blues?—No.

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42,934. Or show you one?—No.

42,935. Or show it to Mr. Sississon in your presence?—I cannot say that.

42,936. Did you ever see a letter that Tesseyman said he had had from the blues?—No, never.

42,937. Do you mean to say you have never heard of it, just attend?—No; I think not.

42,938. We are not satisfied with that. Do you mean to state upon your oath that you have never heard of the letter that Tesseyman said he had had from the blues—now be careful?—Yes; I want to be careful, and I do not remember anything of the kind.

42,939. My question is, whether you had ever heard of a letter that Tesseyman had from the blues, and which had come in some way to your partner, Mr. Sississon?—I never heard any particulars of that kind.

42,940. Did you hear the fact?—I never heard the fact. There may have been such a remark made in my presence, but I have no recollection of it.

42,941. Attend to these questions. Do you mean to state to the Court that this is the first time that you ever heard of such a letter?—Yes.

42,942. And that you say upon your oath?—Yes, I do.

42,943. Did you not understand that Mr. Teeseyman always voted for the people who took his room?—No, I did not. He had always voted blue, and he had had blue committee rooms on previous elections, and my idea was that if his room was taken for the orange that more than probable he would vote orange.

42,944. And it was for that reason that you took it?—In one sense it was—in the hope that he would vote for us, for I felt great interest for that party.

42,945. Where did you get the 5*l* from?—I never got it at all.

42,946. What do you know about Tesseyman getting 15*l*. for his room on another occasion?—I do not know anything more than what he said, that he had got 15*l*., I think, at Sir Walter James and Sir John Hanmer's election—that he had made 15*l*. of his room at that time; that is simply the statement that he made.

42,947. And you believed him, did you?—Yes; I believed him. I believe it to be true.

42,948. Do you believe it now?—I believed it before.

42,949. Do you really believe now that he had got the 15*l*., or that it was a mode upon his part of enhancing the value of his room?—I believed that he had got 15*l*.

42,950. And you thought that you had made a good bargain when you got it for 5*l*.? I thought it was cheap in comparison.

Richard Abbey.

RICHARD ABBEY sworn, and examined.

42,951. Where do you live?—No. 4, Stamforth Place now.

42,952. What are you?—A shoemaker.

42,953. What rent do you pay?—I lodge with my mother; I do not hold a house.

42,954. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

42,955. When were you a freeman?—In 1839.

42,956. At whose expense?—At the Conservatives' expense.

42,957. The blues?—Yes.

42,958. Did you vote at the election in 1841 for Mr. Clay?—Yes.

42,959. And you were paid some money for your vote then by Mr. Thistleton?—Yes, I was.

42,960. How much?—30*s*.

42,961. And you voted for Mr. Clay alone?—Yes.

42,962. That was for your vote, was it?—I cannot say what it was for.

42,963. You do not know anything else that it was for?—Yes; I was on as a runner, one of the messengers.

42,964. And got 30*s*.?—Yes.

42,965. What did you do in 1847?—I voted for Mr. Clay.

42,966. Clay alone in 1847?—Yes.

42,967. Did you receive any money for your vote?—10*s*., I believe.

42,968. Who paid you that?—I am sure I cannot tell you.

42,969. When were you paid?—After the election.

42,970. Do not you remember where you got it?—At Mr. Galloway's office.

42,971. Did you vote in 1852?—Yes.

42,972. Who for?—Moore and Butler.

42,973. For the blues?—Yes.

42,974. How came you to vote for the blues?—Because I was out of work, and I wanted employment.

42,975. You got your name set down?—Yes.

42,976. For how many days?—I was on twelve or thirteen days.

42,977. How much money did you get?—At three payments I received 7*s*., 10*s*. 6*d*., and 30*s*.

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42,978. Was it paid you before or after the election?—The 30*s.* was paid after the election, the second day after.

42,979. Where?—At the Waverley rooms.

42,980. Where was the 7*s.* paid you?—At the Waverley Street rooms.

42,981. And the next sum?—All at the same rooms.

42,982. And the 30*s.* after the election?—Yes.

42,983. All at the same place?—Yes.

42,984. You were out of work, were you?—Yes; I was out of work.

42,985. Did they ask you to vote for them?—Mr. Wells was the gentleman who solicited me.

42,986. And you told him you wanted employment?—I told him I was out of employment, and I asked if he could give me something to do.

42,987. You promised to vote for them?—Yes.

42,988. Robert Wells?—No; I think it was Charles Wells.

42,989. Who paid you?—Mr. Craft.

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JOHN ADAMS junior sworn, and examined.

42,990. Where do you live?—26, Reform Street.

42,991. What are you?—A waterman.

42,992. Do you occupy a house?—Yes.

42,993. At what rent?—£7 10*s.*

42,994. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

42,995. Were you a freeman at the election in 1841?—Yes.

42,996. Did you become free in 1839?—No.

42,997. When?—1838.

42,998. At whose expense?—My own.

42,999. At the election in 1841 who did you vote for?—Clay and Thompson.

43,000. You received some money from Thompson for your vote, I believe?—No.

43,001. You had your name put down?—No.

43,002. There it is?—I was on as a messenger in Holderness ward.

43,003. You had your name set down as a messenger?—Yes; I was on three weeks. I received 30*s.* a week at Mr. Stark's.

43,004. When were you paid?—Every Saturday about two o'clock.

43,005. What did you do?—I was on at the Blue Bell in Witham. I carried out notes; there were only two of us and the secretary.

43,006. A messenger?—Yes.

43,007. And you voted for Clay and Thompson?—Yes.

43,008. Was your name put down in any list?—Not that I am aware of. Mr. Charles Hammond offered me 5*l.* to vote for Hanmer and James.

43,009. That was for the blue party?—Yes; about a week before the election.

43,010. You did not take it, did you?—No; I should have been very sorry, if it had been three times that.

43,011. In 1847 what did you do?—I voted for Clay and Brown.

43,012. Did you receive any money then?—Yes.

43,013. How much?—I received 10*s.* from Brown, and 15*s.* from Clay.

43,014. When did you get that 10*s.* from Brown?—I got it on the Saturday after the election.

43,015. What was that for?—That was for taking in the boards and flags of an evening, and delivering them out in the morning.

43,016. And 15*s.*, was that for your vote?—No. After I had done with Mr. Brown's party in the morning, I went to the Wilberforce rooms, and Mr. Wilde employed me there. I minded the door; and at night I went to take in the boards and flags again at the Bull and Sun, in Mytongate, and I got 15*s.* for that.

43,017. On the polling day?—No; the Saturday after.

43,018. Was the 15*s.* for that day only?—No, it was for four days; and the 10*s.* was for four days.

43,019. What day was the election?—It was on a Thursday.

43,020. What days were you employed?—I was employed on the Monday morning, and I was discharged on the Thursday.

43,021. Was that both for Mr. Clay and Mr. Brown?—No; I was paid separate.

43,022. Were you employed for both at the same time?—About three quarters of an hour between the two—between being employed for one and the other.

43,023. Then you gave half of each day to Mr. Clay?—No; I gave the most to Mr. Clay.

43,024. And part to Mr. Brown?—Yes.

43,025. The same day?—Yes; and I got 10*s.*; and if I had not had two tickets, Mr. Mitchell told me, and George Steeple, that I should not get anything at all.

43,026. You got two 5*s.* tickets?—Yes; and if I had not had them to show I should not have got anything at all.

43,027. It was 5*s.* a day?—No; it was half-a-crown a day for four days.

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43,028. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich; and would again if they were to come.

43,029. Did you get your name set down anywhere?—No; I was on as a messenger for a month.

43,030. Where?—At Saville Street.

43,031. Did you get your name put on any list?—No.

43,032. Did you apply to be a messenger?—Yes; before they came into the town, on the Friday, at Mr. Richardson's in Saville Street, and he set me on; he was the chairman.

43,033. Did you apply to them to be a messenger?—Yes. I went on the Thursday night to him, and he said I was to come in the morning,—that was the Friday, and then Mr. Clay and Lord Goderich came in on the Saturday.

43,034. How much did you get?—Four guineas for four weeks. 3*s.* 6*d.* a day for working from ten to ten.

43,035. What was the number in Saville Street?—It was at Mrs. Hopper's; it was opposite to Mr. Wilde's.

W. Armstrong.

William Armstrong affirmed, and examined.

43,036. Do you carry on any business?—Yes.

43,037. What is your business?—I am a druggist.

43,038. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.

43,039. How much?—I am assessed at 18*l.* a year.

43,040. Are you a freeman?—No.

43,041. Did you vote at the election in 1841?—I am sure I cannot say what year I I voted; my memory is very defective.

43,042. See if that is your handwriting. (Book No. 13.) There is the name of William Armstrong written there in the nature of a receipt?—No.

43,043. Do you know any other William Armstrong? Do you know what William Armstrong it is?—I do not indeed. I have a cousin who is a burgess, I believe, but whether that is his writing or not I cannot say.

43,044. Do you know his handwriting?—No, I do not.

43,045. Is his name William?—Yes, it is. What does that signature mean?

43,046. It is a receipt for 30*s.*?—I never received any money in my life.

43,047. You say that is not your handwriting?—No, it is not.

43,048. We want you to tell us whose handwriting it is?—I do not know; it is not mine.

Charles Arnold.

Charles Arnold sworn, and examined.

43,049. Where do you live?—Raywell Street.

43,050. What is your business?—A ropemaker.

43,051. Do you pay rent for a house?—No; I am lodging at my brother's house.

43,052. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

43,053. When were you a freeman?—In 1839 I got my freedom.

43,054. At whose expense?—The orange.

43,055. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.

43,056. In consequence of that?—Yes.

43,057. You received some money from Mr. Thistleton?—Yes; I received 30*s.*

43,058. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Thompson.

43,059. In 1847 did you vote?—Yes.

43,060. Who for?—Clay and Baines.

43,061. How much were you paid then?—Nothing. I have not received anything but 30*s.* since I was a freeman.

43,062. In 1852 you received nothing?—No.

43,063. Did you vote?—Yes.

43,064. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

43,065. Are you the son of Peter Arnold?—Yes.

43,066. Do you know if your father voted at that election in, 1841?—I believe he did. I cannot be certain, but I believe he did.

43,067. Your father is ill, is he?—Yes; he is very ill.

Joseph Arnold.

Joseph Arnold sworn, and examined.

43,068. Where do you live?—Raywell Street.

43,069. What is your business?—A ropemaker.

43,070. Do you pay rent for a house?—No; I am a freeman.

43,071. But you live in a house. Do you pay rent, or are you a lodger?—I am living with my brother.

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43,072. When were you made a freeman?—In 1839.
43,073. At whose expense?—The orange.
43,074. Did you vote for them at that election in consequence?—Yes; the following election.
43,075. For Mr. Clay, the election in 1841?—Clay and Thompson.
43,076. How much did you receive for your vote?—I received 30*s.* for six days.
43,077. And signed a receipt for it? there is your name in that book. (*Book No.* 13.) Did Mr. Thistleton pay you?—Yes.
43,078. Is that your writing?—Yes; I think it is.
43,079. In 1847, did you vote for Mr. Brown?—No; I voted for Clay and Baines.
43,080. How much money did you get then?—Nothing.
43,081. Did you receive any money from Mr. Brown at that election?—No.
43,082. You were not a runner for Mr. Brown, were you?—No.
43,083. Is there any other Joseph Arnold?—No; not that I know of.
43,084. In 1852, did you vote?—Yes.
43,085. Who for?—Clay and Goderich.
43,086. Did you receive any money?—No.
43,087. Or promise?—Yes; I got a promise of six days.
43,088. Who from?—The orange.
43,089. Who gave you the promise?—It was Mr. Wilde put me down; that was after I had promised though.
43,090. After you had promised, you were put down at Mr. Wilde's, were you?—Yes; Mr. Wilde put me down for six days.
43,091. And you expected to get paid?—Yes.
43,092. How long before the election was that?—Perhaps a fortnight.

Matthew Arnold.

MATTHEW ARNOLD sworn, and examined.

43,093. Where do you live?—Raywell Street.
43,094. What is your business?—A ropemaker.
43,095. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
43,096. How much rent?—£4 16.
43,097. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
43,398. When were you made free?—In 1818.
43,099. At your own expense?—No.
43,100. What party?—The blue party.
43,101. Do you know Peter Arnold?—Yes.
43,102. Is he your father?—Yes.
43,103. Did you receive 30*s.* for him from Thistleton for the 1841 election?—I believe I did.
43,104. You have given a receipt for it?—Yes; it is very probable I might have forgotten it.
43,105. Did you let him have the money?—Yes.
43,106. Was it for voting for Mr. Clay?—It was for Clay and Thompson; it was joint.
43,107. At the election in 1841 how much did you get for your own vote?—Just the same.
43,108. 30*s.*?—Yes.
43,109. And you voted Clay and Thompson?—Yes.
43,110. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I voted for Clay and Baines.
43,111. Did you receive any money for your vote?—No.
43,112. Did you receive any money from either party?—No.
43,113. Nothing at all?—Nothing.
43,114. Do you know if your father voted for Brown in 1847?—He voted the same as I did, Clay and Baines; the whole four of us were Clay and Baines.
43,115. Did he receive the money for you?—He received no money for me; we none of us got any money.
43,116. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
43,117. Did you receive any money?—No.
43,118. Were you promised any?—No.
43,119. Was your name set down?—I got to understand my name was put down, but I never saw the person that put it down.
43,120. You believed it was set down?—Yes; I got to understand that by my brothers.
43,121. And that was to get paid something?—Yes, it was with that expectation; I considered it in the the light of a promise.
43,122. Did you afterwards hear that your name had been taken off?—Yes; I did.
43,123. Was that before the election?—Yes, it was before the election.
43,124. That you heard your name had been taken off again?—Yes.
43,125. Who did you hear it from?—I told Mr. Wilde myself, I believe, to take it off; it was him, I understood, that put us down.
43,126. When you voted did you expect to be paid?—I look at these promises in

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the light of promises and no more; they are sometimes payable and sometimes not payable.

43,127. But you hoped to be paid?—Of course we naturally expect it if we have a promise; I never asked for it; I gave my promise before I got to understand that I was put down. It was the next day that I got to understand that I was put down for six days. I never went to see about it myself.

43,128. But when you voted you understood you had a promise to be paid?—No further than this,—that I was put down for six days.

43,129. And you thought if other people were paid, you might as well be paid?—That was not always the case.

43,130. Did you hope to get paid?—I could have done with the money; I am only a working man; I have nothing but what I work for; I have never received any money since that election of Clay and Thompson's.

43,131. At the time you voted for Clay and Goderich, did you believe you would get 30*s.* from that party?—It was natural to think so.

43,132. And you believed it?—It was natural to think so, but I was not sure whether I would get it or not.

43,133. You believed it in consequence of your name being put down?—I could not be sure that I should get it on account of its being put down.

43,134. But you believed in consequence of your name being put down?—It was natural too look for it, that is for a certainty.

43,135. Do you know anything about the name being taken off afterwards? did you give any directions about it?—Yes.

43,136. Did you give any order to have it done, or what?—Yes; I told Wilde, myself, to strike me off.

43,137. For why?—I can tell you for why. I got to understand a few days before that day that they were paying 10*s.* for the election before in King Street, and I was out of work at the time, and I went to see if I could get it, and when I got there they had stopped payment. I went and saw Mr. Wilde, I think, a day or two after, and he told me that I was down in the poll book for Clay and Brown. Now I never voted for Clay and Brown, I voted for Clay and Baines. I told him through such a mistake as that, it was rather hard that a man should be done out of his money upon that account.

43,138. Did you get the 10*s.*?—No.

43,139. In consequence of not getting the 10*s.* did you do anything?—I did nothing.

43,140. You have not told us how your name came to be taken off?—I had got to understand that he had put me down for six days, and I told him he might strike me off. I had done without money for so many years that I thought I could do without this election. I have not had a deal of money for voting these last twenty years.

43,141. After you had had your name struck off, did you still expect that you would be paid?—No, I did not.

43,142. You told us several times that you did; you said, when you voted you hoped to be paid?—Then it was a misunderstanding of mine; I could not expect it. I misunderstood you, I am sure.

43,143. You ceased to expect it when your name was taken off?—After I told him to strike me off I certainly could not expect to be paid.

T. W. Beautyman.

Thomas William Beautyman sworn, and examined.

43,144. What is your business?—A merchant's clerk.

43,145. Do you pay rent for a house?—I do.

43,146. Where do you live?—No. 26, Adelaide Street.

43,147. What rent do you pay?—£10.

43,148. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

43,149. When were you made free?—In 1839.

43,150. At whose expense?—I did not pay anything; I do not remember now.

43,151. Which party, the orange or the blues? you must know that?—I do not indeed; I do not remember. I went to the Mansion House because I heard others were taking up their freedom.

43,152. And we have heard that they were taken up at the expense of one or the other party.—I am sure I do not know; I would speak of it if I knew.

43,153. Whom did you vote for?—I voted for Thompson, the election of 1841.

43,154. Who else?—Clay and Thompson.

43,155. Did you not hear that they had taken up your freedom?—No, I did not hear it.

43,156. Did you never hear it?—No.

43,157. Do you mean to tell us that you never had the curiosity to find out who took up your freedom?—I never have.

43,158. Perhaps you do not know that it was ever paid?—There was 1*l.* 14*s.* 7*d.* marked upon my burgess oath. I was given to understand that that was paid at the time; I did not pay it.

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43,159. Who applied to you to take your freedom up?—I heard there were a many parties going down to the Mansion House; they had ceased charging, that was my understandig of it when I went down.

43,160. That they admitted people for nothing?—Yes.

43,161. That is what you thought?—Yes; I was never asked a single question about it.

43,162. You took an oath?—I took an oath when we went before the council, when the burgess oath was administered to a great many at the same time, I suppose forty or fifty.

43,163. You are speaking upon your oath now?—I am aware of that.

43,164. And you mean to state you do not know at whose expense your freedom was conferred upon you?—I never did.

43,165. You never inquired?—No.

43,166. How much did you get for your vote in 1841?—Nothing.

43,167. You voted for Clay and Thompson?—Nothing.

43,168. Did you make any application for any money?—No.

43,169. Did you know Thistleton?—I did. Thistleton, I believe, met me in the Market Place, and wanted to set me down, and I said, "No, I will not be set down."

43,170. For the election?—Yes; that election. I had 5*l.* offered me by the other party.

43,171. Thistleton first?—I said I should vote for the old Colonel and Mr. Clay.

43,172. But you saw Thistleton?—Yes.

43,173. And he wanted you to have your name set down?—Yes.

43,174. Did you not consent?—No.

43,175. What did you say?—I said no.

43,176. Did you see him write it down?—I merely met him in the Market Place, when I was going about my business.

43,177. Did you ever know that it had been set down?—No.

43,178. I am requested to ask you whether you do not know and understand perfectly well that Thistleton took your freedom up?—I do not know, indeed. I never saw Thistleton or any other party, or had any conversation respecting it.

43,179. You always voted as a freeman?—Yes.

43,180. And you never knew how you became a freeman?—Yes; in 1839, I suppose it was taken in the ordinary way.

43,181. But who paid the expense?—I do not know, indeed.

43,182. There are two parties, the orange and the blue?—Yes.

43,183. You know them by "orange," and "blue"?—Yes.

43,184. And you mean to represent you do not know at all which party it was?—I do not, indeed.

43,185. You are not asked the name of the person, but which party?—I do not, indeed.

43,186. You have no belief upon the subject?—Of course, it could make no difference to me, if I knew it; if I was cognizant of it, I would tell you, but I do not remember any party speaking to me upon it.

43,187. Did you vote in 1847?—Yes.

43,188. Who for?—Baines and Brown.

43,189. Did you receive any money at that time, at the election?—After the election; of course I had no promise at the time or anything of the kind.

43,190. Tell us what you received?—I think a gentleman afterwards met me and said, 'Here is a sovereign for you to have a bottle of wine, as you voted for us." I never expected anything, but the party meeting me and offering me a bottle of wine, I was not going to refuse it.

43,191. You took it?—Yes.

43,192. Who gave you that?—A party met me in High Street.

43,193. Tell me the name?—I do not know him.

43,194. A man gave you a sovereign and you do not know his name?—He did; I never expected it. I was not asked; it was two or three days after the election.

43,195. You are a person whom we expect to give some better answers than these. want to ask you whether you mean to state to us upon your oath that a person gave you a sovereign to get a bottle of wine, and that you have no idea who that person was?—I do not know him.

43,196. Have you never heard of him?—No.

43,197. Did you ever see him before that day?—I have no recollection.

43,198. Will you swear that you had not seen that man before he gave you that sovereign?—I will not swear that, because I am not aware; I might have seen the man several times and not know him, and still not recollect it.

43,199. When was that?—Four or five days after the election.

43,200. What did he say to you?—He said, "You voted on our side, here is a sovereign to get a bottle of wine." Those were the whole of the words.

43,201. Where was that?—In High Street, in the town.

43,202. In 1852, did you vote?—Yes; I voted in 1852.

43,203. Who for?—Moore and Butler.

43,204. Blue?—Yes.

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43,205. Did you get any money?—Afterwards.

43,206. How much?—A party sent me down. I think, about a pound, that was to pay some little expenses that I had been put to in canvassing on the election day.

43,207. Was that a pound, or what was it?—It was about a pound.

43,208. Was it in silver?—Yes.

43,209. Who sent it to you?—I do not know who sent it; it was sent to me for some little incidental expenses that I was put to on the day of the election, when I was canvassing.

43,210. Did somebody bring it to you?—One of my brothers brought it to me.

43,211. What is his name?—I believe it was John.

43,212. Do not tell us you believe, you must know, it was your brother?—It was John or Percival; it was one of the three,—they were aware I was at some expense.

43,213. Upon your oath, which brother was it?—I do not know.

43,214. You must know?—I think it was Percival.

43,215. But just now you thought it was John?—I could not swear which it was; they would know.

43,216. What did John or Percival, whichever one it was, say to you?—"They have sent you this down." Of course I should never have made any application to them, or never intended anything of the kind.

43,217. Who sent it?—I do not know who sent it; I never inquired; of course I should never have made any application to any parties. I never expected anything for my vote.

43,218. I understood you to say that you had rendered some little services?—Yes; I was canvassing.

43,219. Which ward was that for?—I went on board some of the steamboats to see parties.

43,220. For which Ward?—The steamboats that lie in the Hull Docks; they call that the Holy Trinity Ward.

43,221. Who did you report your canvass to? which committee?—Down in Minerva Terrace.

43,222. Do you know Anthony Bannister?—Yes; I have known him from a boy.

43,223. Now, I ask you upon your oath,—I am sorry to put the question to you in that way,—whether you do not know that that money came from Anthony Bannister?—I do not, indeed.

43,224. Upon your oath?—Upon my oath, I do not know.

43,225. Do you believe, upon your oath, that that money came from Anthony Bannister's? now take care.—I certainly am speaking the truth in all I know.

43,226. You had better be careful. I ask you, upon your oath, whether you believe that that money came from Anthony Bannister?—I do not know who it came from.

43,227. I ask you, upon your oath, whether you believe that money came from Anthony Bannister? now be kind enough to answer that question.—I do not know who it came from.

George Binks, sen.

GEORGE BINKS, senior, sworn, and examined.

43,228. Where do you live?—In Scott Street.

43,229. What is your business?—I was a painter; I am too old now.

43,230. Do you occupy a house?—No.

43,231. Are you a lodger?—Yes.

43,232. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

43,233. When were you made free?—In 1794 or 1796, I do not know which; I think it would be 1796.

43,234. At whose expense?—My own.

43,235. You used to vote at the former elections?—Yes.

43,236. When people got paid 4*l.* and 2*l.*?—Yes; I voted at two elections in my former days. I voted for Sir Charles Towner and Mr. Staniforth.

43,237. Did you get paid for those votes?—Yes.

43,238. What was the money at that time?—Two guineas a vote.

43,239. You got that, did you?—Yes.

43,240. And paid as a colourman or a runner, whatever you may term it?—Yes.

43,241. In 1841 did you vote for Clay and Thompson?—In 1841 I voted for Thompson and Clay; I cannot recollect, Thompson I know.

43,242. How much did you get for your vote at that election?—Nothing.

43,243. Your son George Binks got it for you; there is your son's receipt; your son has signed a receipt for 30*s.* for you?—That may be, but I never received it; if they have got it they may have shared it among themselves or what not; I never got it. Possibly they may have said something to me, but I have no recollection of it now.

43,244. You got paid in former times you told us?—Yes.

43,245. Did you get any money at this election?—No; I got paid in 1804 by Mr. Thornton, four guineas.

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43,246. When did you vote next?—I never received a farthing to my knowledge since that time,—indeed I did not poll for several elections; I was in the Customs.

43,247. Is that the only money you ever received?—No; I received for Mr. Charles Towner, the first election, when I took up my freedom.

43,248. In 1847, did you vote then?—Yes.

43,249. Who for?—I think I should vote for Mr. Clay, for the orange party.

43,250. Did you receive any money then?—Not a farthing to my knowledge; I do not recollect.

43,251. You have got it in that book, perhaps if you did (*referring to a small book of the witness's*)?—If I did I have it here; all the monies I received above sixpence are in this book, that I swear. No, I have not received any.

43,252. In 1852, who did you vote for? at the last election—Clay and Goderich?—I voted for Goderich and one of the blues.

43,253. One of the blues and one of the orange?—Yes.

43,254. Has your book got anything for that?—No.

43,255. Who did you vote for, Moore or Butler?—Bramley Moore, I think, and Lord Goderich.

43,256. Did you get any money from Bramley Moore?—No.

George Binks, jun.

GEORGE BINKS, junior, sworn, and examined.

43,257. What is your business?—I was a painter.

43,258. You are one of the officers of the corporation?—Yes.

43,259. Do you pay rent for a house?—No.

43,260. You get a lodging, perhaps, from your office?—No; the house is my own.

43,261. At what rates do you stand?—I am rated at about 6*l.*

43,262. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

43,263. When were you made free?—In 1824.

43,264. At whose expense?—My own.

43,265. In 1841 your name appears in this book as receiving money for your father, 30*s.*?—Yes; I am not positive about it, whether that is meant for my father or one of my elder brothers.

43,266. Here is the receipt, signed "G. Binks junior, for G. Binks senior," (*Book* No. 13)?—I think as their is not a John Binks in it, I must have received it for him, since I have been listening for a few minutes.

43,267. Where is John Binks?—He lives now in Pierce Street; he lived then in Sheffield Street. Allow me to explain that: When I went to receive the whole of the amounts of my brothers who voted that way, I did it to save trouble, and I received it for my father at the same time.

43,268. Your father, yourself, and several other brothers?—Yes; there are other brothers that do not appear there.

43,269. You seem to have received for three of your name?—Yes.

43,270. Your father, yourself, and one of your brothers?—Yes; that would be to save them the trouble.

43,271. What was done with the money? your father says he never had it.—It was mentioned to him, though I will not be positive that it was received, and he said, "I do not know anything about it; I did not authorize you to receive the money." I think those are the words, "You can divide it among you, I can do without it."

43,272. That is a matter that you ought to remember; you received money for another person, how came you not to pay it?—The money would be offered, and he said, "Divide it among yourselves."

43,273. Are you sure of that?—I will not swear those were the words, but that is my impression; that is the thing—something like it; but at first when I heard of it, I had an impression that an elder brother who is at Sheffield was the man; one was at London, one was at Sheffield, and one at Worksop.

43,274. How much did you get yourself at that election?—I believe I got 30*s.*

43,275. That was for your vote for Clay and Thompson?—It might be for my vote; I believe it was for employment, in various ways. I was employed—I remember one circumstance—I was employed at that election in 1841; here is an article here (*producing a card*) which I happened to fall in with, where I was authorized to go to a certain booth in Osborne Street—

43,276. Perhaps you say it was for your vote and services?—Not exactly for my vote, because no man would have bought me to have voted any other way.

43,277. This card is merely telling you the booth that you are to vote at?—That card was to look after the interests of the orange party at that booth; and while I was at that booth and stood in the passage, I saw a few transactions that took place there with respect to the bribing.

43,278. That is what you call your employment?—Yes, and various other things; I was employed—not put to do anything particular—but left to my own discretion, to do as I liked.

43,279. You were always to vote for them?—Yes; and I always will vote for them and never vote any other way. *George Binks jun.*

43,280. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.

43,281. Did you receive any money at that election?—No. 13th July 1853.

43,282. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Goderich and Clay.

43,283. Did you receive any money at that election?—Nothing.

43,284. Did you receive any promise of anything?—No.

43,285. For your vote?—Not in the least.

WILLIAM BLACKSTONE sworn, and examined. *W. Blackstone*

43,286. What are you?—A wood turner.

43,287. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.

43,288. How much?—Eight guineas.

43,289. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

43,290. When were you made free?—By servitude.

43,291. In what year?—I can produce the burgess oath, and that will tell you; in 1824.

43,292. Who paid for it? which party, or did you pay the expenses yourself?—I paid for it myself.

43,293. In 1841, did you vote for Clay and Thompson?—Yes.

43,294. How much did you get for your vote—30*s.* did you not? and sign your name for it? Is that your writing (Book No. 13)?—Yes.

43,295. You got 30*s.* for your vote in 1841?—Yes.

43,296. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay.

43,297. Did you get any money for that vote?—I voted for the two Reformers.

43,298. Did you get any money at that election?—No; I do not think I did. I do not recollect any.

43,299. In 1852 who did you vote for,—last election?—I polled for Clay and Lord Goderich.

43,300. Did you get promised any money?—No; I never made application.

43,301. Did you get your name set down anywhere?—No.

43,302. Why not?—Because I wished to be a freeman.

CHARLES CHEESEMAN sworn, and examined. *C. Cheeseman.*

43,303. Where do you live?—No. 6, Castle Place, Castle Street.

43,304. What is your business?—A sailmaker.

43,305. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.

43,306. How much?—Ten guineas; that is, my house. Do you mean to say with the workship and all.

43,307. Yes.—Sixteen guineas altogether.

43,308. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

43,309. When were you made free?—In 1816.

43,310. At whose expense?—My own.

43,311. You received some money at the election in 1841?—I believe I did.

43,312. In two payments?—No.

43,313. It is so in the book, 25*s.* and 5*s.*?—No.

43,314. How much did you receive?—I received, I believe, either 10*s.* or 15*s.*

43,315. Look here at what you signed your name to (Book No. 13), is that your writing?—No.

43,316. Whose writing is that?—That would be my son's who is dead, Charles Cheeseman. I believe I received 15*s.*; that was a few days after the election.

43,317. Who did you vote for at that election in 1841?—I voted for Colonel Thompson and Mr. Clay.

43,318. And you got 15*s.*?—I did. I believe that was the following day. I was paid at the Durham Ox.

43,319. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay.

43,320. Did you get any money at that election?—No.

43,321. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

43,322. How came that?—Well, if I should state how it came, it was merely upon political views of the question, and no other.

43,323. Did you get any money?—Nothing.

43,324. Any promise?—No; I never applied for anything, and never expect anything

43,325. Did you get your name set down?—No; I never authorized anybody to put my name down anywhere at either of the elections.

C. Cheeseman.

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43,326. Do you mean to tell us that you did not get any money in 1852?—I meant to say upon my oath I never received a farthing from anybody.

43,327. Not in 1852?—No. A man may not change his ideas now without being suspected of doing wrong.

43,328. Certainly not when people were bribed once?—I never was bribed once.

T. W. Claivis

THOMAS WOOD CLAIVIS sworn, and examined.

43,329. What is your business?—A cooper.

43,330. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.

43,331. How much?—£10.

43,332. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

43,333. When were you made a freeman?—In 1820.

43,334. At whose expense?—My own.

43,335. In 1841 did you vote?—Yes.

43,336. Who for?—Clay and Thompson.

43,337. And received 30*s.*, I believe, for your vote?—No.

43,338. Look at your own handwriting (Book No. 13.) Is that your writing?—That is my writing, but I never received 30*s.*

43,339. That is a receipt for 30*s.*?—I did receive money. I received, I think, 15*s.*,—either 15*s.* or 20*s.*, I will not be sure which.

43,340. Just now you said you got nothing.—No, I did not.

43,341. Who paid it you?—I think it was paid at the registration office.

43,342. Who paid you? did Thistleton pay you?—No, he did not pay me, although he set my name down.

43,343. Was he there when you were paid?—No; I do not think he was; I think I was paid at the registration office.

43,344. You got paid three times?—I got paid in twice.

43,345. Here is your own handwriting,—15*s.*, 5*s.*, and 10*s.*?—I have not got all that.

43,346. You have written it down, that you did, in your own handwriting?—The figures have been put to it perhaps after.

43,347. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.

43,348. Did you get any money at that election?—Yes.

43,349. Who from? which party, or from both of them?—From the Liberal party—the orange.

43,350. For Mr. Clay?—Yes.

43,351. How much did you get?—10*s.* and 5*s.* I was a messenger on both elections at the Holderness ward booth.

43,352. 15*s.*? was that all you got there?—That was all.

43,353. Did you get nothing from Mr. Baines?—That was all I got. I expect it was from both.

43,354. Where was it paid you in 1847?—At the registration office.

43,355. The same place?—Yes.

43.356. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay and Lord Goderich.

43,357. Did you receive any money?—Not any.

43,358. Did you receive any promise of money?—No; I did not seek it.

43,359. Was your name put down anywhere?—No.

43,360. Not at any place—any committee room?—Not anywhere.

Thomas Coates.

THOMAS COATES sworn, and examined.

43,361. Where do you live?—No. 8, Cottingham Terrace.

43,362. What is your business?—A joiner and builder.

43,363. Do you pay rent for a house?—I am rated at 119*l.* a year.

43,364. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

43,365. When were you made a freeman?—In 1837.

43,366. At whose expense?—At my own.

43,367. At the election in 1841 did you vote for Clay and Thompson?—I did not vote at all. I had been away previous to that; I was not entitled to a vote.

43,368. Do you know any other Thomas Coates?—No; I do not know any other.

43,369. You can write, of course?—Yes.

43,370. You say you have been a freeman some years?—Yes.

43,371. Do you know of any other person formerly of the name of Thomas Coates?—No; I do not.

43,732. Did you vote at the election of 1847?—Yes.

43,373. Who for?—Clay and Baines.

43,374. Did you receive any money?—Nothing.

43,375. Was your name put down anywhere?—No.

43,376. In 1852?—Clay and Goderich.

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43,377. Did you receive any money then?—Nothing.
43,378. Nor any promise of money?—No; no promise.
43,379. Do not you know of anybody else of the name of Thomas Coates?—No; I do not know of any other person.
43,380. Nor you did not in 1841?—No, I did not.
43,381. Where did you live in 1841?—I lived in Aldborough Street, I believe.
43,382. Did you receive any money in 1841?—I never received any in my life.
43,383. Were you canvassed by the blue party at the last election?—I canvassed for the orange party.
43,384. I ask you, did the blue party canvass you for your vote?—I do not think they asked me.
43,385. We hear they went round?—They did.
43,386. Did they not ask you?—I believe they knew me and did not ask me; they knew who I had voted for. I voted for the other party.
43,387. You saw some of the blue party before the election?—I saw them going round, but they never asked me.
43,388. Do you know anything connected with the blue party at the last election?—I do not know anything.
43,389. We are told that you know something connected with the blue party. I merely tell you upon that that if you do, it is your duty to tell us what it is upon your oath?—Yes; but I do not know of anything. I never interfere with anything, only the party I canvassed for.
43,390. If anything has come to your knowledge as to that party, or the last election, or any matters at elections, you are bound to tell us?—I would freely tell you if I knew anything.
43,391. Have you ever said you did know something?—No.
43,392. Have you ever said you would not split against them?—No; I never said anything of that sort.
43,393. Or words to that effect?—No.
43,394. You ynow what I meant by splitting?—Yes.
43,395. Did you live in Church Lane?—No; never.
43,396. In 1841?—No.

Joseph Congers.

JOSEPH CONGERS sworn, and examined.

43,397. Where do you live?—No. 63, Ropery Street.
43,398. What is your busines?—A shipwright.
43,399. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
43,400. How much?—6*l.*
43,401. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
43,402. When were you made free?—In 1810.
43,403. Who paid for your freedom?—I took it up myself.
43,404. In 1841, did you vote for Clay and Thompson?—Clay only.
43,405. And you received some money I believe for that vote?—30*s.* I believe.
43,406. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay I believe.
43,407. Did you receive any money at that election?—Nothing.
43,408. In 1852, who did you vote for?—The blues, both.
43,409. Moore and Butler?—Yes.
43,410. Did you get your name set down for them?—It was set down at my own house; but nowhere else.
43,411. Did you get any money for your vote?—I got 17*s.*
43,412. When was that paid to you?—A fortnight after.
43,413. Where was it paid?—At Mr. Wells's office.
43,414. And by Mr. Wells?—I cannot say; I do not know Mr. Wells. It may be paid by him, I cannot say, but it was paid at his office.
43,415. Were others paid at the same time?—Yes; there were others paid. There was only one of us went in at a time.
43,416. Did you vote a plumper in 1847 and 1841?—Yes.
43,417. Both times?—Yes.

Robert Cousins.

ROBERT COUSINS sworn, and examined.

43,418. What is your business?—A shipwright.
43,419. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
43,420. How much?—4*l.* 10*s.*
43,421. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
43,422. When were you made free?—It is past my recollection almost; I think it was in O'Neil and Villiers' election.
43,423. At whose expense were you made free?—They paid for it. They took my freedom up.

Robert Cousins.

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43,424. Did you vote in 1841?—I did poll, but I cannot recollect who I polled for.

43,425. You got some money for your vote—I believe 15*s.* after you voted and 15*s.* before? There is your mark in that book?—I cannot read.

43,426. But there is is your mark (Book No. 13)?—Very likely I did; I cannot say. I have lost my memory; it is right I dare say.

43,427. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay and Brown.

43,428. How much did you get for that?—10*s.* from each party.

43,429. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Bramley Moore, and Butler.

43,430. How much did you get for that?—30*s.*; I got set down a fortnight before.

43,431. When were you paid?—After the election.

45,432. Where?—Mr. Stephenson's.

43,433. What Stephenson was it who paid you?—Edward Stephenson.

43,434. Where did he live?—Hodgson Street.

Thomas Crackles.

THOMAS CRACKLES sworn, and examined.

43,435. Where do you live?—No. 8, Hill Street.

43,436. What is your business?—Brushmaker.

43,437. Do you pay rent for a house?—I do.

43,438. How much?—12*l.*

43,439. Are you a freeman?—I am.

43,440. When were you made a freeman?—In 1839.

43,441. At whose expense?—The orange party.

43,442. And in consequence of that did you vote for Clay and Thompson in 1841?—No; I voted for them on principle.

43,443. You accepted their money for your freedom?—Yes.

43,444. And you were paid by Thistleton, I believe?—Yes.

43,445. How much?—30*s.*; under the impression it was a custom.

43,446. According to custom?—Yes.

43,447. According to custom, did you receive any money in 1847?—No; I voted for Mr. Clay.

43,448. How came you to depart from the custom? Why did you not stick to the custom?—Because I found it was erroneous and wrong. It was the custom, but a very bad one.

43,449. You gave up the custom?—Yes.

43,450. You voted for Clay only?—Yes; in 1847.

43,451. When you say you gave up the custom, do you say they offered you any money, and you would not receive it?—No.

43,452. Perhaps the custom gave you up?—Perhaps so.

43,453. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

43,454. And of course, as you had given up the custom, you did not apply for any money?—No; and I did not apply before. I was not aware my name was put down in 1841. I was told the money was there, and if I did not have it some other person would, so I thought I might as well have it as any one else.

43,455. In 1852, did you receive anything?—No.

43,456. Any promise?—No, nothing whatever.

43,457. Did you find your name set down there?—No, I was not aware it was set down, and I did not give anybody authority so to do.

43,458. Do you know Samuel Crackles?—Yes.

43,459. Is he your brother?—Yes.

43,460. Does he follow the custom with you?—I do not know.

43,461. Is that his writing (Book No. 13.)?—I will not swear to it.

43,462. As to your belief upon it?—It appears as his writing, but wrote in a state of agitation I should say.

43,463. Do you believe that to be his writing?—It is very probable it is.

43,464. Just answer the question?—I believe it is.

43,465. What has become of your brother?—He is in the town.

John H. Dale.

JOHN HENRY DALE sworn, and examined.

43,466. Where do you live?—Church Street.

43,467. What is your business?—A labourer.

43,468. How much are you rated at?—£5 4*s.*

43,469. And are you a freeman?—Yes.

43,470. When were you made a freeman?—In 1826.

43,471. At whose expense?—O'Neil's.

43,472. In 1841 you voted, I believe, for Clay and Thompson?—Yes.

43,473. And received some money for your vote?—Five shillings for a runner; not for voting.

43,474. You received 25*s.* as a runner, and 5*s.* after, I believe?—No.

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43,475. Do not say that?—No.
43,476. Do you know George Dicks?—Yes.
43,477. Did he not receive the money for you?—I do not know that he did.
43,478. Did he pay you any money?—No.
43,479. Never paid you any?—I do not know that he did.
43,480. Your name is set down for 30*s.*, and it appears there is 5*s.* you received yourself, and 25*s.* George Dicks received on your account; is that so?—No.
43,481. Do you mean to swear you never had that?—Yes.
43,482. Was that all the money you got?—Yes, that was all the money I got.
43,483. Who did you get it from?—From the committee room in Parliament Street.
43,484. At Mr. Stark's?—Yes, I expect it was; I do not know.
43,485. Was Dicks employed at that election? I do not know?—I do not know.
43,486. He is down here as having received 25*s.* for you. Can you write?—Yes.
43,487. Did you send Dicks?—No, I did not send any one, or authorize any person to do any business for me at election times.
43,488. You know your name was set down for 30*s.*?—No, I did not know it was set down, because, when I want it set down, I can go and set it down myself.
43,489. It is set down for 30*s.*, and you got 5*s.*?—I got 5*s.* for being a messenger.
43,490. On the polling day?—Yes.
48,491. Did Dicks receive 15*s.* for you?—No, I received it myself.
43,492. Did you make any mark in a book?—No.
43,493. Or give any receipt?—No.
43,494. When was the 5*s.* paid?—It was paid after the election.
43,495. After you had voted?—Yes.
43,496. In Parliament Street?—Yes, at the office.
43,497. How long after the election? on the Saturday after?—No, I think it was a fortnight or a week after.
43,498. They waited to see how you voted?—I cannot say.
43,499. Did they refer to the poll book to see?—No, they had no occasion to do that; they knew how I should vote.
43,500. Did you go to ask for the money?—No.
43,501. Did they send for you?—Yes.
43,502. How was that?—They told me I was to be a runner on the polling day; and after that I went to get the money.
43,503. You got 5*s.*?—Yes.
43,504. Was that all you received?—All I received.
43,505. Or did your wife receive anything?—No; my wife does not do business for me.
43,506. Did you vote in 1847?—Yes.
43,507. Who for?—Brown and Clay.
43,508. Is Dicks in the town now?—No, he is not in the town; he is gone to Australia.
43,509. When did he go to Australia?—He went about last October.
43,510. In 1847, did you receive any money for that election?—10*s.*
43,511. Who from, and who for?—Mr. Brown.
43,512. When was it paid you?—After the election.
43,513. How soon after the election did you receive it?—I could not say to a week or a fortnight.
43,514. Did you vote in 1852?—Yes.
43,515. Who for?—Clay and Goderich.
43,516. Did you receive any money?—No.
43,517. Any promise of money?—No.
43,518. Did you get your name set down?—No, not to my knowledge; it was not set down at all.
43,519. You had received money at both the other elections?—Yes.
43,520. Are you sure you had not been promised anything?—No.
43,521. Did you apply to be a runner?—No; I got plenty of running the other elections; I did not want any more.

THOMAS DRABWELL sworn, and examined.

Thomas Drabwell.

43,522. What is your business?—A brazier.
43,523. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
43,524. How much?—£7.
43,525. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
43,526. When were you made free?—At Staniforth's election; I cannot tell the date of the year.
43,527. At whose expense?—At the members' expense.
43,528. The blue or the orange?—Staniforth and Mitchell I voted for.
43,529. That is in 1818?—I should say it was.

Thomas Drabwell.

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43,530. In 1841, you voted for Clay and Thompson, I believe?—Yes, I did.
43,531. Did you receive 30*s.*?—I believe I did.
43,532. For your vote for Clay?—Yes.
43,533. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I voted for Mr. Clay.
43,534. A bullet?—Yes.
43,535. Did you receive any money for that vote?—Yes, I did.
43,536. How much?—I do not know whether it was 5*s.*, or what it was; I cannot say exactly. I quite forget, I am sure.
43,537. You do not know how much it was?—No; I am sure I do not know.
43,538. Was it as much as you had before or less? was it 30*s.*, or 1*l.* or 10*s.*?—I am sure I cannot say. I cannot call to mind.
43,539. Who paid you the money?—I got 5*s.* My son received it for me. I did not receive it myself.
43,540. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
43,541. Did you get your name set down?—No.
43,542. Nowhere?—No.
43,543. Did you receive any money?—Nothing at all.
43,544. Did you receive any promise?—No.
43,545. You say your name was not set down anywhere?—No; nowhere at all. I never was at any committee room whatever.

Holgate Ellison.

HOLGATE ELLISON sworn, and examined.

43,546. What is your business?—A draper.
43,547. Do you pay rent for a house or premises?—Yes; for two.
43,548. Are they separate?—Yes.
43,549. What do you pay in respect of either?—The two together, 50*l.* a year.
43,550. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
43,551. When did you become a freeman?—I think it was in 1839.
43,552. At your own expense or at the expense of the blues?—I have been trying to recollect the particulars of it, but I cannot remember. My impression at the time was that there was some fresh act—that the town took up the freedooms some way or other; but I do not recollect paying any money myself.
43,553. The town took it up on both sides. Which side was it, the orange or the blue that you understood at the time?—I did not understand any particular party had taken it up. I thought it was some fresh regulation.
43,554. In 1841, did you vote for Clay and Thompson?—I believe I did.
43,555. I understand your name is down in the book?—Yes.
43,556. Did you receive money at that election?—My late father who is dead, and my brother and myself all voted for the orange party, and I believe there was 4*l.* 10*s.* received for three votes.
43,557. John Ellison received for all the three?—Yes.
43,558. You got 30*s.*?—I cannot say; it went into the family.
43,559. Your father was keeping you at the time?—Yes.
43,560. John Ellison is your father?—Yes.
43,561. And he received all the money?—Yes.
43,562. And he is dead?—Yes. It was received.
43,563. Is your brother dead, Martin Ellison?—Yes.
43,564. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.
43,565. Did you receive any money for your vote at that election?—No.
43,566. Not from anybody?—No.
43,567. In 1852 did you vote?—Yes.
43,568. Who for?—Moore and Butler.
43,569. You changed a little?—Yes.
43,570. Did you get any money from the blues?—No; not a fraction.
43,571. Did you get your name set down anywhere?—I never got a farthing in my life. What I got my father got for me the first election.
43,572. You never received anything afterwards?—No.
43,573. You voted for Clay and Baines in 1847?—Yes.
43,574. Were you employed as a messenger for Mr. Brown?—No.
43,575. Were you set down as a runner?—No.
43,576. Are you sure of it?—Positive; not that I know of. If any one set me down it is unknown to me.
43,577. Were you on the committee of Moore and Butler?—No.
43,578. Any committee?—No.
43,579. Was there any committee at your house?—Yes.

DANIEL ELWOOD sworn, and examined.

Daniel Elwood.

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43,580. Where do you live?—In Baker Street.
43,581. What is your business?—Coachmaker.
43,582. Do you pay rent for a house?—The house belongs to the firm—my partner and I.
43,583. What are you rated at in your business?—Between myself and my partner 10*l.*
43,584. You are a freeman?—Yes.
43,585. When were you made free?—In 1825.
43,586. At your own expense?—Yes.
43,587. In 1841, did you vote for Clay and Thompson?—Yes.
43,588. Did you receive some money for your vote?—No.
43,589. Your name is down in our book for 30*s.*, but you did not get paid?—I did not get any money. I never applied for it.
43,590. Your name is set down for it, is not that so, but you did not get it?—No; not that I am aware of. I might promise them my vote, but as for any money, I did not look for any.
43,591. Do you remember Mr. Thistleton? did you know him?—Yes.
43,592. He is the man that has set down the names?—I think he had done it without my authority.
43,393. Did he not apply to you?—I think not.
43,594. He was a man who used to go about the town?—I almost forget that, but I know him.
43,595. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I think I bulleted Mr. Clay; I am not certain.
43,596. Did you receive any money?—No.
43,597. None at all?—None at all.
43,598. Or any promise of any money?—None at all.
43,599. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
43,600. Did you get anything for that vote?—No.
43,601. Were you on any committee?—No.
43,602. Did you supply them with a committee room?—No.
43,603. Or any goods?—No.

JAMES FRANKISH sworn, and examined.

James Frankish.

43,604. What is your business?—A cork cutter.
43,605. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
43,606. How much rent do you pay?—£7.
43,607. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
43,608. When were you made a freeman?—In 1839
43,609. At whose expense?—The orange, I believe.
43,610. Did you vote for them in consequence of that, at the next election?—Yes.
43,611. For Clay and Thompson?—Yes.
43,612. And you received some money, I believe, for that vote?—Yes; I was on as a runner.
43,613. How much money did you get?—30*s.* a week. I think I was on three weeks.
43,614. You got something more besides that, did you not? an odd 10*s.* besides?—I do not recollect it.
43,615. Was 2*l.* all you got?—I was on three weeks, and got 30*s.* a week for that.
43,616. Three weeks would be 4*l.* 10*s.* You got 5*l.* to make it even money?—I am sure I do not know. I could not take an oath upon it.
43,617. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Clay and Brown.
43,618. Did you receive any money at that election?—Yes.
43,619. How much?—10*s.* for each party.
43,620. Before or after the election?—Before for Brown, and after for Clay.
43,621. In 1852 who did you for?—Clay and Goderich.
43,622. Did you get your name put down?—I was on as a messenger.
43,623. Did you get any money?—Yes; a guinea a week for four weeks, I believe.
43,624. You got paid that?—Yes.
43,625. What committee room were you at?—West Sculcoates in Francis Street.
43,626. Who paid you the guinea a week?—The chairman, I think, paid it.
43,627. Every week?—Yes.
43,628. Were you paid any of it after the election, or all before?—There was something paid after the election. I am sure I do not know what amount it was; not much.
43,629. How much?—I do not recollect.
43,630. 30*s.*?—No, nothing of the kind,—it was not 20*s.*; I do not think it was 15*s.* I do not know exactly.
43,631. You said you got so much a week; you were paid at the end of the week some fixed sum?—Yes; I received a guinea a week for four weeks, and there was something after, but I do not know what it was.

James Frankish.

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43,632. How much was that something, to the best of your recollection?—I should think somewhere about 15*s.*

43,633. Besides?—Yes, but I cannot say exactly, for I do not know.

43,634. Four guineas and 15*s.* would be 4*l.* 19*s.* altogether; does that bring to your recollection that you had 16*s.* to make up the 5*l.*? is not that it?—I could not say.

43,635. Did they not give you 16*s.* to make up the 5*l.*?—I do not know. I could not say whether it was 15*s.* or 16*s.* or 17*s.* I do not know.

43,636. It was one of those three, I think?—Yes.

William Freeman.

WILLIAM FREEMAN sworn, and examined.

43,637. Where do you live?—Caroline Street.

43,638. What is your business?—A printer.

43,639. Do you pay rent for a house?—No.

43,640. It is your own?—No; I am a lodger.

43,641. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

43,642. When were you made a freeman?—About 1823, I believe.

43,643. At your own expense?—Yes.

43,644. In 1841 you voted for Clay and Thompson, I believe?—I did.

43,645. Did you receive any money at that election for your vote?—No.

43,646. You got it, did you not?—No, I did not.

43,647. Your brother gave a receipt for some?—After the election I was informed by my brother they were paying. I said I should not attend, and he said he thought I was very foolish. I said he might go and get it if he liked. He applied and he got it. I said he might get it, and he went and got it.

43,648. He went to get it?—Yes.

43,649. And paid it over to you?—No.

43,650. You never received it?—No, I never received it; I authorized him to receive it.

43,651. You made him a present of it?—If he could get it he might have it.

43,652. You made him a present of it?—Yes.

43,653. You authorized him to go and try for it?—Yes.

43,654. That is his handwriting, is it not?—Yes, I should think so; he told me he had got it,

43,655. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay.

43,656. Clay only?—Yes.

43,657. Did you receive any money that election?—No.

43,658. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

43,659. Did you get your name set down anywhere?—No.

43,660. Were you on the committee?—No.

43,661. Did you receive any money for your vote?—No.

Adjourned till to-morrow at ten o'clock.

THIRTY-SECOND DAY.—Thursday, July 14th 1853.

John Sloman.

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JOHN SLOMAN sworn, and examined.

43,662. What is your business?—I am a merchant and broker.

43,663. Where do you carry on business, or live?—In Scale Lane.

43,664. What rent do you pay?—About 85*l.*

43,665. You are a voter for the borough as a householder?—Yes.

43,666. Are you also a freeman?—No.

43,667. How long have you been a voter?—Six years.

43,668. Did you take considerable interest in the last election?—I have taken an interest in it.

43,669. For Mr. Clay and Lord Goderich?—Yes.

43,670. And voted for them?—Yes.

43,671. And canvassed for them?—Yes.

43,672. Do you know a person of the name of William Hall?—Yes, in Brook Street.

43,673. Of the Imperial Measure?—Yes.

43,674. Did you canvass him for his vote?—Yes.

43,675. He is a freeman?—At the time, I do not know; I know he was a voter, because I asked that question of course.

43,676. Did you engage a room from him?—At the time, the room was engaged by the other party.

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43,677. It had been engaged by the other party?—Yes.

43,678. What took place between you and him?—I asked him if he would rather vote for the blues or the orange. He told me he had always voted for the orange side, but the blues had got his wife to accept the offer for the room, so he could not fall back from it, unless he got the same from the other party.

43,679. And then I believe you agreed to take his room, and set him down as a runner?—Yes.

43,680. £3, I believe, he was to have for his room? or was the amount stated?—No, the amount was not stated.

43,681. Was it not stated how much he was to have from the blues?—He said he was to have six days for the room, at 10*s.* a day, that would make 3*l.*; but I said I did not know anything about that, but he should go to the finance committee and get paid as much as the blues had offered.

43,682. Can you give us any other information that you are aware of yourself?—Not any that would be of any use at all.

John Allen.

JOHN ALLEN sworn, and examined.

43,683. Where do you live?—Victoria Rooms, in the Trinity House.

43,684. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

43,685. How long have you been a freeman?—1812.

43,686. You voted before the Reform Bill?—Yes.

43,687. Did you used to get your two guineas a vote?—Yes, at that time, I did; that was our regular pay.

43,688. In 1841 did you vote for Clay and Thompson?—No.

43,689. Who did you vote for?—No one; I was at sea at the time.

43,690. I mean when Clay and Thompson, and Hanmer and James were the candidates?—No, I never voted for them at all; I was at sea at the time; that is for a certainty.

43,691. Where did you live at about 1841, when you were in Hull?—I lived in Humber Street.

43,692. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I voted for Sir Walter James and Wilberforce. That was the last time all but this.

43,693. Did you vote in 1847 when Mr. Brown was a candidate?—No, I was not here then.

43,694. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

43,695. Who did you vote for?—Bramley Moore and Butler.

43,696. Did you get anything for your vote?—No, not one single farthing.

43,697. Did you get any money at the election at all?—No, not a single farthing.

43,698. Were you employed?—No, not anyway at all.

43,699. Had you a son of the name of John?—Yes.

43,700. Is he recently dead?—He is dead, but he never took up his freedom.

G. W. Marshall.

GEORGE WALTON MARSHALL sworn, and examined.

43,701. What is your business?—I am a seaman.

43,702. Do you occupy a house?—No, I am in the Trinity House.

43,703. You are a freeman?—Yes.

43,704. When were you made free?—I think in 1825.

43,705. Did you take your freedom up at your own expense?—Yes.

43,706. At the election of 1841 when Clay and Thompson were the candidates, did you vote for them?—Yes.

43,707. You received some money I believe, at that election?—From Mr. Clay I got 15*s.*

43,708. And what did you get from Colonel Thompson?—From Colonel Thompson I got 10*s.*

43,709. Was that for your vote and services?—I am sure I do not know what it was for.

43,710. In 1847, did you vote at that election?—I voted for Clay and Baines.

43,711. Did you get the money you have told me of at the other election, before or after the election?—After the election.

43,712. All of it?—Yes.

43,713. And in 1847 you voted for Clay and Baines, I think?—Yes.

43,714. Did you get any money at that election?—I got none from Mr. Baines. I got from Mr. Clay 7*s.* 6*d.*

43,715. When was that paid to you?—It was paid to me after the election was over.

43,716. By whom?—By Mr. Galloway.

43,717. How soon after the election?—I cannot say exactly to a week or so.

43,718. Where was it paid to you?—It was against Mr. Galloway's office door, in Bishop Lane. He sent down a little boy.

G. W. Marshall.

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43,719. Did you go in and get the money?—No.
43,720. Who brought it to you?—A little boy.
43,721. What did he say when he brought it?—He did not say anything, except that was what Mr. Galloway sent me down.
43,722. And you got the 7*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.
43,723. Did you vote in 1852?—Yes.
43,724. For Clay and Goderich?—No.
43,725. Who for?—Lord Goderich, and Mr. Bramley Moore. I thought I would not hurt one side any more than the other.
43,726. Did you get any money?—Not a farthing.
43,727. Not from either party?—No; neither offered me any.
43,728. Were you promised any before you voted?—No. He came to the Trinity House, so I promised him one vote.
43,729. Mr. Moore, you voted for him?—Yes.
43,730. Did you get any money from him?—Not a farthing.
43,731. From his party?—No.
43,732. Nor a promise of any money?—No; I never had a promise of a farthing.
43,733. Was your name set down anywhere on any list?—No.
43,734. Before the last election?—No.
43,735. Neither for Mr. Clay, nor Mr. Moore?—Lord Goderich I voted for.
43,736. Was it set down for Lord Goderich on any list?—It was set down when they came to solicit my vote.
43,737. Were you set down as a runner, or as a messenger?—No, I was not.
43,738. They merely canvassed you, that is all?—Yes.
43,739. You voted, I suppose?—Yes; I voted in Humber Street.
43,740. You voted one for each?—Yes.
43,741. Did they both take you up to vote, or how was that?—I went in this chair (an invalid chair). There were two policemen at the door, and they got me up and lifted me into the house.
43,742. Is it your own chair?—Yes.
43,743. Did they pay you for the use of it that day?—No.
43,744. They did not give you any money?—No.

George Welburn.

GEORGE WELBURN sworn, and examined.

43,745. Where do you live?—Salthouse Lane.
43,746. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
43,747. How much?—£6.
43,748. Are you a freeman?—Yes; a burgess.
43,749. How long have you been a burgess?—Ever since 1806.
43,750. Before the Reform Bill, did you get your 2*l.* a vote?—Yes.
43,751. In 1841, who did you vote for?—Clay and Thompson.
43,752. Did you get any money for your vote?—No.
43,753. Were you employed at all as a runner?—No.
43,754. You know Thistleton?—Yes; I know him.
43,755. Did he set your name down?—I am sure I do not know; I got nothing.
43,756. Did you tell him to do so?—I do not recollect anything about that. I do not know that I did.
43,757. Do you know that you did?—I know that I did not.
43,758. You got 30*s.*, and signed a receipt for it?—I do not recollect. It is my son, I think.
43,759. Was your son to sign for you?—No.
43,760. Had he a vote himself?—Yes.
43,761. He is dead?—Yes. I had four sons, and myself.
43,762. Can you write?—Yes.
43,763. Did you vote in 1847?—Yes.
43,764. Who for?—Bulleted Mr. Clay.
43,765. Did you get any money then?—I got nothing then.
43,766. After the election?—In 1852, I got 10*s.*
43,767. In King Street?—Yes; for the election in 1847.
43,768. Were you not paid some money at Mr. Galloway's, in 1847?—I got 10*s.* in King Street; I was paid there.
43,769. The same year you voted for Mr. Clay, were you not paid something at Mr. Galloway's office?—No.
43,770. Are you quite sure?—Yes.
43,771. You got 10*s.* in 1852 for the election of 1847?—Yes; that is all I got for three elections.
43,772. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
43,773. Did you get any money then?—Not a button top.
43,774. Was your name set down?—I do not know that it was; I got nothing.
43,775. Were you promised anything?—No, I was not; nor did I get anything.

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43,776. Did you ask for anything?—No; I never went about it.
43,777. Did you expect to have anything?—That is another thing.
43,778. That is a thing I should like to know; did you expect to have anything?—Yes; you know there are a many people deceived when they expect anything. I was not set down for anything, so I did not expect anything.
43,779. Did you tell them you should like to be set down?—I never told them anything about it.
43,780. You never said anything about it?—No.
43,781. Did they say to you, "Do you want to be set down?"—You want to know more than I know myself.
43,782. Did anybody tell you they would set your name down?—No, they did not; not that I know of. I got nothing, nor I went after nothing.
43,783. Your son George, who is dead, used to manage for the family, and take the money for all?—He took the money.
43,784. He signed four receipts, for all of you?—He may have done.
43,785. He got the money for all of you?—He has drawn it for my other sons.
43,786. And he drew it for you and the three sons of yours in 1841; he drew the money for all the family?—I got none of it.
43,787. I see here is his name four times over (Book No. 13). Is not that so, that your son George was the manager for all the family?—He used to do it sometimes.
43,788. You knew that very well, that he was the manager for them all?—I got nothing the last three elections but that 10*s.* that I tell you of.
43,789. Do not you know that in 1841 your son George managed for you all?—I know he did not manage for me, for I never received anything.
43,790. How came you not to get the money from him—he got the money?—I cannot help that; I did not know he got it.
43,791. Did you not know very well that he went and received the money for you, and for your other sons too?—No; I did not know anything about it.
43,792. Do you mean to say you knew nothing at all about it?—I did not.
43,793. Did you not hear from your son that he had been and got the money?—No; I did not hear it.
43,794. Did you not hear that he had set your name down, and his own, and your other son's too?—I have a son here; he can answer things better than me.

John Welburn.

JOHN WELBURN sworn, and examined.

43,795. Where do you live?—Salthouse Lane.
43,796. Do you pay rent for your house?—No; I am a lodger with my father.
43,797. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
43,798. How long have you been free?—In 1839.
43,799. Was it taken up for you?—No.
43,800. You took it up yourself?—Yes.
43,801. In 1841, had you a vote?—Yes.
43,802. For whom did you vote?—Clay and Thompson.
43,803. Did you get any money?—I received 30*s.*, which my brother brought, and my other brother received 30*s.*
43,804. What is your other brother's name?—Thomas.
43,805. And you had a brother of the name of George?—Yes.
43.806. Did George receive the money for you three?—Yes; he brought it home and I expect he received it. My father never received any of it.
43,807. Do you know if your brother received 30*s.* on account of your father?—That I do not know—he may have received it, but my father never saw it.
43,808. Do you know he managed that part of the business for the family?—There was no appointment for the management or anything of the sort. And I did not know I should get the 30*s* until it was brought.
43,809. You know now the fact that he did get money?—For two of us that I know.
43,810. Had George a vote at that time himself?—Yes.
43,811. Do you know he got 30*s.* for himself?—I do not know that he did; I expect he would.
43,812. Look at those three signatures; he has written his name three times over. (No. 13.)—That is his handwriting I believe.
43,813. Is your brother Thomas alive?—Yes.
43,814. In Hull?—He is here I expect.
43,815. In 1847 who did you vote for?—A bullet for Clay.
43,816. Did you get paid for that?—No.
43,817. Were you paid anything in 1852, for the 1847 election?—No.
43,818. Were you not paid something at Galloway's?—No.
43,819. Are you quite sure you were not paid at Mr. Galloway's office in 1847?—I am quite sure.
43,820. Nor any of your brothers for you?—No.
43,821. At the last election who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

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43,822. Did you get anything at the last election?—No.
43,823. Was your name set down?—No, not to my knowledge.
43,824. Did anybody speak to you about having it set down?—No.
43,825. You are quite certain that nothing of the sort happened?—Quite certain.

Thomas Welburn.

THOMAS WELBURN sworn, and examined.

43,826. Where do you live?—Salthouse Lane.
43,827. Are you a lodger, or do you occupy a house?—I am a lodger.
43,828. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
43,829. When were you made a freeman?—I took up my freedom I think in 1837.
43,830. Did you pay for it yourself?—Yes.
43,831. In 1841 did you vote for Clay and Thompson?—Yes.
43,832. Did you get 30*s.*?—Yes, I received 30*s.*
43,833. Did you receive it through your brother George?—Yes.
43,834. Can you tell whether he received money on account of your father?—No, I cannot tell.
43,835. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay.
43,836. Clay only?—Yes.
43,837. Did you get any money on account of that vote?—No.
43,838. Not at any time?—No.
43,839. At the last election who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
43,840. Did you get any money?—No.
43,841. Nor any promise?—No.
43,842. Nor have your name set down?—No, I never desired it to be set down.
43,843. There was nothing of the sort spoken?—No.

William Bates.

WILLIAM BATES sworn, and examined.

43,844. Where do you live?—English Street.
43,845. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
43,846. How much?—£6 10*s.*
43,847. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
43,848. How long have you been free?—Since 1840.
43,849. Did you pay for it yourself, or was it taken up for you?—Paid for it myself.
43,850. Did you vote at the election in 1841?—Yes.
43,851. For Clay and Thompson?—Yes.
43,852. And gave a receipt for 30*s*?—No.
43,853. Is that your writing? (No. 13.)—Yes, it is my writing, but I do not know that I received it.
43,854. I suppose you have forgotten it?—Yes.
43,855. You cannot have any doubt that you received it?—No, that is my writing.
43,856. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Clay and Brown.
43,857. Did you get any money on that occasion?—No.
43,858. No money that election?—No.
43,859. Do you swear that?—Yes, I swear that.
43,860. You did not remember the other till shown the book; neither before nor after the election?—No, I was set on as a clerk for three days, but for my vote I got nothing.
43,861. You were employed as a clerk?—Yes.
43,862. How many days?—Three or four.
43,863. How much were you paid?—A guinea.
43,864. You asked to be employed?—Yes.
43,865. Where were you employed?—At Wharam's, was the committee room.
43,866. At Wharam's, the beer shop?—The publican's.
43,867. Who was the chairman of the committee?—Mr. Day.
43,868. Were there many members of the committee?—Yes, there were a good few.
43,869. Was it a committee of the working men, or a committee of the gentlemen managing the election?—I am sure I cannot tell what it was.
43,870. What is Mr. Day?—He was a wine and spirit merchant; he is dead.
43,871. When were you paid the guinea?—I am sure I could not tell.
43,872. Was it before or after you voted?—I am sure I do not know; it was after I believe.
43,873. At the last election who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
43,874. Were you employed at the last election?—Yes.
43,875. Where?—At Mr. Galloway's.
43,876. In what capacity?—As a runner, taking the speeches out.
43,877. How many weeks?—I was not employed any weeks; five days I believe.
43,878. How much did you get?—3*s.* 6*d.* a day.
43,879. 17*s.* 6*d.*, is that all that you got?—Yes.
43,880. Were you paid?—Yes.

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43,881. Before or after you voted?—Before; it was a month before the election I think.
43,882. Were you employed five days?—Only at Mr. Galloway's.
43,883. You were employed elsewhere?—Yes, at the committee room in Porter Street.
43,884. How long were you there?—Six days.
43,885. Were you paid for that?—Yes, a guinea.
43,886. Had you any other employment?—No.
43,887. Did you get any more money?—Yes; I was two weeks engaged at the working man's committee.
43,888. Where was that?—In Dock Street.
43,889. How much did you get for that?—I got 1*l.* for two weeks.
43,890. That was 2*l.*?—No; 1*l.* for two weeks, 10*s.* each week.
43,891. Who paid you?—Mr. Moat.
43,892. Was that all the money you got?—Yes.
43,893. And you voted for Clay and Goderich?—Yes.
43,894. Were you paid all those times before you voted?—All but one.
43,895. Which one were you paid afterwards?—For Porter Street.
43,896. A guinea?—Yes.

John Whitaker.

JOHN WHITAKER sworn, and examined.

43,897. Where do you live?—Trinity House Almshouses.
43,898. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
43,899. How long have you been a freeman?—I am sure I cannot tell you. I think, maybe forty years.
43,900. You used to get the 2*l.* a vote before the Reform Bill?—Yes; then we did.
43,901. In the year 1841 did you vote for Clay and Thompson?—No.
43,902. Did you vote for Hanmer and James?—I polled; I am sure I cannot tell you who I polled for.
43,903. Is that your mark (No. 13)? Do you remember you made a mark in a book?—No; I never made a mark in it.
48,904. Did you know Mr. Thistleton?—Yes; I knew him.
43,905. Did he ever give you 15*s.*?—No; that he never did.
43,906. Did he set your name down?—I will not say who set my name down. I cannot say rightly I am sure; I do not know. Mr. Thistleton never gave me a farthing. I never received a farthing of him.
43,907. Do you recollect getting 15*s.* at the election in 1841?—No; I never got a farthing.
43,908. Have you voted at every election since the Reform Bill?—I cannot say,—no; I have not, because I have been at sea sometimes.
43,909. Have you ever voted without receiving money?—I do not know that I have. I may have received some after the election, but never a farthing before the election. I never got a farthing before an election in my life. I have, I acknowledge, after the election.
43,910. Do you recollect receiving 15*s.* after the election?—Who for.
43,911. For Mr. Clay?—Yes; I did once.
43,912. That was in 1841, when Clay and Thompson stood?—I only polled for Mr. Clay.
43,913. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown I polled for.
43,914. Did you get any money that election?—Yes, I got 10*s.* of Mr. Brown after the election.
43,915. Did you get anything for Mr. Baines?—No; not a farthing.
43,916. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
43,917. Did you get some money this last election?—Not till after the election. After the election I got something. I never got a farthing before.
43,918. How much?—I got 1*l.*
43,919. Where was it paid?—In Dagger Lane, George Yard.
43,920. Who paid it?—I forget the man's name, I am sure.
43,921. Did you know anybody in the room?—No; I knew none of them.
43,922. You did not know any of them?—No.
43,923. Was it Mr. Wells?—Yes; that is the man.

Samuel Brown.

SAMUEL BROWN sworn, and examined.

43,924. Where do you live?—Grimsby Lane.
43,925. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
43,926. How much?—£20.
43,927. Are you a freeman or a 10*l.* householder?—A householder.
43,928. And not a freeman?—No.
43,929. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes

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43,930. Who for?—Clay and Thompson.
43,931. Did you get money for it?—Yes.
43,932. How much?—30*s.*
43,933. And signed a book?—No; I did not sign any book.
43,934. Somebody signed it for you?—Yes.
43,935. "For Samuel Brown, W. H. Nicholson"?—Yes.
43,936. Were you one of Nicholson's party?—He brought the money.
43,937. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Clay.
43,938. Only?—Only.
43,939. Did you get any money for that?—Nothing.
43,940. No money that election?—No.
43,941. Did anybody get it for you?—No.
43,942. At the last election who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
43,943. Did you get any money at the last election?—No.
43,944. Were you employed?—No.
43,945. Was your name set down?—No.
43,246. Nothing said to you about it?—Nothing.
43,947. You did not ask for employment?—No.
43,948. Had you anything to do with Mr. Nicholson in 1847?—No, nothing.
43,949 Do you know what he was doing at the election in 1847?—Well, I do not know, I am sure.
43,950. Nor at the last election?—No; nothing to do with any of them.
43,951. Did Nicholson come to you at all?—No.
43,952. At either of the last elections?—No; he never came.

John Colley.

JOHN COLLEY sworn, and examined.

43,953. Where do you live?—Porter Street.
43,954. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
43,955. How much?—£10.
43,956. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
43,957. How long?—Since 1840.
43,958. Did you take it out yourself?—Yes.
43,959. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes.
43,960. For Clay and Thompson?—Yes.
43,961. Did you get 1*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes; I got 30*s.*
43,962. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I voted for Clay only.
43,963. Did you get any money for that?—10*s.*
43,964. Was that before or after you voted?—After I voted.
43,965. Who paid it?—Mr. Stead paid me.
43,966. Was that all you got at that election?—That is all I got.
43,967. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
43,968. Did you get anything for that?—27*s.*
43,969. Was it before or after you voted?—It was part before and part after I voted.
43,970. Who paid the first?—The same party—Mr. Legitt.
43,971. Did he pay both?—Yes.
43,972 Where?—At the office next to Mr. Bannister's office; he had a room taken for the purpose.

Edward Gaines.

EDWARD GAINES sworn, and examined.

43,973. Where do you live?—Chapel Lane.
43,974. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
43,975. How much?—£20 a year.
43,976. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
43,977. How long have you been free?—Thirty-five years.
43,978. Did you vote before the Reform Bill?—Yes.
43,979. Did you get the 2*l.* a vote?—Yes; and it ought to be got I think. It is no use knocking about without anything at all.
43,980. In 1841 did you vote for Clay and Thompson?—I did not vote at all; I believe I missed one election.
43,981. Do you write?—Yes; I voted for Clay and Thompson; I did not know it was that year.
43,982. Is that your writing (No. 13)?—Yes.
43,983. You did vote for them?—Yes.
43,984. And you got 30*s.*, 15*s.* before and 15*s.* after you voted?—Yes, I think I did.
43,985. And signed the book?—Yes.
43,986. In 1847 who did you vote for?—That election I missed.
43,987. At the last election you voted for Clay and Goderich?—Yes.
43,988. Did you get any money?—No.

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43,989. Were you employed?—No.
43,990. Was your name set down?—No; I never asked such a question.
43,991. Nothing was said to you about it?—No.
43,992. How came it you did not try to get the money this time?—I hardly ever did, except when it was a regular thing.

WILLIAM GRIFFIN sworn, and examined.

William Griffin.

43,993. Where do you live?—Anne Street.
43,994. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
43,995. How much?—Six guineas.
43,996. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
43,997. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1826.
43,998. Did you pay for it yourself?—Yes; I know that very well—I paid 3*l.* for it.
43,999. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes.
44,000. For Clay and Thompson?—Yes.
44,001. Did you get 30*s.* for it?—I did.
44,002. Was that all you got?—That was all I got.
44,003. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay.
44,004. Only?—Only.
44,005. Did you get any money that election?—No.
44,006. Neither before nor after?—No, I do not recollect that I received it. I never received any money for that.
44,007. Are you quite sure?—Quite sure.
44,008. At the last election who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
44,009. Did you get any money at the last election?—No.
44,010. Were you employed?—No.
44,011. Was your name set down?—No, not that I know of.
44,012. Was anything said to you about being set down?—No, not anything.
44,013. Are you sure that nothing was said to you about being set down?—No; I do not know that any person asked me to be set down, and I never applied for anything of the kind.

JOHN HALL sworn, and examined.

John Hall.

44,014. Where do you live?—Princes Street, Mason Street.
44,015. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
44,016. How much?—£5 10*s.*
44,017. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
44,018. How long have you been a freeman?—In 1839, I think.
44,019. Did you pay for it yourself or was it paid for for you?—I paid for it myself.
44,020. Did you vote in 1841 for Clay and Thompson?—In 1841 I voted for Sir Walter James and Sir John Hanmer.
44,021. Are you sure of that?—Yes.
44,022. Where did you live in 1841?—I lived in Lincoln Street.
44,023. Is that your writing (book No. 13.)?—No.
44,024. That is not your writing?—No, it is not.
44,025. Did you get any money or not of James and Hanmer?—I received 2*l.* from a gentleman; I paid 1*l.* 14*s.* for my freedom, and they thought it was not wisdom for me to lose it, and they made me a present of 2*l.*; that was in 1841.
44,026. Did they do that before or after you voted?—After the election a good bit; I got it.
44,027. Did you ask for it?—I did not ask for it particularly, but I did not refuse it when it was sent to me.
44,028. That was paid to you by a gentleman from James and Hanmer, I suppose?—I polled for that party.
44,029. And therefore they gave you 2*l.* for your freedom, is that it?—Yes.
44,030. Was that all you got after the same election?—Sometime I think there was a committee that was formed in Wincolmlee, at a plumber and glazier's; I forget what they call the man,—Linwood I think; I received 1*l.* from them, from a gentleman I did know; he was so disguised, that no one could know him.
44,031. Was that before or after you voted?—That was after the election.
44,032. Did you get any more?—I never got another fraction.
44,033. At no other time?—No; neither before nor after.
44,034. Who did you vote for in 1847?—I voted for Clay and Baines.
44,035. Did you get anything on account of that election?—No, not a farthing.
44,036. Were you employed?—Nothing at all.
44,037. Did you get anything at the last election?—I did not poll.
44,038. Why did you not poll?—I had been very ill; I did not feel disposed to poll.
44,039. Did you get anything for not polling?—I did not get anything for not polling, in fact, a thing of that sort was not named to me, and I did not name it to the party.

John Heinsworth.

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JOHN HEINSWORTH sworn, and examined.

44,040. Where do you live?—Van Diemen's Land.
44,041. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
44,042. How much?—Six guineas.
44,043. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
44,044. How long have you been a freeman?—From 1826.
44,045. Did you pay for it yourself?—Yes.
44,046. You used to vote before the Reform Bill?—Yes.
44,047. Did you get the two guineas a vote?—Yes.
44,048. In 1841 did you vote for Clay and Thompson?—Yes.
44,049. Did you get any money for that?—I got 30*s.* some time after the election.
44,050. Was that all that you got?—Yes.
44,051. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I voted for Clay.
44,052. Did you get any money on that occasion?—Yes.
48,053. How much?—£1 8*s.* 6*d.*
44,054. Before or after you voted?—£1 the polling day, 8*s.* 6*d.* after.
44,055. Where was it paid?—At the Baltic, in the Pottery.
44,056. By whom?—I do not know who paid the 1*l.*, but Mr. Hall paid me the other 8*s.* 6*d.* some time after.
44,057. Nicholson was there, was he not?—He was not there then.
44,058. He was of the party?—Yes.
44,059. You were one of his?—Yes, I was one of his for Clay, no one else.
44,060. Was that all you got that election?—That was all.
44,061. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
44,062. Did you get anything the last election?—No.
44,063. Was your name set down?—I was set down at Mr. Christie's on a bit of paper.
44,064. Was it Christie who put you down, or Pettingell?—Pettingell.
44,065. You went there for the purpose?—I was taken there on purpose; if there was anything given I should get the same as the rest.
44,066. Did you get anything more?—No.
44,067. You were not employed?—Not employed at all.
44,068. Did you see Mr. Christie there?—No, not then.
44,069. Mr. Pettingell is his grandson?—Yes.
44,070. Who went with you to Christie's dram shop? two or three more?—There was a man they called Tasker.
44,071. He took two or three more I think?—There was only me.
44,072. You heard that he took up one or two more?—Yes, I dare say he did for anything I know, but he did not tell me.

Robert Hill.

ROBERT HILL sworn, and examined.

44,073. Where do you live?—Clark Square.
44,074. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
44,075. How much?—Eight guineas.
44,076. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
44,077. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1839.
44,078. Did you pay for it yourself?—No.
44,079. Who paid for it for you?—I do not know; I believe the orange.'
44,080. You voted for the orange in 1841?—Yes.
44,081. You thought yourself bound to vote for them as they paid for your freedom?—Of course I considered so.
44,082. You voted for Clay and Thompson?—Yes.
44,083. Did you get any money for that?—No, I think not.
44,084. Is that your writing (No. 13.)?—Yes.
44,085. Now you have no doubt you did?—Not at all.
44,086. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.
44,087. Did you get any money that election?—Nothing at all.
44,088. Not before nor after?—No.
44,089. Were you employed?—No, I was not.
44,090. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
44,091. Did you get any money last election?—No.
44,092. Was your name set down?—No, it was not.
44,093. Were you employed?—No.
44,094. Was anything said to you about having your name set down?—No, nothing at all.
44,095. Or about getting any money?—Not a word.

WILLIAM HIRST sworn, and examined.

William Hirst.

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44,096. Are you in the workhouse at present?—No, I am not; I have been, but I am not in at present.
44,097. Are you paying rent for a house now?—I have a room I pay rent for.
44,098. You are a lodger?—Yes.
44,099. Where is it?—Steward Street, Scale Lane.
44,100. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
44,101. How long have you been a freeman?—Just a bit before the Reform Bill.
44,102. Did you vote before the Reform Bill?—No.
44,103. Did you vote in 1841 for Clay and Thompson?—Yes.
44,104. And got 30*s.*?—Yes, my wife did; I did not get it.
44,105. And she signed the book, I believe?—I dare say that is right.
44,106. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay and Brown, I think.
44,107. Did you get any money then?—No.
44,108. After the election?—No.
44,109. Did your wife get any?—Not that I know of.
44,110. Were you employed at all then?—Yes; I believe I was.
44,111. How were you employed,—as a messenger?—Yes; carrying colours out and such as that.
44,112. How much did you get?—I think I was five days employed.
44,113. How much did you get a day?—4*s.* or 5*s.*; I am sure I have forgotten which.
44,114. Did you get more than 25*s.* in the whole?—No; I did not get that.
44,115. You got 1*l.*?—Somewhere thereabouts.
44,116. You asked to be employed?—Yes, I did.
44,117. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
44,118. Did you get 10*s.* from Brown besides that 1*l.*?—No, I think not.
44,119. Did you get any money last election?—No.
44,120. Were you employed at all?—No.
44,121. Had you not your name set down?—Yes, I believe my name was set down at the Conservative room.
44,122. As a runner?—They called me up one day as I was passing,—I was in the workhouse at that time.
44,123. What did they say to you?—They asked me who I was going to vote for. I told them I thought I should vote for the blues. He said, "Shall I set your name down?" I said, "If you please."
44,124. Did you expect them to give you something?—He said I should have four days' pay, the gentleman who was there.
44,125. How came you not to get it?—I never got a farthing yet.
44,126. Did your wife get it for you?—No.
44,127. Did you ever go and ask for it?—No, I have not.
44,128. Why did you not go and ask for it?—Because I have not heard of any person getting it.
44,129. When you voted, you expected to get it, did you not?—Yes.
44,130. You expected them to keep their promise?—Yes.
44,131. Who was the gentleman that told you you should have the four days' pay? do you remember his name?—Mr. Watson.

THOMAS HOLDSTOCK sworn, and examined.

Thomas Holdstock.

44,132. Where do you live?—Blenheim Buildings, Osborne Street.
44,133. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
44,134. How much?—£5.
44,135. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
44,136. How long have you been free?—Since 1839, I believe.
44,137. Did you pay for it yourself?—No.
44,138. Which party paid for you?—The orange party.
44,139. Did you vote in consequence for Clay and Thompson in 1841?—Yes.
44,140. Did you get 30*s.*?—Yes.
44,141. For your vote?—Yes.
44,142. Did you get anything more that election?—No; I got 30*s.*
44,143. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay.
44,144. Only?—Only.
44,145. Did you get any money that election?—I got a sovereign.
44,146. Was that before, or after you polled?—It was before.
44,147. Who paid it?—I do not know the person.
44,148. Where was it paid?—In the Pottery.
44,149. Was it a man that you do not know, or a man that you could not see?—It was a young man.

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44,150. Where was it given?—It was given at the Pottery, in English Street. I had a sovereign offered for the blues at the same time. There were two of them.

44,151. Do you mean that they were both there, and each of them offered you a sovereign?—Yes; I took a sovereign for the orange party, and refused the blue party,—I could not take theirs.

44,152. You voted for Mr. Clay?—Yes, only.

44,153. At the last election you voted for Clay and Goderich?—Yes.

44,154. Did you get anything then?—I was on a fortnight and three days as a messenger.

44,155. Where?—In Osborne Street.

44,156. At Dr. Hodgson's?—Yes.

44,157. Did you apply to be employed?—No; Dr. Hodgson put me on. I did not apply, and I am sure I worked very hard for what I did get.

44,158. And you got paid for it?—Yes.

44,159. How much?—3*s.* 6*d.* a day.

44,160. Was that all the money that you got?—That was all.

44,161. Was that paid before you voted, or after?—It was paid at the week's end,—every week,—that was for a fortnight.

44,162. Was any of it paid after you voted?—No.

44,163. Did you get anything for the polling day?—Yes; I was paid for the polling day. I got 5*s.* for the nomination day, and 5*s.* for the polling day.

44,164. And this was besides the week's pay?—It was besides the two weeks.

44,165. Have you a daughter?—Yes.

44,166. Do you know whether she had any money to keep for a person of the name of Carrall?—Yes.

44,167. What is Carrall's name besides?—Frank Carrall he is christened.

44,168. Where does he live?—I think he lived somewhere in the neighbourhood of Collier Street at that time.

44,169. How much money had your daughter to keep for him?—I cannot say exactly, but I think it was not less than a sovereign.

44,170. Was that money that he got from the blues, do you know?—Yes; he got that from the blues, and then he went and voted against them. A sweet pretty fellow he was I thought.

44,171. You voted orange?—Yes.

44,172. And how long before the election did he get the blue money?—I should say it would be three or four days; in fact, he told me there were a number getting it to some amount.

44,173. Did he tell you where?—I do not know, but there was a certain number of men came out singly that received so much from the blues.

44,174. This was at the last election?—Yes, the last election.

44,175. Do you know anything more about the blues?—Nothing at present; I should like to know more about them. I think a person that will go and promise a gentleman, and take his money, and then go and do him a private injury, is a scoundrel indeed

44,176. You do not know anything more about their paying money at the last election, do you?—No, I do not.

44,177. Did you get the two sums of 5*s.* for the nomination day and the polling day?—I was on as a messenger.

44,178. You got the 3*s.* 6*d.* besides?—Yes; I got two weeks' pay at 3*s.* 6*d.* a day; that was a guinea a week.

44,179. And two 5*s.* besides?—That was the week following.

44,180. The days that you got the two sums of 5*s.*, did you also get the the 3*s.* 6*d.* for each of those days?—Yes, of course; that made it up to something like 17*s.*

44,181. Then those two days you got 8*s.* 6*d.* each day?—No; we did not get the 3*s.* 6*d.*, we got 5*s.*, but including the 3*s.* 6*d.*

44,182. Did you get the 3*s.* 6*d.* besides?—No.

44,183. 5*s.* is what you got?—Yes; they made it 18*d.* more on account of the nomination day and the polling day.

44,184. You saw this man Frank Carrall yourself?—Yes; I think it was three, or four, or five days previous to the election.

44,185. He said he got a sovereign from the blues, and voted orange?—Yes.

44,186. Did he say how much he got for voting orange?—I never heard him say that; I think he got 14*s.*

44,187. Did he say so?—Yes.

44,188. For voting orange?—Yes.

44,189. And he had a sovereign from the blues?—Yes; he said he had a sovereign from the blues.

44,190. Which your daughter kept for him?—That I do not know.

44,191. She had it to keep?—Yes.

44,192. And then he got 14*s.* for voting orange?—Yes.

44,193. Did he say where he got the money?—I think from a man of the name of Postill.

44,194. Did he say where it was paid?—He did not say to me where it was paid.

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44,195. Did he say at all where it was paid?—I think he went to Mr. Postill's shop—a hairdresser's.

44,196. You were not with him?—No.

44,197. Do you know when the 14*s.* was paid him?—I believe he got it at different times; I do not think he got it altogether. I believe he got the last of it about a month or six weeks ago.

44,198. Did he get some of the 14*s.* before the election, before he voted?—No; it was after the election.

44,199. Did you hear him say that he got any more money?—No.

James Hunter.

JAMES HUNTER sworn, and examined.

44,200. Where do you live?—Manor Alley.

44,201. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.

44,202. How much?—£7.

44,203. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

44,204. How long have you been so?—Forty years.

44,205. Did you get 2*l.* a vote before the Reform Bill?—Yes.

44,206. In 1841, did you vote for Clay and Thompson?—No.

44,207. Do you write?—Yes.

44,208. See if you wrote that, will you? that name, James Hunter (Book, No. 13.)?—No; perhaps it might be my son's.

44,209. Do you know his writing?—No, I cannot particularly say I do; it is not my writing.

44,210. Do you believe that to be your son's?—It possibly may be; but really I cannot say.

44,211. Do you believe it is your son's, James Hunter?—It is much like his, but I cannot be positive.

44,212. Whom did you vote for in 1841? Hanmer and James?—Yes.

44,213. Did you get any money for it?—I think not; I believe not.

44,214. You must know whether you got money; did you get any money at that election?—No, I think I did not; I could not be positive.

44,215. Will you swear you did not?—I would not swear it.

44,216. Before or after the election?—I think neither, to the best of my recollection.

44,217. Not through a window, or in a dark passage?—No.

44,218. You know what I mean?—Yes.

44,219. Do you ever recollect voting without getting money?—Yes.

44,220. How many times?—Particularly the last two elections.

44,221. This is three elections ago: did you get it from behind a screen?—No.

44,222. Not in 1841?—I beg your pardon——

44,223. You think you did now?—Yes.

44,224. At a blacksmith's?—No.

44,225. Then where was it?—At Mr. Binks's, the painter, in High Street.

44,226. How much did you get?—A sovereign.

44,227. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.

44,228. Did you get a little of Mr. Brown's money?—No.

44,229. Are you sure you got no money at that election?—I am sure of it.

44,230. And not employed?—No.

44,231. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

44,232. Did you get any money at the last election?—No.

44,233. Are you sure you voted for them?—Yes.

44,234. Were you set down as a runner?—Not that I know of.

44,235. Did they tell you that they would set you down?—No.

44,236. Do you belong to Lowgate Ward?—Yes.

44,237. They say you are set down as a runner?—It is unknown to me if I am.

44,238. Did they not tell you that they would set you down?—No.

44,239. They said nothing to you about it?—No; I never was canvassed, or never asked by any one.

44,240. You did not ask to be employed?—No.

44,241. Did you speak to any of your fellow workmen or mates about it?—No.

44,242. Cannot you give us any account of how they came to set your name down?—I cannot. If it was set down, it was not set down with my consent, or with my knowledge.

44,243. What booth did you vote at at the last election? where did you vote?—I am sure I do not know which.

44,244. They tell us that you did not vote at all?—I am sure I did vote, but I am sure I cannot say what booth I polled at.

44,245. They say your son voted for you?—No, he did not.

44,246. Are you quite sure that is not so?—I voted for myself; I know that.

44,247. Did your son get the money?—Nothing that I know of.

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44,248. Do you mean to swear that he did not vote at the last election?—He told me he did not; I could not swear it.

44,249. He was not on the register, I believe?—I am sure I cannot say.

44,250. Was he?—I do not know, I am sure.

44,251. You were never canvassed?—No.

44,252. Did you know the committee room for your ward the last election?—It was in Lowgate, I believe.

44,253. Did you go there a few days after the election?—Yes.

44,254. Who did you see there?—It was a Mr. Pullen, I believe, they call the gentleman.

44,255. You went there to get your pay?—Yes; they said after the election they were giving every man that voted 10*s.*, and I went to them and they said my name was not in the book.

44,256. You went there to get it?—Yes.

44,257. And you expected to have it?—Yes.

44,258. You expected it was set down, and they said it was not? and they would not give it to you?—They said they were paying all that had voted.

44,259. And what did you say when you went?—I told the gentleman my name, and he took up a book and said there was no such name.

44,260. That no person of your name had voted?—That no such person had a vote.

44,261. What they said was, that they would not pay you because you had not voted; is that what they said?—No.

44,262. It was not said then, because you had not voted:—No; they said they had not my name in the book.

44,263. You told Mr. Pullen that it was set down, and asked for the money?—I went and asked for the money. They said they were paying all that had voted, and as I had voted, I went.

44,264. All that had voted for Moore and Butler, you understood were paid?—Yes.

44,265. And you thought you were, therefore, entitled to the money?—Yes.

44,266. And they said you were not set down?—Yes.

44,267. You saw them paying other people, did you not?—Yes.

44,268. How many were there? were there many people?—A score, perhaps.

J. Hutchinson.

JOSEPH HUTCHINSON sworn, and examined.

44,269. Where do you live?—No. 18, Garden Street.

44,270. Do you pay rent for a house?—It is my own property.

44,271. What are you rated at?—£7.

44,272. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

44,213. How long since have you been so?—Since 1840.

44,214. Did you pay for yourself?—No.

44,275. Which party paid for it for you?—The Reform Association.

44,276. The orange party?—Yes.

44,277. Did you vote in 1841 for Clay and Thompson?—Yes.

44,278. Did you think yourself bound to vote for them, as they paid for your freedom?—No, I did not think myself bound to vote.

44,279. You thought it was fair to vote for them?—It was through a brother of mine, and I told him I would not be bound to vote for them.

44,280. You let them pay the money?—Yes.

44,281. And you did vote for them?—Yes.

44,282. And you got some money from them?—I got 30*s.* afterwards.

44,283. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Baines and Clay.

44,284. Did you get any money at that election?—No.

44,285. Were you employed at all?—No.

44,286. Did you get no money after the election?—No.

44,287. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

44,288. Did you get any money at that election?—No.

44,289. Did you have your name set down?—No.

44,290. Were you employed?—No.

44,291. Did you ask to be employed?—No.

44,292. You said nothing about it?—No.

44,293. You had nothing to do with anything of the kind?—Nothing at all.

William Jackson.

WILLIAM JACKSON sworn, and examined.

44,294. Where do you live?—Humber Street.

44,295. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.

44,296. How much do you pay?—£14.

44,297. Are you a freeman?—No.

William Jackson.

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44,298. Are you a 10*l.* householder?—Yes.
44,299. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes.
44,300. For Clay and Thompson?—Yes.
44,301. Did you get paid for it?—No; I never got a halfpenny in my life for anybody.
44,302. Was your name set down by Thistleton?—Thistleton, the barber?
44,303. Yes?—Yes; but not then.
44,304. Did he set it down before you polled?—No; I never set down at all my name.
44,305. Did he set it down?—He set it down this last election; but I never voted the last election.
44,306. You are asked about the election of 1841: did he set your name down?—No, not that I know of, he did not.
44,307. Were you employed at all that election?—No, I was employed at nothing; I never did anything at all, but go to the vote and back again; that is all. I never was at any committee, or anything of the sort.
44,308. Was nothing said to you about setting your name down in 1841?—They set my name down.
44,309. Was anything said to you about it?—No, nothing at all; I did not know that it was set down.
44,310. Then you mean to swear that you got no money?—Yes, I will; I never got a halfpenny, and I never looked for any.
44,311. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.
44,312. Did you get any money then?—No.
44,313. Were you employed at all?—No.
44,314. You did not vote at the last election?—No, I did not.
44,315. Do you know Mr. Stark, the accountant?—Yes, I know him.
44,316. Did he set your name down in 1841?—Not that I know of.
44,317. Did he speak to you about it?—No.
44,318. Were you a runner at his place?—No.
44,319. There are some other William Jacksons?—Yes; there is a William Jackson—he is a barber,—who was always a runner.

THOMAS JOHNSTON sworn, and examined.

Thomas Johnston.

44,320. Where do you live?—In the Market Place.
44,321. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
44,322. How much?—Altogether 150*l.* a year.
44,323. Are you a 10*l.* householder?—Yes.
44,324. Not a freeman?—No.
44,325. What business are you?—A hosier.
44,326. Did you vote in 1841?—No, I was not a voter then.
44,327. Have you ever received any money?—No; never.
44,328. At any time?—Not at any time.
44,329. Have you been on any committee?—No; I never was on any committee.
44,330. You have had nothing to do with any election but voting?—Nothing but voting.

CHARLES KING sworn, and examined.

Charles King.

44,331. Where do you live?—Ropery Street.
44,332. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
44,333. How much?—£5 10*s.*
44,334. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
44,335. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1830.
44,336. Did you pay for your freedom yourself?—No; Mr. Burke, I believe.
44,337. Which party was that?—It was the blue party.
44,338. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Clay and Thompson, I think.
44,339. Were you paid 30*s.* for that?—Yes; six days' running.
44,340. You applied to be employed, I suppose?—Yes, I got my name set down.
44,341. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I was at sea.
44,342. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
44,343. Did you get any money last election?—I got 10*s.* for two days.
44,344. Was that all you got?—That is all I got.
44,345. Who paid it?—It was at Mr. Legitt's place; I think it was Mr. Legitt paid it.
44,346. Was your name set down?—Set down for two days, that is all.
44,347. Did he pay you before or after you voted?—After I voted.
44,348. Is that all you got?—That is all I got.
44,349. Did you say you did not vote in 1847?—I was at sea.

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44,350. Are you quite sure?—Quite.
44,351. They say you were set down as a runner for Mr. Brown?—Perhaps I might be, but I was not here.
44,352. Do not you know any other Charles King?—No.

A. Leonard.

ABRAHAM LEONARD, the younger, sworn, and examined.

44,353. Where do you live?—27, Adelaide Street.
44,354. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
44,355. How much?—£10 a year.
44,356. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
44,357. When was your freedom taken up?—The first time of Mr. Clay's coming here.
44,358. Was that in 1839, when all the other freedoms were taken up?—Yes.
44,359. Did the orange party pay for it?—Partly; I think I paid a crown.
44,360. And they paid the rest?—Yes.
44,361. Did you vote for them in 1841, in consequence?—Yes.
44,362. Did you get some money for it?—Yes.
44,363. How much? 15*s.* was it?—I received a crown first, and something afterwards; I do not know what it was.
44,364. That was 10*s.*?—I could not say.
44,365. Was that paid part after you voted?—I think it was before.
44,366. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay.
44,367. And Mr. Brown?—No; Clay alone.
44,368. You were a runner for Mr. Brown?—No.
44,369. Were you paid any money by Mr. Collison?—No.
44,370. Are you quite sure?—Yes.
44,371. Were you paid money by Mr. Galloway?—Yes; half a sovereign.
44,372. Was that after you voted?—Yes; the Saturday after the election.
44,373. Was that all you got that election?—Yes.
44,374. At the last election who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
44,375. Did you get any money then?—Yes; I was set down as a messenger a fortnight previous to the week of the election, at 3*s.* 6*d.* a day, I think, and during the week of the election up to the election.
44,376. Did you act as messenger?—Yes.
44,377. Where?—At the booth in Chariot Street; and I was fully employed all the time.
44,378. Who paid you?—Mr. Casson.
44,379. You applied to be employed?—Yes, I applied.
44,380. In 1841, besides what you got, the 15*s*, did you get anything from Mr. Stark as a runner?—I received 5*s.* first, if I remember right, of Mr. Thistleton; and then I received something from Mr. Stark; I could not say what the amount was.
44,381. 15*s.* it is put down here?—Possibly it may be; I cannot say.
44,382. Did you go to ask for employment, or did they send for you in 1852? how did that happen?—I made application.
44,383. You heard that they were setting names down?—Yes.
44,384. And you went to have your name set down?—Yes, I did.
44,385. How soon after that was it that you were employed?—I should say it would be a fortnight after.
44,386. Your name was set down, but you were not employed for a fortnight?—No; my name was not set down; I made application, but I was not set down.
44,387. When your name was set down, you thought you would get some pay when the election was over?—When it was set down it was on the Monday morning.
44,388. Your name was set down as an applicant a fortnight before you were employed?—The party who I made application to to be employed did not employ me at all; that would be a fortnight prior to my being set down. When I was set down, the party I made application to caused my name to be put in a list of messengers, and it was set down.
44,389. Were you employed as soon as your name was set down?—My name was put down on the Saturday, and I went on on the Monday.
44,390. I want to know about the first application that you made?—I was not set down at all.
44,391. Did not the man to whom you applied set your name down upon a piece of paper?—I do not know; Mr. Hodgson was the first man I applied to.
44,392. Mr. Hodgson was the chairman of the committee?—Yes.
44,393. And, having applied to Mr. Hodgson, did you not expect that you would be paid, at all events?—No, not at all; because he distinctly told me he could not put me down as a messenger at that time until the election was seen more about.
44,394. In consequence of that did you apply again?—Yes, about a fortnight afterwards.
44,395. You went to the committee room?—I met Mr. Galloway, and asked him if he could put me on.

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44,396. What did he say?—I think he referred me to Mr. Todd, and Mr. Todd gave me a note, if I remember right, and I took it down to Mr. Mayfield. I took this note down to Mr. Mayfield; he opened it and read it, and told me I was—this was the Monday—that I was to call on Monday morning. I did do so, and I was placed on, and I was knocking about all day.

44,397. When you went to Mr. Galloway, I suppose they asked you how you meant to vote? I suppose they understood you were to vote for the orange candidate?—No; not at all.

44,398. Did they not expect that you would vote?—I never was asked such a thing.

44,399. Did you not expect that you were to vote for the people who employed you?—I never was asked.

44,400. So you have told me; did you not expect that you ought to vote for the people who employed you?—Yes; I do not know anything different.

44,401. I suppose you said so, or understood it perfectly well? it was very well understood that you were to vote for whoever employed you, was it not?—Yes, I was always for one party; I never was a man altering about, twisting and turning.

44,402. Were you paid anything after the election was over, in 1852?—Yes, I was paid; I think I received a small sum of money from Mr. Casson on the Saturday after the election.

44,403. How much was it?—I could not call to mind.

44,404. 10*s.* was it not?—I could not say, upon my word.

44,405. Mr. Casson is in court?—He can perhaps tell better than I, if he is in court.

44,406. Have you any doubt that it was 10*s.*?—I could not say.

44,407. Have you any doubt that it was 10*s.*?—Yes, I think I have; I do not know; I could not say.

44,408. You think it was 10*s.* do not you?—I could not say.

44,409. How much do you think it was?—I do not know; I received it; I cannot call to mind; it was done with; but Mr. Casson is here, and, perhaps, can tell you.

John Casson.

JOHN CASSON recalled, and examined.

44,410. How much did you pay this man?—I always paid my messengers on a Saturday night, and there was a broken week in the election week; what I paid the man I do not know. I made a return to Mr. Galloway's office, and the money was paid by Mr. Atkinson to me, and I kept no memorandum after it.

44,411. What was paid after the election was over?—That would be for the election week; there would be 3*s.* 6*d.* a day on the Monday and Tuesday, and the nomination day, and the polling day 5*s.*

44,412. When this man says he got paid two days, have you any doubt it was 10*s.*?—Not at all.

44,413. It was either 10*s.* or 17*s.*, according to whether he was on two days or four?—Yes; in the third week, I have no doubt it would be 17*s.*; two at 5*s.*, and two at 3*s.* 6*d.* I think the men were ordered to be paid more for the nomination day and the election day.

44,414. That was a general thing, that people actually employed got 18*d.* extra for those two days?—Yes, they did; that was at my committee room; I know nothing of any other to speak positively to.

A. Leonard, sen.

ABRAHAM LEONARD, sen. sworn and examined.

44,415. Where do you live?—Bluebell Entry.

44,416. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.

44,417. How much?—£5 I think.

44,418. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

44,419. How long have you been a freeman?—Fifty years and more.

44,420. Before the Reform Bill did you get the 2*l.* a vote when others did?—I am sure I cannot tell; I got paid the same as other people for elections.

44,421. Was that 2*l.* a vote in those days?—Yes; 2*l.* and 4*l.*

44,422. In 1841 did you vote for Clay and Thompson?—I polled for Thompson.

44,423. And Clay, did you not?—I am sure I cannot tell now.

44,424. Did you get 30*s.*?—No, I never got anything; I never should have done.

44,425. Do you write or do you make a mark?—I write.

44,426. Then look at that book (*No.* 13)?—That is not my signature.

44,427. A man of the name of Anderson wrote it?—I do not know.

44,428. Do you know any other Abraham Leonard besides your son?—No.

44,429. Did you know Mr. Stark?—Yes, I know Mr. Stark.

44,430. Did you get any money from him at that election when you voted for Colonel Thompson, in 1841? Were you a runner or a messenger?—I do not know; I cannot recollect.

44,431. Were you a messenger and employed at all at that election as a runner?—No; I was no runner.

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44,432. Were you a messenger?—No, messenger neither.

44,433. Will you undertake to swear that you did not get any money at all?—I do not believe that I ever got one farthing at that time.

44,434. You must go further than that, and say you are sure you did not; can you say that?—I cannot recollect that I ever did, not at Colonel Thompson's election.

44,435. Clay and Thompson's election?—No; I am certain I never got anything then.

44,436. Does your son write his name, or does he make a mark?—He can write.

44,437. Did your son get any money for you, do you know?—No; I think not.

44,538. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay.

44,438. Did you not vote for Brown, also?—No; I did not vote for Brown. I promised him, but I never polled for him; I think it never came to a poll.

44,440. Did you get any money from him?—No.

44,441. Did not Mr. Collison pay you some money?—No, not for Mr. Brown; he never did.

44,442. Did he pay you any money for anybody?—No.

44,443. Did he set your name down?—I do not know; I think not.

44,444. Were you paid any money by Mr. Galloway, at that election?—No.

44,445. Are you sure of that?—Yes.

44,446. They say he did: they say he paid you some money.—I am sure Mr. Galloway never paid me anything for Mr. Brown.

44,447. But for Mr. Clay?—No; nor for Mr. Clay neither.

44,448. Did he never pay you any money at all?—No.

44,449. Do you swear that he never did?—Yes.

44,450. You swear that you never got any money in 1847?—I never got any money then.

44,451. When did you?—I got paid at the election as other people got paid.

44,452. The election before the last? other people got paid, did you?—What election was that?

44,453. In 1847, when Clay, Baines, and Brown were the candidates?—I never got any money from Mr. Clay, until this last time.

44,454. At the last election, who did you vote for?—I polled for Clay and Goderich.

44,455. And what money did you get?—I got 31*s.* for hard working.

44,456. What were you working at?—I carried out notes from morning till night.

44,457. Did you ask to be employed?—No; I did not.

44,458. How came they to employ you?—They came to ask me if I was out of employment, and I told them I was; and they said they would give me a job to carry a few notes out, and I went and carried them out, and they paid me.

44,459. Was that when they asked you to vote?—No; they never asked me to vote for them at all.

44,460. All they said was that they would give you some employment?—Yes.

44,461. You understood if you got their money that you ought to vote for them?—No; I did not understand anything about that.

44,462. You thought they would be just as well contented if you voted blue?—Just exactly so; it did not make any difference to me. There was Mr. Davis in the Market Place came to me and told me if I did not poll for him, he was certain I should never have a place in the Charter House, as long as his name was Davis.

44,463. Is he a blue or an orange?—I do not know.

44,464. Who were you to vote for?—I was to vote for the blue party or I should not have a place in the Charter House; Mr. Davis said so.

44,465. Did you understand, if you did vote blue that you would have a place in the Charter House?—I understood that I would not turn my back on the orange, neither for the Charter House nor for Mr. Davis.

44,466. Who is Mr. Davis?—He is a linendraper in the Market Place.

44,467. What is his other name?—Edwin Davis.

44,468. When did he say that to you?—Before the election. He came to me in the shambles, and asked me who I was going to poll for. I told him no doubt I was going to poll for Mr. Clay and Lord Goderich. He said, "You are a man that wants a Charter House berth?" I said, "If I can get one." Then he said, "if you will poll for us, I will get you one, but if not, as long as my name is Davis, you shall not have one."

44,469. How long before the election was that?—It might be a fortnight or three weeks.

44,470. Were you employed by the orange at that time?—I was employed by the orange at that time.

44,471. Did he come to you again?—No; but he went to our house, and wanted to persuade my wife to do so.

44,472 To persuade your wife to persuade you?—Yes.

44,473. She did not succeed?—She would not submit to it. He said as long as ever his name was Davis, I should never have one if I did not poll for them.

44,474. What has he to do with the Charter House?—I do not know; I cannot tell you.

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44,475. Is he one of the council in the corporation?—No; not that I know of.
44,476. Is he one of the town council?—I cannot tell you; I do not know.
44,477. Did he offer you any money?—No; he did not.

Mrs. Ann Loft sworn, and examined.

Mrs. Ann Loft.

44,478. Is your husband, Benjamin Loft, too ill to come here?—He is so very infirm, he could not, except he was sent for in a cab.
44,479. Does he pay rent for a house?—He lives in the Charter House.
44,480. Is he a freeman?—Yes; he was born free.
44,481. In 1841, did he vote for Clay and Thompson, and did you get 30*s.* for him?—I cannot say; I know so little about electioneering matters. I can give very little answer to it.
44,482. You know more about money matters?—It is very little I know about that.
44,483. Do not you recollect your husband sending you to get 30*s.*?—I do not recollect it.
44,484. You make a mark, do not you?—I really do not remember.
44,485. You do not write your name?—I never hardly have anything to do with anything of the kind.
44,486. When you have to sign your name do you make a mark?—I do.
44,487. Do not you recollect your husband sending you to get 30*s.*, and that you made a mark in a book for it?—It might be so, but I really cannot call to mind just now. I wish he had been able to come and answer for himself.
44,488. Did you ever go to Mr. Anderson to get money in the committee room?—I am sure I do not know.
44,489. You must recollect if you ever went to get money for your husband's vote?—I myself never hardly attended to anything of that kind.
44,490. Did you once go and get 39*s.* for your husband's vote?—I really cannot remember just now; I might, but I really cannot say, to be certain.
44,491. Did your husband vote at the last election?—Yes.
44,492. Who for?—Clay and Goderich.
44,493. Did you get any money?—Nothing at all; he never got anything except a little polling money—not this time—none for years.
44,494. When did he get a little polling money?—I do not remember.
44,495. Did he get some the election before the last?—No.
44,496. The time before that?—No.
44,497. You remember getting polling money once for him, do not you?—No.
44,498. Never?—Never.
44,499. Here is your name with your own mark opposite to it. You know what polling money is, do you not?—Yes; when we used to get it.
44,500. And you got it now and then for your husband when he was not able to go?—Yes; he has always been able until of late.
44,501. Since he has been bad you have got it for him?—No; I never got any for him since he could not go.
44,502. While he was busy?—No.
44,503. Do you recollect seeing that book before? (*Book No.* 13.)—I could not see it without my spectacles.
44,504. You do not mean to swear that you did not get that money?—I cannot tell, I am sure. I cannot say anything of the kind.

William Goldsmith, the elder, sworn, and examined.

W. Goldsmith

44,505. Where do you live?—Elijah Street.
44,506. Do you pay rent for your house?—No; I am a lodger.
44,507. What business are you?—I am out of business.
44,508. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
44,509. How long have you been a freeman?—Forty years, perhaps.
44,510. Did you vote in the year 1841 for Clay and Thompson?—Yes; I did.
44,511. Did you get any money for it?—No.
44,512. Thistleton got it for you? he seems to have signed a receipt for you for 30*s.* Did Thistleton get money for you?—No.
44,513. For Clay and Thompson?—No; he did not.
44,514. Just look at the receipt (*handing book No.* 13, *to the witness*).—Yes; I did sign it. I recollect it now; it is so long since.
44,515. You did get that, did you?—Yes.
44,516. Did you vote at the 1847 election?—Yes; I did.
44,517. Who for?—For Mr. Brown.
44,518. Brown only?—Only Brown.
44,519. Did you get any money then?—Yes.

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44,520. How much?—A pound.
44,521. Was that paid before or after you voted?—After.
44,522. Who by?—I cannot tell you.
44,523. Where?—I am sure I cannot tell exactly. I do not bear in mind all these little things.
44,524. You cannot tell at all who paid you?—No; I cannot at present, I am sure.
44,525. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.
44,526. Who for?—Moore and Butler.
44,527. Did you get any money then?—Yes.
44,528. How much?—A pound.
44,529. Was that paid before or after you voted?—After; I was a runner.
44,530. Who paid you that?—Charles Brown.
44,531. Where?—At his house.
44,532. Where does he live?—On the Drain Side.
44,533. You applied to be employed as a runner, I suppose?—No; I did not exactly.
44,534. Not exactly, but very nearly?—I dropped in as a runner.
44,535. Was the pound all that you got?—Yes; all that I got.

Thomas Matson.

THOMAS MATSON sworn, and examined.

44,536. Where do you live?—In the Hessle Road.
44,537. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
44,538. How much?—£9.
44,539. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
44,540. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1839.
44,541. Was it paid for for you by one of the parties?—I believe so.
44,542. Which party?—I suppose the Reform party.
44,543. You voted for Clay and Thompson?—Not in consequence of it.
44,544. But you voted for them?—Yes.
44,545. Did you get any money?—30*s.*
44,546. Was that all you got?—Yes.
44,547. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I did not vote at all.
44,548. Are you sure of that?—Certain.
44,549. Are you quite sure you were not paid by Mr. Galloway in 1847?—I never voted at all.
44,550. Where were you?—At home, here.
44,551. Why did you not vote?—Conscience.
44,552. Did anybody pay you for not voting?—No.
44,553. What do you mean by conscience?—I am here as a witness to tell you as a Christian the truth. I had no business to vote, consequently I did not vote.
44,554. You think it wrong to vote?—I think it not consistent with my professions.
44,555. You have never voted since 1841; is that so?—Yes.
44,556. You did not vote at the last election?—No.
44,557. You do not mean it is wrong to vote without being paid for it?—No; money is no object.
44,558. You got 30*s.* then?—Yes.
44,559. But your conscience has changed since then?—Yes.

John Morriss.

JOHN MORRISS sworn, and examined.

44,560. Where do you live?—Blackfriargate.
44,561. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
44,562. How much?—£5; part of a house.
44,563. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
44,564. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1839.
44,565. Which party paid for it?—Paid for it myself.
44,566. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes.
44,567. For Clay and Thompson?—Yes.
44,568. Did you get any money?—Yes.
44,569. How much?—30*s.*
44,570. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay.
44,571. Only?—Only.
44,572. Did you get anything then?—No.
44,573. Neither before nor after?—No.
44,574. Were you employed?—No.
44,575. Was nothing said to you about having your name set down?—No.
44,576. Nothing said to you about pay?—No; nothing at all.
44,577. At the last election who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
44,578. Had you got anything then?—No.

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44,579. Were you not employed?—No.
44,580. Did you apply to be employed?—No; I did not.
44,581. Was your name set down?—No.
44,582. You had nothing to do with any money then?—Nothing at all.
44,583. Nor a promise of money?—No.
44,584. Were you a runner also in 1841?—Yes.
44,585. And got 5*s.* for that, besides the 30*s.*?—That was 30*s.* altogether, with the other 25*s.*
44,586. Mr. Stark paid you 5*s.*?—Yes.

JOHN ALONZO MORRISON sworn, and examined.

J. A. Morrison.

44,587. Where do you live?—35, Richmond Terrace.
44,588. Do you pay rent for a house?—I do.
44,589. How much?—£11.
44,590. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
44,591. How long have you been so?—Since 1826.
44,592. Did you pay for your freedom yourself?—I did.
44,593. Did you vote in 1841?—I did.
44,594. Clay and Thompson?—I did.
44,595. Were you paid in money?—I was seven weeks clerk, engaged for Mr. Clay for the East Sculcoates division ward.
44,596. How much were you yaid?—5*s.* a day.
44,597. For seven weeks?—Yes.
44,598. Was that all the money you got?—That was all the money I got.
44,599. Did you act as a clerk every day?—I did every day.
44,600. Were you set down in Thistleton's list?—No.
44,601. But your name is there "John A. Morrison"?—It is very possible it may be there; it was not put down by me.
44,602. It is not carried out with any payment; you only got paid your salary as a clerk?—I only got my salary for the duties I performed.
44,603. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.
44,604. Did you get any money then?—No.
44,605. Were you employed at all?—No.
44,606. At the last election who did you vote for?—Clay and Moore.
44,607. Did you get any money last time?—I did not.
44,608. Any employment?—No employment.
44,609. Are you quite sure? It is said you were paid by Mr. Galloway for Mr. Clay in 1847?—I was not.
44,610. How come you to vote one and one; that is a thing I cannot understand?—I might be under this impression. I have been in the employ of Mr. William Thomas for upwards of thirty-six years, and I have invariably voted against him, and it made very little difference to me. He has been a most kind and liberal employer towards me, and I thought it was no less than I could do to vote in that interest.
44,611 Which interest?—For Mr. Moore's party. Mr. Thomas never once inquired of me which way I should vote, knowing I always did vote on the orange side, and I did that on my own account; it was my own free offering.
44,612. It would have been just as good if you had stayed away altogether?—So it would very possibly, but sometimes you have your own whims about these things.
44,613. Were you at the blue supper at the De-la-Pole Tavern?—I was.
44,614. Tell us something about that;—that was at the last election?—Yes; a blue supper ticket was sent to me.
44,615. How long before the election?—I should say three or four weeks before the election.
44,616. Of what parties was the supper formed, and on what ground was it given, do you know?—A ticket was sent down to me at half past six; the supper was to take place at seven. I did not arrive until eight, and I was placed in an anteroom with about six or seven or eight more; but I never went into the principal room where the chairman and vice-chairman sat. I certainly looked in at the door, and saw Mr. Harris and Mr. Ward, a clergyman of this town, and Mr. Yeall, and a person of the name of Pullen, but I did not go into the large room; I only stayed at the door.
44,617. You had your supper in a small room?—Yes.
44,618. That was because there was not room in the large one?—Yes.
44,619. How many people were there at the supper, about?—I understood somewhere rather more than a hundred.
44,620. Were they voters?—All of them voters, as I understand.
44,621. And were they all blue voters?—I could not say to that, because I was not one myself.
44,622. Did you understand it was a supper of the blue party?—I did not understand it till I got there. I did not know what the purport of it was.

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44,623 When you were there you saw it was a supper of the blue party?—Yes.

44,624 Did the persons who supped there pay for their own suppers?—No.

44,625. It was paid for for them?—Yes.

44,626. Do you know who paid for it?—I do not. I should think the most ready way to get to know would be—Mr. Wood, the reporter of the Hull Packet, sat next to me, and got the report. He was allowed to go into the room, and I should think he could give you all the evidence of who were there and all the speeches.

44,627. Were there any toasts given?—I never heard any toasts given.

44,628. Did you stay all the time?—No; I took a glass of wine, and came down stairs immediately.

44,629. Was Mr. Barkworth there?—I do not know Mr. Barkworth, although a native of the town.

44,630. Was Mr. Pullen the deputy chairman?—He was.

44,631. He seemed to be the manager?—Yes.

James Murray.

JAMES MURRAY sworn and examined.

44,632. Where do you live?—In Mason Street.

44,633. Do you rent a house?—No; it is my own.

44,634. What is it rated at?—£12.

44,635. What business are you?—I have been the master of a ship.

44,636. Are you a freeman?—No; not a freeman.

44,637. Did you vote at the election in 1841?—I think I did.

44,638. Did you vote for Clay and Thompson?—I think I did.

44,639. Did you get any money on that occasion?—None at all.

44,640. Was there a committee room taken in your house in 1841?—No; never.

44,641. No committee room engaged?—Not one.

44,642. You never were paid as for a committee room?—Nothing at all; never in my life.

44,643. You are quite sure you never had any money paid to you on account of the candidates at any election?—Quite sure; I never got a farthing or gave a farthing in my life.

44,644. Was your name set down?—No; not that I know of; I never promised anyone.

44,645. Do you know another James Murray?—I do not. I know an Edmund Murray in Bond Street, but I never promised any one.

George Nelson.

GEORGE NELSON sworn, and examined.

44,646. Where do you live?—Dixon Square, Market Place.

44,647. Do you pay rent for a house?—No; I am a lodger.

44,648. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

44,649. How long have you been so?—Fourteen years.

44,650. Did you pay for your freedom yourself?—I did.

44,651. Did you vote at the election in 1841?—Yes.

44,652. Who for?—Clay and Thompson.

44,653. And got paid for it?—Yes; I was employed by Thistleton as a runner, and got 30*s.* for it.

44,654. Employed as a runner, where?—At the Blanket Row committee room.

44,655. You were on Thistleton's list?—Yes; I got 30*s.*

44,656. Who did you vote for in 1847?—Clay only.

44,657. Were you paid at that election?—Yes; I got 10*s.* for my expenses. I was in Lincolnshire, and I was sent for, and came over, and I got 10*s.* at the Wilberforce rooms.

44,658. Were you not paid something at Mr. Galloway's also?—Not a halfpenny.

44,659. How far did you come from?—From Cleethorpe; I was very ill at the time.

44,660. How did you come?—By steam packet from Grimsby.

44,661. What did it cost you?—I think the fare was 1*s.* each way, and I was here two days, and I had to pay my lodgings at Cleethorpe at the time; I took a bed for a week, and I charged 10*s.*, and got it. Mr. Stead, I think, paid me.

44,662. Is that all you got?—That is all I got.

44,663. You mean you were paid for your lodging here for two days?—Yes.

44,664. What did you want to stay here two days for?—They would not pay me till a day or two after the election. I was detained a day or two before I got it.

44,665. Did you charge for those two days?—I charged 10*s.* altogether; they asked me what my expenses were, and I said 10*s.*

44,666. What were your expenses?—My fare each way in the packet, and a shilling a night at Cleethorpe.

44,667. That was for your lodgings at Cleethorpe?—Yes.

44,668. That is 4*s.*?—There is no more than my time.

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44,669. The last election, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
44,670. Did you get any money then?—Not a halfpenny.
44,671. Were you employed?—No; not in any way.
44,672. Was your name set down?—No.
44,673. Was nothing at all said to you about money?—Nothing at all.
44,674. Nor any promise?—No, not any.

JAMES NICHOLSON sworn, and examined.

James Nicholson.

44,675. Where do you live?—Marine Place, Henry Street, Pottery.
44,676. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
44,677. How much?—£6 11*s.*
44,678. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
44,679. When was your freedom taken up?—About forty-five or forty-six years since.
44,680. Did you pay for it yourself?—Yes.
44,681. Did you vote before the Reform Bill?—Yes; a long while.
44,682. Did you use to get your 2*l.* and 4*l.*?—We used to get the 2*l.* and 4*l.*
44,683. In 1841, did you vote for Clay and Thompson?—Yes; I think I did.
44,684. Did William Henry Nicholson get 30*s.* for you?—Not that I know of.
44,685. Did you get 30*s.*?—I am sure I cannot tell you now since that time; perhaps I might.
44,686. You think you did, perhaps?—Perhaps I did; I cannot say exactly. You will have it down, and most likely it will be correct if you have it down in the book.
44,687. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I polled for Mr. Clay and Mr. Brown.
44,688. You were one of William Henry Nicholson's party at that time?—I was one at Mr. Hall's, the Baltic; that was the man that had the party.
44,689. William Henry Nicholson was one of the party?—Yes; he was there.
44,690. He rather managed for you?—He did not manage for us; he managed for Hall, because Hall was shortsighted.
44,691. Is William Henry Nicholson any relation of yours?—Yes; he is my son.
44,692. He may have got the money for you in 1841?—I cannot exactly say about that.
44,693. How much did you get in 1847 at the Baltic?—I got a sovereign, they tell me, from Mr. Galloway,—I am not sure,—and we got 19*s.* from Mr. Brown.
44,694. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
44,695. What did you get this time?—I got 17*s.* 6*d.*
44,696. Who paid you that?—I do not know who it was that gave it me; I got it on the basin side, close beside the dock basin.
44,697. Did you go into a room for it?—Yes.
44,698. Were there many people in the room?—No.
44,699. How many?—There was only myself and the man that paid me, I think, at the time.
44,700. You do not know him?—No; I should not know him again if I was to see him.
44,701. Were there more waiting outside?—Yes; there were a many waiting outside, and many before. I did not get mine till a good bit after the election, but it was for my services for running about, I expect.
44,702. How many were there waiting about the door?—I dare say there were a score.
44,703. Can you tell us a little more particularly where it was?—I am sure I cannot tell you the number of the house.
44,704. Was that all you got for the last election?—That is all I got for the last election.
44,705. Had your son anything to do for you this last election?—Only to attend to carry the notes out; that made them give me 17*s.* 6*d.*, I expect.
44,706. But your son, was he engaged?—I cannot say anything at all about him; he is upgrown, a man for himself now, and I cannot tell what he transacts; he does not tell me what he transacts.
44,707. Did he do anything for you this last election?—No; nothing at all.
44,708. Did he ask you for your vote?—No; besides if he had it would not have been any better, because if he had been for the other party, I should have been for Bramley Moore.
44,709. You did not tell him to make a bargain for you?—No; I did not.
44,710. Was he very busy about the election?—No; he was, whether or no, going to the poll, as I could learn.
44,711. Was he not very busy during the election time, about election matters?—No; not that I know of; he does not live with me; I cannot say what he was doing; I do not see him perhaps more than once a month, for all he lives in the same street.
44,712. Had you a son of the name of James Nicholson?—I had.
44,713. Is he dead?—He died in Bombay.

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44,714. How long ago?—About eighteen months ago.
44,715. Was he of the party at the Baltic?—Yes; he was at the Baltic.
44,716. And he got money as you did?—Just so.
44,717. In 1841 and 1847, both?—Yes.

P. Nequest, sen.

PETER NEQUEST, sen., sworn, and examined.

44,718. Where do you live?—Cogan Terrace.
44,719. Do you pay rent for a house?—No; it is is my own.
44,720. What is it rated at?—£12.
44,721. Are you a freeman?—No.
44,722. A 10*l.* householder?—Yes.
44,723. Did you vote in 1841?—No.
44,724. Did you not vote when Clay and Thompson were candidates?—No; I believe not.
44,725. Here, you signed your name (*Book No.* 13)?—Maybe I did, I have forgotten; it may be the case.
44,726. This will refresh your memory; is that your writiting?—Yes.
44,727. Now you think you did vote?—Yes.
44,728. For Clay and Thompson?—Yes.
44,729. And got 30*s.*?—I do not know that I got anything; I am sure it has quite slipped my memory.
44,730. But that is your writing?—Yes, it is.
44,731. In 1847, did you vote?—Yes.
44,732. Who for?—Brown and Baines.
44,733. Were you paid for either of those parties?—I had 5*s.* from Mr. Brown, or that party.
44,734. Was that all you got at that election?—That is all I got.
44,735. Either before or after?—Before or after.
44,736. Where were you paid the 5*s.*?—In a public house at the end of West Street I do not know the name of the house.
44,737. Was it the Blue Bell?—Yes; I believe it was.
44,738. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
44,739. Were you paid anything?—No.
44,740. Were you employed?—Yes.
44,741. Where?—Put down as a runner in Saville Street.
44,742. And not paid anything?—No.
44,743. You expected to be paid when others were?—Yes, that I did, of course; they had me employed the polling day to run for them.
44,744. You were employed the polling day?—Yes; they sent for me the day before.
44,745. Were you not paid for that?—No; not a farthing.
44,746. At the time you voted, you expected you would be paid?—Yes; to be sure I did.
44,747. It was at Wilde's, at 21, Saville Street, that you were set down?—Yes.

W. Nicholson.

WILLIAM NICHOLSON sworn, and examined.

44,748. Where do you live?—No. 37, Roper Street.
44,749. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
44,750. How much?—£7.
44,751. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
44,752. How long have you been free?—From 1839.
44,753. Was it paid for you?—It was paid for me.
44,754. By which party?—The Reform party.
44,755. Did you vote for them in consequence in 1841?—In 1841 I voted for Clay Thompson.
44,756. I suppose you thought you ought to vote for them in fairness, as they paid for your freedom?—Decidedly.
44,757. Did you get any money?—Yes; I was paid as a runner.
44,758. How much?—30*s.*
44,759. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Brown and Baines.
44,760. Were you paid anything then?—No.
44,761. Neither before nor after the election?—No.
44,762. You were not of the Baltic party?—No; I was not.
44,763. Are you any relation to those Nicholsons?—No, not at all; I have not a relation of the name of Nicholson living, except my own family.
44,764. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.
44,765. Who for?—Moore and Butler.
44,766. Did you get anything?—No.

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44,767. Were you employed?—No.
44,768. Or set down?—No.
44,769. You had nothing to do with anybody?—Nothing at all.
44,770. Were you ever at any of the committee rooms?—No.
44,771. Were you canvassed for your vote?—I was canvassed by both parties.
44,772. How came you to vote for Moore and Butler?—By my own wish.
44,773. I only want to know the reason?—By my own wish.
44,774. The orange party took your freedom up?—Yes; but I did not vote for the orange party the time before.
44,775. Not in 1847?—No.
44,776. You thought, voting once, you had worn out that?—Yes.
44,777. They were all orange in 1847? there were no blues? Who did you consider the blues?—Mr. Brown was considered a blue; I believe he took the colour of blue. It was for Brown and Baines I polled.
44,778. But Baines was an orange, was he not?—No; pink.
44,779. He was a reformer?—Yes.

W. D. Pere.

WILLIAM DENNIS PERE sworn, and examined.

44,780. Where do you live?—In New George Street.
44,781. Do you pay rent for a house?—No.
44,782. Are you a lodger?—No; it is my own house.
44,783. What is it rated at?—£8.
44,784. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
44,785. How long have you been a freeman?—Twenty three years.
44,786. Did you vote before the Reform Bill?—Yes.
44,787. Did you get the 2*l.* and 4*l.*?—No.
44,788. Never?—No.
44,789. Did you vote in 1847?—Yes.
44,790. For Clay and Thompson?—Yes.
44,791. And got paid?—Yes; 30*s.* I believe.
44,792. Did you vote in 1847?—Yes.
44,793. Who did you vote for?—For Mr. Clay.
44,794. Only?—Only.
44,795. Did you get anything then?—No.
44,796. Neither before nor after?—No.
44,797. Were you employed?—No.
44,798. Did you vote in 1852?—Yes, I did.
44,799. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
44,800. Did you get any money then?—No, I did not.
44,801. Were you employed?—No.
44,802. Was your name set down?—No.
44,803. Was nothing said to you about money at all?—No.
44,804. Or about employment?—No.
44,805. You were to have nothing for you vote?—Nothing that I am aware of.
44,806. Were you ever at any of the committee rooms?—Only on the day of the election, I was in the Wilberforce rooms, that is all.
44,807. What were you there for?—I only went there to see the stir, that is all.
44,808. You did not go there to get your name set down, or see what you could get?—No.

S. Ounsworth.

SAMUEL OUNSWORTH sworn, and examined.

44,809. Where do you live?—Ann's Court, Spencer Street.
44,810. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
44,811. How much?—£4 10*s.*
44,812. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
44,813. How long have you been so?—Between forty and fifty years.
44,814. Did you get the 2*l.* and 4*l.* before the Reform Bill?—I did.
44,815. In 1841, did you vote for Clay and Thompson?—I believe for Clay only.
44,816. You got 30*s.* for it?—A pound, I believe.
44,817. You signed your name to 1*l.* 10*s.*?—No.
44,818. Here is your own signature.—I may be mistaken.
44,819. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Clay.
44,820. Were you of the party at the Baltic?—No.
44,821. Were you paid any money?—Not a farthing.
44,822. Are you quite sure you were paid nothing at that election?—I am sure I received nothing but in 1841; from that time I never received anything.
44,823. You were not of Nicholson's party, or Hall's party, at the Baltic?—No.
44,824. Had you no promise in 1847?—No.

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44,825. Did you apply for anything?—I applied in the year 1841.

44,826. After 1841—in 1847?—No. I think that was not Mr. Clay's election, was it?

44,827. Yes; Clay and Baines?—I think it was Colonel Thompson I got the money for.

44,828. You are asked how you came not to get money in 1847?—I never applied for it.

44,829. You did not hear that the money was stirring?—No; I never thought that anybody got anything.

44,830. You got none at the last election?—No.

44,831. Was your name set down at the last election?—Yes. I believe they canvassed me for my vote.

44,832. Was it set down as a runner?—No.

44,833. Or to get money when others did?—I never got a farthing that way.

44,834. You are asked whether it was set down to get money after the election was over?—No.

44,835. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

44,836. Was your name set down?—No. I never got any money, nor never was promised any.

44,837. Did you ask for any?—No; I never asked for any.

44,838. Did you ask for any emplopment?—No.

44,839. Was nothing said to you at the election about being paid for your vote?—No.

44,840. Or being paid for your employment?—No; nothing was said of the kind. I recollect I had a son at the time at my house ill with the rheumatics, and Mr. Clay and Lord Goderich came to solicit my vote; in consequence of that I asked him if he would allow a little for the young man who had been so many weeks out of work, and he told me he could not, because it would be considered as bribery; therefore, you know, I got nothing, and there was no promise of anything.

44,841. Was that the only time you spoke of getting something?—That was the only time I spoke of that.

44,842. Was that your son, Joseph Ounsworth?—Yes.

44,843. Was that the son you are speaking of?—No; he is a stonemason; that is the shoemaker.

44,844. He did vote after all?—He lived at London, but he came down for the good of his health—the one I speak of.

44,845. Did your sick son vote?—No.

44,846. What was his name?—John.

44,847. Was he a voter?—Yes; he is a freeman.

Mark Peterson.

MARK PETERSON sworn, and examined.

44,848. Where do you live?—New George Street.

44,849. Do you pay rent?—Yes.

44,850. How much?—£5.

44,851. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

44,852. How long have you been a freeman?—Since Mr. Mitchell's first election; he was here twice.

44,853. Did you vote before the Reform Bill?—Yes.

44,854. Used you to get the 2*l.* before?—Yes.

44,855. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay.

44,856. And Thompson?—I think not, but I will not be sure of that.

44,857. Did you get 30*s.*?—No.

44,858. How much?—Nothing.

44,859. Is there any other Mark Peterson besides you?—No, not in Hull that I know of.

44,860. They have put you down that you got 5*l.*?—No; I cannot do that.

44,861. £5 altogether; that you were a runner at Mr. Stark's for five weeks at a pound a week?—That was Mr. Hutt's election.

44,862. No; when Clay and Thompson were the candidates, you were paid for several weeks by Mr. Stark?—Yes, I was paid, but that was at Mr. Hutt's election.

44,863. No; it was in 1841 when Mr. Stark paid you?—Then I was paid there; it is my mistake.

44,864. You were paid for five weeks, were you?—Yes.

44,865. Four weeks at 25*s.* a week, is that it?—Yes.

44,866. Was that as a runner or a messenger?—As a runner.

44,867. And you applied for work?—Yes.

44,868. Did you get any more?—No.

44,869. What did you do in 1841?—Carry notes out, and letters when they were wanted.

44,870. Were you out of work?—Yes.

44,871. Did you understand if you were employed and got work, that you were to vote for Mr. Clay?—No; I never voted for a man in my life; I never was asked by the master to vote.

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44,872. Did you expect, if you got employment, that you were to vote for Mr. Clay?—Yes, of course.

44,873. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Clay only.

44,874. Did you vote for Baines or Brown?—No; nothing to do with them; I never saw them.

44,875. Did you get any money that election?—No, I did not ;but after the election I got a pound.

44,876. Who did you get it from?—I believe they called the gentleman Sissons that brought it to me.

44,877. At the last election who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

44,878. Did you get anything that last time?—Yes.

44,879. How much?—I was employed as a committee man and received 3*l.* after the election was over.

44,880. Where were you employed as a committee man?—In the Sykes Street committee room; after the election, about a fortnight.

44,881. Who paid you?—I forget the gentleman's name, in Trinity House Lane.

44,882. What did you do?—I canvassed.

44,883. You did not go and sit at the committee, and decide what the committee was to do?—No, I did not; I was there some time.

44,884. Who employed you?—Mr. Sissons.

44,885. Did you ask to be employed?—They came to me and asked me. They canvassed me and they said I might go there and they would set my name down, and I went.

44,886. They came and canvassed you for your vote, and told you to go and get your name set down?—Yes.

W. Randerson.

WILLIAM RANDERSON sworn, and examined.

44,887. Where do you live?—Snell's Entry, High street.

44,888. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.

44,889. How much?—£6.

44,890. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

44,891. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1824.

44,892. You polled before the Reform Bill?—Yes.

44,893. And got your two guineas and four?—Yes.

44,894. In 1841 did you vote for Clay and Thompson?—Yes.

44,895. Did you get 30*s.*?—Yes.

44,896. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.

44,897. Did you get any money at that time?—No.

44,898. Were you employed?—No.

44,899. Was your name set down?—No.

44,900. How came you not to get money then?—I was very busy at the time.

44,901. At the last election who did you vote for?—Goderich and Clay.

44,902. Did you get anything at the last election?—No.

44,903. Was your name set down?—No.

44,904. Were you employed?—No.

44,905. Did you ask for employment?—No.

44,906. Was anything said to you about being employed or paid?—No; nothing was said to me.

John Rhoades.

JOHN RHOADES sworn, and examined.

44,907. Where do you live?—New George Street.

44,908. Do you pay rent?—Yes.

44,909. How much?—£14.

44,910. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

44,911. How long?—Since 1839.

44,912. Was it taken up for you?—Yes.

44,913. By which party?—The orange.

44,914. Did you vote in consequence in 1841?—Yes.

44,915. For Clay and Thompson?—Yes.

44,916. Were you paid 30*s.*?—No.

44,917. How much?—10*s.*

44,918. £1 10*s.*?—10*s.* is all I got.

44,919. Thomas Swift you employed to receive the money?—Yes.

44,920. He gives a receipt for 30*s.*?—I only got 10*s.*

44,921. Was he to have a pound himself?—No; certainly not.

44,922. He got 1*l.* 10*s.* for you?—He only gave me 10*s.*

44,923. Do you know where he lives?—No; I have not seen him for years.

44,924. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay.

44,925. Did you get anything then?—No.

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44,926. Nothing before nor after the election?—No.
44,927. Were you employed?—No.
44,928. Who did you vote for last election?—Clay and Goderich.
44,929. Did you get any money?—No.
44,930. Were you employed?—No.
44,931. Was your name set down?—No.
44,932. Nothing said to you about employment or pay?—No.
44,933. You are quite sure?—Quite sure.

John Robinson.

JOHN ROBINSON sworn, and examined.

44,934. Where do you live?—Sykes Street, Princes Gardens.
44,935. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
44,936. How much?—£4.
44,937. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
44,938. How long?—1826, I took my freedom up.
44,939. You used to get the 2*l.* and 4*l.*?—Yes.
44,940. In 1841, did you vote for Clay and Thompson?—No. I was in the blue party. I always have been blue ever since I polled.
44,941. Did you vote for Hanmer and James then?—Yes.
44,942. Did you write your name?—I can write it, but very badly.
44,943. Did you get any money from Hanmer and James?—Yes.
44,944. How much?—£1, I believe.
44,945. Was that all?—£1.
44,946. Are you sure only 1*l.*?—I cannot recollect any more.
44,947. When was it paid, before or after you voted?—After the election.
44,948. Who by?—I cannot tell you who by.
44,949. The man was disguised, you could not see who it was?—I do not know who it was.
44,950. Is not that so?—I have a bad memory; it is now so long since. I know I got 1*l.*
44,951. You did not see the man's face?—No.
44,952. Is that your writing (No. 13.)?—Yes; I should not wonder, but what it is.
44,953. How comes that? that is 30*s.* from the orange?—It is not my name then; I never polled for the orange, or had a halfpenny of them; that I can take an oath of. If I never was to move out of the place.
44,954. You think that is your writing?—I could not swear to it; it is badly wrote; I am not a writer.
44,955. At that time, did you know another John Robinson?—There are several John Robinsons, no doubt.
44,956. In 1847, who did you vote for?—For the blues; that would be for Mr. Baines and Mr. Brown.
44,957. Did you get any money then?—I got 10*s.* from Brown, nothing from Baines.
44,958. Was that before or after you voted?—After I voted.
44,959. Where?—I cannot tell you; in Wincolmlee—Mr. Yeal paid it.
44,960. At the last election, who did you poll for?—Moore and Butler.
44,961 Did you get anything that time?—I got 1*l.*
44,962. Before or after you voted?—After I voted.
44,963. Where?—I got paid in Saville Street. Mr. Purdon paid me; the auctioneer.
44,964. Was that at a committee room?—No; the committee room was in Worship Street, that I belong to.
44,965. Where did he pay?—At his own house.
44,966. Were there other people there waiting to be paid?—Not when I went.
44,967. You saw nobody but Purdon?—No.
44,968. How came you to go to Purdon?—I got to know that he was paying, that is all.
44,969. Somebody told you they had been paid by him?—Yes.
44,970. Who is that?—Some of the men.
44,971. Who told you?—I got paid at twice. I got 10*s.* at first.
44,972. Who told you to go to Mr. Purdon?—Some other freeman. I cannot tell exactly now who it was.
44,973. Was there more than one told you so?—There was some one came to our house to tell me the second time; that is all I know. I could not swear that is my writing at all. I am certain I never got a halfpenny from them.

John Scott.

JOHN SCOTT sworn, and examined.

44,974. Where do you live?—In Francis Street, East.
44,975. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
44,976. How much?—£14.

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44,977. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

44,978. How long have you been a freeman?—It will be twenty eight years since I got my freedom, or 1827, one or the two.

44,979. Did you vote before the Reform Bill?—Yes.

44,980. Did you get 2*l.* and 4*l.*?—No; I never got anything.

44,981. In 1841, did you vote for Clay and Thompson?—Yes.

44,982. You got something then?—Yes; I got 30*s.*

44,983. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay alone.

44,984. Did you get anything then?—I think after the election sometime I went to Mr. Galloway's office to get 5*s.*; but they told me it was not in the shape of paying for the election. He would make a present to me.

44,985. Is that all you got?—That is all I got so far for it. I have not had anything else.

44,986. You went to him to ask for something?—A report was going that they were paying something; however, they denied it when I got there that they were doing anything of the sort.

44,987. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

44,988. Did you get anything then?—Not a halfpenny.

44,989. Was your name set down?—No.

44,990. No promise?—No; not a promise of anything; never had it put to me, or never asked.

44,991. Did you not go and look if they were paying?—Not anywhere.

44,992. Never had anything to do with it?—Not anything to do with it. I did not promise any person till I went to poll myself.

44,993. Did you go to Saville Street at all?—No, I never knew there was such a place.

44,994. You did not know there was such a place?—I knew there was such a place.

44,995. You did not know there was a Mr. Wilde?—I did not know there was such a man in the town, until the scrutiny took place.

Matthew Robson.

MATTHEW ROBSON sworn, and examined.

44,996. Where do you live?—Clark Square, Sykes Street.

44,997. What rent do you pay?—Eight guineas.

44,998. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

44,999. How long?—Since 1818.

45,000. Did you get your two guineas and four guineas before the Reform Bill?—Yes.

45,001. In 1841, did you vote for Clay and Thompson?—Yes.

45,002. And got 30*s.*?—Yes.

45,003. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I bulleted Mr. Clay.

45,004. Did you get anything that election?—No.

45,005. Were you employed at all?—No.

45,006. Got nothing?—Nothing.

45,007. The last election, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

45,008. Did you get anything then?—No.

45,009. Any promise?—No.

45,010. Was your name not set down?—No.

45,311. Nothing said to you about it?—Oh dear, no; nothing of the kind.

45,012. About promise or money?—No.

45,013. Are you sure of that?—Quite sure.

45,014. Did you expect six days' pay?—I did not expect anything of the kind; I never got a promise of anything of the kind.

45,015. You were not promised it, but did you expect six days' pay?—No, I never expected it.

45,016. How came you to get nothing in 1847?—I never thought of anything of the kind; my name was put down in 1841, and I did not know anything about it.

Thomas Shaw.

THOMAS SHAW sworn, and examined.

45,317. Where do you live?—Air Street.

45,018. What rent do you pay?—£20.

45,019. Are you a freeman?—No.

45,020. Did you vote in 1841?—No, only voted this last election; never before.

45,021. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

45,022. You are right, I suppose? you are quite sure of that? There is a Thomas Shaw here (*No.* 13.)?—It is not me.

45,023. Did you get anything from Moore and Butler?—No.

45,024. No money at all?—No.

45,025. Were you employed.?—No.

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45,026. Any room taken at your house?—Nothing but just go to the poll and back again; that is all I had to do with them.
45,027. That is all you had to do with the election?—Yes.
45,028. Do you know anybody else of your name?—There are a many Thomas Shaws', but not in Air Street.
45,029. Look at that handwriting, and tell me if you know whose it is?—I do not.
45,030. It is not your own?—No.

William Siddons.

WILLIAM SIDDONS sworn, and examined.

45,031. Where do you live?—Air Street.
45,032. What rent do you pay?—£3 15*s.*
45,033. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
45,034. How long have you been free?—Since in 1839.
45,035. Was your freedom taken up for you?—Yes.
45,036. By which party?—The orange party.
45,037. Did you vote for them in consequence in 1841?—Yes.
45,038. Did you also get 30*s.*?—I got nothing except 5*s.* for being a messenger on the day of the poll, for Clay and Thompson.
45,039. You were a messenger on the polling day?—Yes.
45,040. Did you have your name set down before that for employment?—Yes, as a runner at that day.
45,041. You were one of the 5*s.* men on the polling day?—Yes, and a very dear 5*s.* it was; I worked very hard I am sure for it.
45,042. Did you work so far as to go and vote during the time?—I was from booth to booth.
45,043. Did it encourage you to go and vote?—Yes.
45,044. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay only.
45,045. Did you get anything that election?—Not a farthing.
45,046. Were you employed at all?—No.
45,047. At the last election, did you have any money?—No.
45,048. Were you employed?—No.
45,049. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
45,050. Was your name set down?—Yes.
45,051. Where?—In Chapel Lane.
45,052. You were to have been paid if others were?—I never expected it.
45,053. What did you go there to have your name set down for?—No one asked me, and I never asked any one; they were setting names down, and I went to get mine down.
45,054. That was in order to get something if others did?—I never expected it.
45,055. Tell us something that we can believe. Do you mean to say you set it down to see how your name would look on paper? You never had seen it on paper before?—I did not see it on paper; a man wrote it down.
45,056. You went there for the purpose of having it set down?—Decidedly.
45,057. You know what setting down names is, because you had your name set down in 1841. When was it set down?—It was before the last election.
45,058. How long before the election?—I cannot tell to a day or two, perhaps a week.

William Simpson.

WILLIAM SIMPSON sworn, and examined.

45,059. Where do you live?—Osborne Place, Osborne Street.
45,060. What rent do you pay?—I am a lodger.
45,061. You are a freeman?—Yes.
45,062. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1834.
45,063. By which party was your freedom taken up?—The orange party, I believe.
45,064. Did you vote for them in consequence in 1841?—Yes.
45,065. Were you also paid money?—No.
45,066. £1 10*s.*?—No such thing; I never received a farthing. (*Book* 13 *was produced.*)
45,067. That is your receipt? Do you write? Yes.
45,068. Just see if that is your writing (*handing book* 13.)—No.
45,069. Is not that your writing?—No.
45,070. You swear that?—I swear that.
45,071. Do you know whose writing it is?—No.
45,072. You do write pretty well, do you not?—Yes.
45,073. Are you sure of it?—I never received a farthing.
45,074. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay.
45,075. Were you paid any money that election?—No.
45,076. Were you not at Mr. Galloway's?—No.
45,077. Neither before nor after the election?—Neither before nor after.

William Simpson.

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45,078. Were you not at the Wilberforce rooms?—No, except the night before the last election; not at the '47 election, I was not at the Wilberforce rooms.

45,079. Who did you vote for the the last election?—Clay and Goderich.

45,080. Were you paid anything at the last election?—No.

45,081. What were you at the Wilberforce rooms about?—I went there to hear the speaking, that is all.

45,082. Was your name set down?—No.

45,083. Nothing said to you about it?—No.

45,084. Did you not apply for employment?—No, I never was canvassed at the last two elections, not the 1847 or the 1852.

JOHN SPENCER sworn, and examined.

John Spencer

45,085. Where do you live?—126, Porter Street.

45,086. What rent do you pay?—£16.

45,087. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

45,088. How long have you been a freeman?—Ever since 1820.

45,089. Did you get some money before?—Once I did, from Mr. Sykes.

45,090 In 1841, did you vote for Clay and Thompson?—I did.

45,091. Did you get paid for that?—Well, after the election was over some time, I was told that I was to go up, and if I went to Bishop Lane I should get 30*s*. I went and got it; I did not get my name set down; it was set down before by somebody.

45,092. You set your own name down when you got the 30*s*.?—Yes, I signed my name then.

45,093. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay.

45,094. Did you get anything then?—Not then.

45,095. Neither before nor after?—No.

45,096. Are you quite sure?—Quite sure.

45,097. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

45,098. Did you get anything then?—No.

45,099. Any promise?—No.

45,100. Your name was down?—Not by my sanction.

45,101. Who spoke to you about it?—No one.

45,102. Did you have nothing to do with any money?—No, nothing at all.

45,103. Did you know Saville Street?—No, I did not.

WILLIAM STAVE sworn, and examined.

William Stave.

45,104. Where do you live?—Humber Dock Wall.

45,105. What rent do you pay?—£16.

45,106. Are you a freeman?—No.

45,107. A 10*l*. householder?—Yes.

45,108. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes.

45,109. Who for?—Clay and Thompson.

45,110. Did you get 30*s*.?—I did; I did not apply for it; I never was entered.

45,111. You took it?—I was sent for and it was given to me apiece after—a good while after.

45,112. You took it and you signed your name for it?—No, I did not sign; it was laid down on the counter and I went and took it; they told me I was to take it. I gave them no receipt.

45,113. In Bishop Lane?—In Blanket Row.

45,114. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Clay.

45,115. Did you get anthing then?—Nothing; that is all I got.

45,116. Then you never had any other money?—No, nothing.

45,117. Not from any one?—Nothing at all.

45,118. Who did you vote for the last election?—Goderich and Clay.

45,119. Did you get your name set down?—No, nothing.

45,120. Do you know of Wilde's place in Saville Street?—No; I never went after him.

45,121. Do you know it? that is my question.—Yes; I know Mr. Wilde.

45,122. Did you know he had a place for setting down names in Saville Street?—I cannot say; I never was at it.

45,123. Did you hear it before the election was over?—Yes.

45,124. Did you talk about it?—I might have talked about it; I never was at it I know, for I never bothered my head about it at all.

T. Thompson.

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THOMAS THOMPSON sworn, and examined.

45,125. Where do you live?—Davies Street.

45,126. What rent do you pay?—I pay 32*l.*, not for the dwellinghouse, but as the qualification for my shop.

45,127. What are you?—A ship and engine smith.

45,128. Are you a freeman?—No.

45,129. Did you vote in 1841?—No, I was not elligible at that time.

45,130. Did you vote in 1847?—No.

45,131. The first time you voted was at the last election?—I voted at the last election.

45,132. You got nothing for voting?—I did not expect anything.

John Todd.

JOHN TODD sworn, and examined.

45,133. Where do you live?—Commercial Court, High Street.

45,134. What rent do you pay?—£6.

45,135. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

45,136. How long have you been a freeman?—I was admitted to my freedom in 1819.

45,137. Did you vote before the Reform Bill?—Yes.

45,138. Did you get the 2*l.* and 4*l.*?—Yes.

45,139. In 1841, did you vote for Clay and Thompson?—Yes.

45,140. Were you paid 30*s.*?—I was employed as a clerk for Clay and Thompson.

45,141. For how long?—About five weeks.

45,142. How much were you paid?—4*s.* a day.

45,143. For five weeks?—Nearly five weeks.

45,144. Did you apply to be employed?—Yes, I always apply.

45,145. Was it for Clay and Thompson?—It was Thompson at first, and then they united; the committee room was at Scale Lane at that time.

45,146. Did you get any money besides the 4*s.* a day?—No, that is what I got.

45,147. Did you get some money from Mr. Stark?—I have no recollection of getting it from Mr. Stark.

45,148. You say you were a messenger?—No; I was employed as a clerk.

45,149. As a clerk for Colonel Thompson?—At first.

45,150. After the parties united, did you not get money from Mr. Stark—three days at 5*s.* a day?—I am sure I have no recollection.

45,151. You got 30*s.* altogether?—I was employed five weeks altogether as a clerk.

45,152. Here is your signature to what you got altogether (*referring to Book* 13)?—Let me look at it, if you please. (*The book was handed to the witness*). That is my writing.

45,153. You were paid 30*s.* as a runner?—I did not know I was down in Thistleton's list.

45,154. That is Thistleton's list, and there is your own writing in it?—He has given it without asking for it.

45,155. You took it?—Yes, I did.

45,156. He asked you to sign your name there, and you did?—Yes.

45,157. After you polled?—Oh yes.

45,158. You took all you could get?—Of course I took it.

45,159. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Clay and Brown.

45,160. Did you get any money then?—I was employed as a clerk for Mr. Brown.

45,161. How much did you get?—I was paid 4*s.* a day then.

45,162. For how long?—I was employed about three weeks, if I remember aright.

45,163. 4*s.* a day for three days for Mr. Brown?—At the Bull and Sun, Mytongate.

45,164. Mr. Brown was here three days?—Yes, he was; but there was a committe before that time.

45,165. A committee from hand to mouth for any money they could get?—I was employed a fortnight.

45,166. Who put you on the committee?—There was Mr. Peck in Blackfriargate, and Walker.

45,167. What Walker—John Walker?—Yes.

45,168. The basketmaker?—Yes; they were the principals that employed me.

45,169. They employed you three weeks?—Yes.

45,170. And they made Mr. Brown pay for you and some others?—They paid me a fortnight; I was employed by Mr. Wells.

45,171. One of the clerks?—I was paid three weeks.

45,172. Did you get any more?—No.

45,173. Nobody offered you any money?—No.

45,174. Are you quite sure?—Yes, quite sure.

45,175. Now, at the last election, were you employed?—I was employed at the central committee room.

45,176. As a clerk?—I certainly was; I always apply.

15,177. For how long?—For above a month,—3*s.* 6*d.* a day.

45,178. What committee room?—Mr. Galloway's.

John Todd.

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45,179. Bishop Lane?—Yes.
45,180. How much did you get?—3*s.* 6*d.* a day.
45,181. Did you get anything besides that?—No; I was employed as a general clerk, for any purpose.
45,182. What purpose? what to do? to set in the office?—Yes, all the day; from nine o'clock in the morning till seven in the evening.
45,183. How many people used to come in a day?—We had a room up stairs; there was a deal of people in during the day about different things. A gentleman of the name of Brady was the secretary, and he used to send word for anything there was to do. I attended regularly every day, and there were other clerks there as well as me.
45,184. Then the principal business in 1847 that Walker was about was hunting for a candidate?—Yes; the fortnight I was there before Mr. Brown came.

C. Tomlinson.

CHARLES TOMLINSON sworn, and examined.

45,185. Where do you live?—Wincolmlee.
45,186. What rent do you pay?—12*l.*
45,187. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
45,188. How long have you been a freeman?—Ever since 1806.
45,189. You used to get the 2*l.* and 4*l.*?—Yes; and six bags of coal in the winter for a good fire.
45.190. In 1841, who did you vote for?—Clay and Thompson.
45,191. Did you get 30*s.* for that?—I did not get it; my Missus got it, after I went to sea, I believe.
45,192. You had been set down before, and you meant to have something if other people did?—If other people got it, I expected to have some.
45,193. Your name was set down to get it if others did?—Yes.
45,194. Did you get anything more than the 30*s.*?—No; I am sure I did not.
45,195. Were you employed by Mr. Stark?—No; I know nothing about Mr. Stark.
45,196. They say you had 5*l.*?—I wish I had; I would have bought a pair of new boots with it.
45,197. Were you employed at all at that election?—No; I was not employed at all, not that I know of, only to look about as others were and see the thing.
45,198. In 1847 did you vote?—I was at sea.
45,199. At the last election did you vote?—Yes.
45,200. Who for?—Lord Goderich and Mr. Clay.
45,201. Did you get anything?—I was employed under him about a month.
45,202. Where?—At Mr. Galloway's office.
45,203. What as?—As a runner—carrying out circulars, and such as that.
45,204. How much did you get?—1*l.* a week.
45 205. Something more for the polling day and the nomination day?—Yes; I was paid some addition to that.
45,206. You applied, I suppose, for employment?—Yes; I did. I had nothing at all to do, so I thought if I could get a job I would accept of it the same as the rest; it would be a little towards the head.
45,207. Do you remember how much additional you got for the polling and nomination days?—I am sure I do not know whether I got 4*s.* or 5*s.* a day for the two days, I am sure.

W. Valentine.

WILLIAM VALENTINE sworn, and examined.

45,208. Where do you live?—Blackfriargate.
45,209. What rent do you pay for your house?—20*l.*
45,210. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
45,211. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1826.
45,212. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes.
45,213. For Clay and Goderich?—Yes.
45,214. Did you get 30*s.*?—I believe I did, near upon it, from Mr. Thistleton; I do not think it was so much as that, but it may be.
45,215. Did you vote in 1847?—Yes.
45,216. Who for?—Baines and Clay.
45,217. Did you get any money then?—No.
45,218. Were you employed at all?—No.
45,219. At the last election who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
45,220. Did you get anything from them?—No.
45,221. No employment?—No.
45,222. Were you set down?—No.
45,223. You know what is meant by asking you that question?—Yes.
45,224. You had nothing of the sort to do?—No.
45,225. You are doing a good business, are you, in your own trade?—Pretty fair.
45,226. You are respectable in the market, or something of that sort?—Yes.

William Wardale.

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WILLIAM WARDALE sworn, and examined.

45,227. Where do you live?—English Street.

45,228. What rent?—18*l.*

45,229. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

45,230. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes.

45,231. How long have you been a freeman?—It was taken up in 1839.

45,232. By which party?—The Reform party.

45,233. The orange?—Yes.

45,234. Did you vote for them in consequence in 1841?—No; that did not influence me at all.

45,235. What you got?—No.

45,236. You did not think you were bound to vote for them if they paid for your freedom?—I did not care about their taking it up for me, because I could have taken it up myself.

45,237. Perhaps you were paid the money back?—Oh dear, no.

45,238. You did not understand they would expect you to vote for them when they paid for your freedom?—No; nothing of the sort. I do not think they would ask me such a thing; they knew my principle before that.

45,239. If you had voted against them you would have paid the money back?—I made no promises.

45,240. You did vote for them?—Yes; from principle.

45,241. And you were paid 30*s.* on principle?—Nothing of the sort.

45,242. Do you write?—Yes; I do.

45,243. Just look at your own writing (*handing Book* 13 *to the witness*)?—Oh dear, no; I can write my name down, and I have always, ever since I could write, voted one way.

45,244. Is that not your writing?—No; it is not my writing.

45,245. You swear it is not?—Yes.

45,246. Is there another William Wardale?—There is War*dells.*

45,247. How do you spell your name?—Wardale.

45,248–9. This is *dell*?—We spell ours *dale.*

45,250. Have you ever received money at any of the elections;—No, sir.

45,251. You swear it? Did you have your name set down?—I do not think they would ask me such a question.

45,252. Have you paid back the money that was paid for you as far back as 1839?—I never considered that I had to pay anything.

45,253. Have you paid it back?—No.

45,254. Then you must not be surprised if these questions are asked?—I am not surprised. I am willing to answer any questions you put to me.

45,255. Now attend to me: in 1839 when they paid for your freedom, what do you suppose they did it for?—I do not know for that, about what they did it for. I was going to take it up myself.

45,256. What do you suppose at the time they did it for?—I expected they thought I should vote for them; there is not the least doubt of that.

45,257. Why did you not say that before? Supposing that they meant that you let them pay for it?—Yes; of course they paid for it; I say again I was not bound by them.

45,258. You left it to them?—They mentioned it to me.

45,259. What did they mention to you?—I knew they had not taken it up; they said they would pay for it, and I said I was going to do it myself. I left it entirely to them whether they did it or not, because I did not bind myself to vote for them.

Thomas Watson.

THOMAS WATSON sworn, and examined.

45,260. Where do you live?—Salt House Lane.

45,261. What rent do you pay?—Twelve guineas.

45,262. Are you a freeman?—I am a householder.

45,263. Did you vote in 1841 for Clay and Thompson?—Yes.

45,264. Were you paid 30*s.*?—I was to have had 30*s.*

45,265. I ask you?—I have had nothing yet; not a farthing.

45,266. Is that the way you sign your name?—It is not my signing, I dare say.

45,267. Look at it (*handing Book* 13. *to the witness*)?—It is not mine.

45,268. Look at it; do you write your name?—Yes; I wrote that.

45,269. Do you always write your name, or do you sign with a mark? that mark with a sort of smudge upon it?—That is not mine, and never was.

45,270. You never had any money at all at any election?—No; the only election was 1801.

45,271. Did you ever have your name set down as a runner?—No; not at the three last. I polled for Mr. Clay three times, and I never received one halfpenny.

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45,272. Do you know Thistleton?—I did know him.
45,273. Did he not receive money for you?—He might, for me, but I have not got it.
45,274. Did you authorize him to receive it?—No, Sir, I did not.
45,275. Here is another Thomas Watson who received 30*s.* by the hand of Thistleton?—I never had any.
45,276. Did you never hear of it before?—The only people I voted for were the Tories.
45,277. The election of 1841 I am speaking of?—That was before.
45,278. Before what?—Before 1841.
45,279. What happened then?—I had to come home, and I got some money for my expenses.

JAMES JACKSON WHEAT sworn, and examined.

J. J. Wheat.

45,280. Where do you live?—30, Richmond Terrace.
45,281. What rent do you pay?—I am sure I cannot tell; I am a lodger.
45,282. Are you a freeman?—I am.
45,283. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1830.
45,284. Did you pay for your freedom yourself?—I did.
45,285. Did you vote in 1841?—I did.
45,286. Clay and Thompson?—Clay and Thompson.
45,287. Did you get 30*s.*?—I did.
45,288. Did you vote in 1841?—I did not.
45,289. In the last election who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
45,290. Did you get anything then?—I did not.
45,291. Was your name set down?—No.
45,292. Were you employed?—No.
45,293. Did you apply to be employed?—No.
45,294. Or to be set down?—No.
45,295. Nothing said to you about it?—No.
45,296. Had you nothing to do with the election but to vote?—Nothing whatever.

WILLIAM BURLEY WHITAKER sworn, and examined.

W. B. Whitaker.

45,297. Where do you live?—Cumberland Street.
45,298. What rent do you pay?—Five guineas.
45,299. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
45,300. How long have you been a freeman?—Ever since 1839.
45,301. Which party took up your freedom?—The orange.
45,302. Did you vote for them in consequence?—Yes.
45,303. Were you paid 30*s.* besides?—Yes; for my expenses. I was an an out of town voter.
45,304. You were paid 30*s.*?—Yes.
45,305. How much did it cost you to come?—Fourteen miles I walked, and then from Barton; that is all. I had to come over from Barton in the packet.
45,306. You did get 30*s.*?—Yes.
45,307. Who paid you?—I do not know who paid me. I got it at the room up against the Lane.
45,308. The Wilberforce rooms?—Yes, I got it there.
45,309. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Brown and Baines.
45,310. Did you get anything that time?—Yes.
45,311. How much? Was it for Brown?—Yes; I got it for my expenses.
45,312. Where did you live?—Hessle.
45,313. How much did it cost you to come from Hessle?—It cost me my walk.
45,314. Who paid you?—I do not know; I was paid out of a window.
45,315. At the last election who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
45,316. Did you get anything that time?—No, not a halfpenny. I was promised some, but I never got it.
45,317. Who promised you?—Mr. Anderton, of Hessle.
45,318. Did he set your name down?—Yes. I lived at Hessle then.
45,319. Is he blue or orange?—I expect he is orange. He said he would pay me for my loss of time.
45,320. He was to set your name down, was he?—He said he would give me 10*s.* for my loss of time, and pay me for the two days. I was two days out.
45,321. Did the blues canvass you at all?—Yes.
45,322. What did you tell them?—I had nothing to do with them.
45,323. Did you not tell them you wanted a little money?—No.
45,324. What did you tell them?—I told them I should not promise anybody.

John Redhead.

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JOHN REDHEAD sworn, and examined.

45,325. Where do you live?—Mytongate.
45,326. What rent do you pay?—£8 a year.
45,327. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
45,328. How long have you been a freeman?—About twenty years.
45,329. Did you vote in 1841 for Clay and Thompson?—Yes.
45,330. Did you get 30*s.* for that?—No.
45,331. How much?—Nothing at all.
45,332. Are you quite sure you got nothing?—I am quite sure.
45,333. Were you set down in Thistleton's list?—No.
45,334. Did Thistleton speak to you?—No, nothing at all; I never heard anything at all about it.
45,335. You were not set down by anybody?—No, not that I know of.
45,336. Were you employed at all?—No.
45,337. Do you know Nicholson at the Baltic?—No, I do not.
45,338. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay and Brown.
45,339. Did you get anything that election?—I got 10*s.*,—my wife did.
45,340. Was it after you voted?—That was after I voted.
45,341. That was for Brown, was it?—Yes; that is all I got.
45,342. Where was it you got it? at the Blue Bell?—In Hale's Entry—Mr. Stamp's room.
45,343. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
45,344. What did you get?—Nothing at all.
45,345. Were you not employed?—No. I never got a farthing.
45,346. Did you see Mr. Legitt?—No.
45,347. Are you quite sure you got nothing from anybody?—Not a farthing.
45,348. Did your wife get any?—No.
45,349. Do you know Mr. Purdon?—No.
45,350. Did you hear that he was paid money?—Nobody ever paid me a farthing.
45,351. Did they leave it at your house for you?—No.
45,352. Are you sure of that?—I am sure of that.
45,353. Do you know Pullen?—No, I do not know him; but I am sure I never got any money.
45,354. After the election did you get it?—Never since Hutt and Hill's election.
45,355. Did you ask for it?—No, never asked for it.
45,356. Did you hear that people were getting paid?—I heard they were getting paid, but I never expected anything.
45,357. And so you did not go for any?—No.
45,358. Did you hear where they were paid?—No, I did not.
45,359. Did you ask about it?—No, I never asked about it.

Adjourned till to-morrow at ten o'clock.

THIRTY-THIRD DAY.—Friday, July 15th 1853.

Henry Johnson.

15th July 1853.

HENRY JOHNSON sworn, and examined.

45,360. What are you?—A freeman.
45,361. What business are you?—A tinner and tinplate worker.
45,362. Where do you live?—Blackfriar Gate.
45,363. Do you occupy a house?—Yes.
45,364. What rent?—£13 a year.
45,365. Do you vote as a householder?—No; a freeman.
45,366. And also a householder?—I am not registered as a householder.
45,367. How long have you been a freeman?—About six years. I think I took up my freedom in 1845; I think it was in 1845—in June 1845. I did not look at my burgess oath when I came out.
45,368. Had you a right to vote in 1841?—No.
45,369. Did you vote in 1847?—Yes.
45,370. Who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
45,371. Did you live at that time in Finkles Street?—I did.
45,372. Were you paid for your vote on behalf of those gentlemen?—I was paid 30*s.* for Brown's election.
45,373. By Mr. Mitchell?—Yes.
45,374. Before or after the polling?—After the polling.
45,375. Was it long after?—Four or five days after; I should not like to say to a day or two.
45,376. Did you poll in 1852?—Yes.

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45,377. Who for?—Moore and Butler.
45,378. You were very active during the election?—No; I think not.
45,379. Were you not engaged at the Shakespeare—Mr. Steeple's?—I was there.
45,380. Do you know Mr. Steeple?—I know him, but I was not engaged under him.
45,381. Were you engaged by him?—No.
45,382. Were you engaged with him?—No; I never was with him all the election.
45,383, Were you at the Shakspeare?—I had my name down; I was set down as a messenger, and I took out notes for the parties there.
45,384. Your name was set down?—My name was set down as a messenger.
45,385. Where?—At the Shakespeare.
45,386. How long before the election?—I think about seven days,—six or seven days.
45,387. Who were you engaged by?—Mr. Davis was the chairman.
45,388. Who were you engaged by?—I do not know; I cannot answer that.
45,389. You simply went there and got your name set down?—That is it, Sir.
45,390. Were you paid?—Yes.
45,391. What was it?—It was £1 7*s.* 6*d.* I received.
45,392. Before or after the election?—Part before and part afterwards.
45,393. Who paid you?—I think Mr. Aitkin paid me part before,—for five days as a runner.
45,394. And part after?—Yes.
45,395. By whom?—I think it was Mr. Jackson was the other party that paid me; I received a little bit of paper from Mr. Davis, and Mr. Jackson paid it.
45,396. After you had stated you had voted for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
45,397. I ask you whether you were employed at the Shakespeare looking after voters?—No; I merely was employed in taking out votes and such like, or anything of that kind.
45,398. Were you employed taking care of voters?—No I was not.
45,399. Where was it you attended?—I attended as the Shakespeare.
45,400. Were there many voters came there?—There were several came.
45,401. Were there five, fifteen, or twenty-five?—I should say I saw twenty, or perhaps a little more; I do not like to mention the number.
45,402. Were there many people paid when you were there?—I did not see any one besides myself; there were several waiting.
45,403. How many waiting?—About a dozen, I should think, were on the stairs when I was there.
45,404. Was it at the Shakespeare you were paid?—Yes.
45,405. While you were attending at the Shakespeare, how many people were employed like yourself?—I really cannot say.
45,406. Was there one?—There were more than one.
45,407. Give us the best idea you can?—I should think about eight or nine, perhaps a dozen. I do not like to say.
45,408. Employed?—Employed.
45,409. From eight to twelve?—From eight to twelve.
45,410. What were they doing?—Similar to myself, employed in carrying out notes.
45,411. How many notes do you think you took out between that and the first day you were employed?—Perhaps two or three.

C. Woodhouse.

CHARLES WOODHOUSE sworn, and examined.

45,412. Where do you live?—I live in Stephen Street, and my shop is 26, Shambles.
45,413. What is your business?—A butcher.
45,414. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
45,415. How much?—£13 a year.
45,416. Are you a freeman?—No.
45,417. Did you vote at the election of 1841—Clay, Thompson, Hanmer and James?—Yes.
45,418. Who did you vote for?—Thompson and Clay.
45,419. You were paid 30*s.*, I believe?—I was, and very acceptable it was at that time to me.
45,420. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I bulleted Mr. Clay.
45,421. Were you paid for your vote?—No.
45,422. Did you not get anything?—I never got anything after the first time I had the 30*s.*
45,423. Did you get paid for that election in 1852, when the men were paid?—No.
45,424. You got nothing at any time?—Not anything.
45,425. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
45,426. Was your name set down anywhere?—Not that I know of; not anywhere but where I voted.
45,427. Did you get any promise for your vote?—No; I never asked for anything.
45,428. Were you employed at all at the last election?—No; I was not.
45,429. Did you apply for employment?—No; I did not.
45,430. Your name was not set down anywhere?—No; not that I know of.

W. Woodward.

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WILLIAM WOODWARD sworn, and examined

45,431. Were do you live ?—Ann Street, near the gas works.
45,432. Do you pay rent ?—No.
45,333. Are you a lodger ?—No.
45,334. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.
45,435. When were you free ?—I cannot exactly say the year.
45,436. As near as you can ?—About the time of O'Neil's election.
45,437. Did they pay for your freedom ?—Yes.
45,438. In 1841 did you vote for Clay and Thompson ?—I voted Clay and Thompson.
45,439. And got 30*s.* afterwards ?—No ; I think not.
45,440. The book says so ?—I was put there as a runner.
45,441. And got 30*s.* ?—I got paid for being a runner.
45,442. How much did you get paid altogether ?—I should think I did get about 30*s.* ; but it is so long since that I cannot recollect. I have no books and papers.
45,443. We have got a book ?—I dare say it is right.
45,444. When were you paid ?—I was paid by Clay's committee about that time.
45,445. Part before and part after ?—Yes.
45,446. In 1847, Clay, Baines, and Brown, did you vote ?—Yes ; I voted for Mr. Brown and Mr. Baines that time.
45,447. Did you get any money at that election for your vote ?—I got half a sovereign.
45,448. From which party ?—From Mr. Brown's.
45,449. When was it paid ?—It was paid after the election.
45,450. Where ?—It was paid over North Bridge after I had voted.
45,451. At what house or place ?—It was at the sign of the Noah's Ark.
45,452. In 1852 did you vote ?—I voted for Goderich and Butler.
45,453. Did you get your name set down for something, or not, as a runner ?—Yes ; I got it for Goderich.
45,454. Where ?—I got that in Humber Street.
45,455. Did you get any payment for that ?—I received 27*s.* 6*d.*
45,456. From whom ?—From Mr. Davis.
45,457. You say you voted for Goderich and Butler ; you mean Bramley Moore and Butler ?—I did.
45,458. You got 27*s.* 6*d.* ?—Yes, I did.
45,459. Did you get any more money ?—No.
45,460. You were paid that by Mr. Davis ?—Yes.
45,461. Were you employed ?—I was employed.
45,462. What to do ?—As a runner.
45,463. When were you set down ?—I am sure I cannot tell exactly ; perhaps a week.
45,464. A week before ?—Aye.
45,465. When was the money paid you, can you tell me ?—I cannot.
45,466. Was it before or after the election ?—After the election.

John Yeaman.

JOHN YEAMAN sworn, and examined.

45,467. Where do you live ?—Osborne's Gallery, Trippett.
45,468. Do you pay rent for a house ?—Yes.
45,469. How much ?—£6 10*s.*
45,470. And you are a freeman, I dare say ?—Yes.
45,471. What is your business ?—A shipwright.
45,472. When were you made a freeman ?—1820, I believe, I took my freedom up.
45,473. At whose expense ?—My own.
45,474. Did you vote in 1841 ?—Yes.
45,475. Clay and Thompson ?—Clay and Thompson.
45,476. Did you get 30*s.* afterwards ?—Yes, I did.
45,477. From Mr. Clay's party ?—Yes, from that party.
45,478. In 1847, Clay, Baines, and Brown ?—Clay and Brown.
45,479. Did you get any money before or after that election ?—Half a sovereign after the election and twenty after.
45,480. 20*s.* I suppose you mean ?—Yes.
45,481. Where were you paid ?—I was paid at the Noah's Ark.
45,482. 10*s.* for Mr. Clay, and 20*s.* for Mr. Brown ?—Yes.
45,483. In 1852 who did you vote for ?—Bramley Moore and Butler.
45,484. Were you employed by them ?—Yes ; four days as a runner.
45,485. Was your name set down ?—Yes.
45,486. At what place ?—Here in Lowgate.
45,487. How much did you receive ?—£1.
45,488. When was it paid you ?—After the election.
45,489. Where ?—Here in Lowgate.
45,490. You were paid at the same place were you ?—Yes.

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45,491. Who paid you?—I am sure I do not know the gentleman's name; I really cannot say.
45,492. Did you have a piece of paper given you; a slip of paper?—No; I had not.
45,493. How long after the election was it you were paid?—About three or four days.
45,494. Were others there with you?—Oh, plenty before I had to get paid.
45,495. They had poll sheets there to see how they voted?—Yes; most likely.

John Spink.

JOHN SPINK sworn, and examined.

45,496. Where do you live?—Mytongate now; I lived in Wincolmlee at the time of the election.
45,497. Are you a householder?—Yes.
45,498. What rent do you pay?—I pay about 50*l.* altogether.
45,499. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
42,500. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.
45,501. Who for?—Clay and Thompson.
45,502. Did you receive any money?—Never.
45,503. Did you vote in 1847?—Yes.
45,504. Clay, Baines, and Brown; who for?—Mr. Clay.
45,505. Did you receive anything at that election?—No.
45,506. In 1852, Clay and Goderich?—Yes.
45,507. Did you receive anything then?—No.
46,508. Do you know a man of the name of Ellerton?—Ellerker.
45,509. He told us he had voted blue for forty years; did you put him down for six days' pay for voting orange at the last election?—That is right, Sir, I believe.
45,510. You promised him six days' pay if he voted orange?—I said I would set his name down, that he might get the same as other people did.
45,511. Did you also say he would get something handsome?—No; I said he would get paid the same as the other people did for his vote.
45,512. Did you set anybody else down in the same way?—Yes, several.
45,513. Mention their names?—I do not know particularly; there was Mr. Lowther.
45,514. Where did you set them down?—In the canvass book, as I called at their houses.
45,515. Did you send the list to Saville Street?—No.
45,516. What did you do with the names?—I entered them in the canvass book.
45,517. What became of the canvass book?—It went to the district committee room.
45,518. Which?—Sykes Street.
45,519. What was done with them there?—I am sure I cannot say that; I never saw them after.
45,520. They were all entered in your book?—Yes, all I canvassed.
45,521. And returned in your book to the committee room?—Yes.
45,522. As runners?—No.
45,523. The eight or ten you mentioned?—No, there would not be more than four or five set down.
45,524. For the six days?—For the six days.
45,525. You distinguished them in the book in some way, and explained it to the committee?—I entered them to be set down six days.
45,526. So that the committee would know who to put down to send to Saville Street?—Yes; I was one of the general committee myself.
45,527. No doubt these found their way to Mr. Wilde?—I should think they would.
45,528. Were you a member of the committee in 1847?—Yes.
45,529. Which party?—The orange.
45,530. Both times?—Yes.
45,531. Can you give us any information of the elections in 1841 and 1847, the setting down names?—I never had anything to do with the setting down names at all till between two and three days before the last election.
45,532. Did you in 1841 or 1847 secure any votes in any way?—I secured a good many, not with any promise of any reward.
45,533. By canvassing in the ordinary way?—Not by promises of money; I never saw any money pass in my life.
45,534. You never set down any runners?—No.
45,535. You did not secure any votes by promises of payment?—No.

Mr. G. Wright.

Mr. GEORGE WRIGHT sworn, and examined.

45,536. I believe you were one of the central committee at the last election?—Yes, I was.
45,537. Where do you live?—Nelson Terrace, Spring Bank.
45,538. Do you vote as a householder or as a freeman?—As a householder.

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45,539. What rent do you pay?—A variety of qualifications I have; I do not know how much rent I pay; several hundreds a year throughout the borough.

45,540. What are you?—A merchant.

45,541. Give us some idea?—I should say my firm pay 500*l.* a year.

45,542. You voted, perhaps, at the elections of 1841 and 1847?—No, I did not; I believe I was not on the register.

45,543. You were first on the register in 1852 for a vote?—Yes.

45,544. How long have you been on the register?—I am not certain whether I was on the register in 1847; I was qualified, but I think I was omitted by mistake; I did not vote at all events; I voted in 1852.

45,545. You are not a freeman?—No, I have not that honour.

45,546. You have been qualified about seven years?—Yes.

45,547. I believe you attended the central committee pretty often?—Yes; I did pretty frequently.

45,548. We find it reported on the first of July, that you had evidence that the blues were going to bribe; will you be kind enough to explain this entry to us?—I believe that statement is rather incorrect, and a great deal exaggerated. I merely reported I had heard so, but where I heard it I cannot recollect; I have taxed my memory frequently since I saw the statement in the papers, and I cannot say positively where I heard it, I have heard so many reports. I merely reported that I had heard of rumours of that kind; it appears the committee have made a mistake in that, for what purpose I do not know.

45,549. The entry is recorded that you had evidence?—No.

45,550. That they were going to bribe? You may have been furnished with that evidence?—I said nothing of the kind. I gave no evidence at all; I see it stated I gave my authority. I gave no authority at all; it was merely a rumour in common conversation with some one, who it was I do not know. I have endeavoured to recollect, but I cannot say positively. I heard of many rumours, so many curious people were always coming to me.

45,551. On that report did the orange party become more active in that respect, in the way of securing votes by money?—I cannot say; it scarcely was the province of the general committee—the central committee to work the money part of the business.

45,552. Did the central committee on that come to any resolution to do the same?—It was a question for consideration; it was well considered, but what the ultimate resolution was, I do not know of my own knowledge.

45,553. I understand you cannot give us any actual evidence?—I had no evidence; I was much surprised to see it stated I had given evidence on authority; I had no authority.

45,554. Where did you see it stated?—In the newspapers.

45,555. But it is in the committee book?—I did not see it.

45,556. The minutes have been read?—I saw the minute book a few times at my earlier attendance on the committee, but after then I have no recollection of it.

45,557. The minute book professes to take down your own words?—I think it is incorrect; if I had had any authority, I think that authority would have been stated. I had no positive authority for what I said, as you have stated it. I heard the rumour in a dozen rooms or more perhaps.

45,558. They might have received the information in a difierent way?—Both parties were becoming very active at that time.

45,559. It was early in the election?—Yes, it was.

45,560. You might have received the information in such a way that would not have enabled you to mention it more than generally to your committee? now, for us, you will feel there is a greater pressure on you, and you are bound to tell us.—I believe I should have had no reservation then if I had had any authority, and now I should tell you with the greatest pleasure if I could, but I cannot at the moment recollect who I heard it from. Many parties—in fact it was the common source of conversation, that our party and that their party were going to do the same. I heard from the other side, "our party are going to bribe extensively, and you will not get on if you do not."

45,561. After hearing the rumours about the blues, did you take any active part in getting names set down or sending them to Saville Street?—Never, excepting in one instance a man came to me and I said you had better go to Mr. Galloway; who he was I do not know.

45,562. What did he come to you for?—He wanted his name set down. I said I should not take any steps of the kind, he had better go to Mr. Galloway. I believe all applications of that kind were referred to him; I took no steps whatever.

45,563. Did you engage any rooms?—No.

45,564. What we call sham committee rooms?—I never did anything of the kind.

45,565. You do not mean to say you were not aware that committee rooms were engaged?—Yes, I heard of them afterwards.

45,566. My question is directed to your personal engagement of them?—No, I engaged none whatever.

45,567. You knew it was being done?—I had some idea, but not positively.

45,568. Till after the election then?—Of course I knew after the election.

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45,569. Had you any doubt about it, that it was going on at the time?—Before the election or after?

45,570. During the election?—I did not think much about it; if I had been asked, I should have said it was going on on both sides.

45,571. You did nothing to prevent it?—I do not know I was called on to do so; it never came under my observation particularly.

45,572. You agreed with the rest of the committee?—I was not one to create any discord in so small a matter as that.

45,573. You agree if there had been neither sham committee rooms, or names set down, and promises of money, that neither Mr. Clay or Lord Goderich would have come in?—I should say it would be very hard work as elections are conducted in this place—as I have heard. I have had no experience previous to the last election.

45,574. I suppose you voted for Clay and Goderich?—Yes, of course I did.

45,575. Did you have any share in the election of 1847?—No, not actively; not at all.

W. H. Wilson.

William Hurst Wilson sworn, and examined.

45,576. Where do you live?—Fish Street.

45,577. What is your business?—A publican.

45,578. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.

45,579. How much?—Twelve guineas.

45,580. Are you a freeman?—No.

45,581. How long were you a householder?—Ever since 1826.

45,582. In 1841 did you vote?—Yes; I have voted ever since the Reform Bill.

45,583. As a householder?—Yes.

45,584. In 1841, how did you vote?—Clay and Thompson.

45,585. You had a committee room, I believe, in that year?—We had that year.

45,586. How much did you receive for it?—10*s.*

45,587. Who paid you?—Mr. Peck.

45,588. Where were you paid?—A week, or two, or three weeks, or four weeks after, it might be; I cannot say exactly.

45,589. When was the room engaged?—A week before the election I should think, or ten days.

45,590. Did many people meet at your room?—Yes, several came there; there were papers in the window "Committee room here."

45,591. Who sent the committee to you? from which district or central room did they come?—The Market Place ward.

45,592. Did any of the general committee of the Market Place ward attend at your room?—They used to come and call in at times; Mr. Peck was the chairman there.

45,593. Did Mr. Peck attend as the chairman?—He did. He did not stop all the time; then somebody else came.

45,594. You say your name was taken down for six days?—He did not say particularly how long.

45,595. How long before the election?—Four, or five, or six days before the election.

45,596. You got more than 10*s.*?—I did not.

45,597. You did not?—No; Mr. Peck brought it.

45,598. When did he pay you?—A few days after the election.

45,599. Only 10*s.*?—No, no more; I did not require anything, but he brought 10*s.*

45,600. There was a list of rooms like yours, and they were to get two guineas each; that was altered to 2*l.*?—I never got anything of the sort; I never got 2*l.*; I got 10*s.*

45,601. Did somebody else get the rest for you?—Not that I know of.

45,602. Do you mean you received neither directly nor indirectly more than 10*s.*?—No.

45,603. At the time they engaged it, you did not expect anything?—I did not expect anything; I was yearly in the cause and I did not expect a farthing.

45,604. Did the committee that came to your room act for Mr. Clay or for Colonel Thompson?—Both parties.

45,605. I am told your room was the room of Colonel Thompson and had nothing to do with Mr. Clay; is that so?—It had to do with both.

45,606. Mr. Peck had nothing to do with Mr. Clay?—He had at the time.

45,607. Do you know that Mr. Peck had nothing to do with Mr. Clay?—He was for Colonel Thompson.

45,608. Colonel Thompson only?—He acted for them both.

45,609. He told us not?—He was the very man that brought me the 10*s.* after it was over; I never went to look for it.

45,610. Had you ever seen Mr. Galloway there?—No.

45,611. What did Mr. Peck say when he paid you the money?—He said nothing particular; he said he had brought it for my committee room, that is all.

45,612. What did they say when they took it?—They asked me if I could spare it; I said certainly; they did not say a word about pay at all, and I did not expect any pay.

45,613. They knew you would vote for them?—I never promised my vote.

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45,614. Had you been canvassed?—No, not at all; it is of no use canvassing me.

45,615. Do you mean to say, that when they came to ask to have the room they would not know which way you meant to vote?—I have known Mr Peck for years, that is why he came.

45,616. He knew which way you voted?—Perhaps he might think so.

45,617. He said nothing to you, but gave you 10*s.* for your room?—It was after the election was over he brought it.

45,618. You did not expect any?—I did not.

45,619. How soon after the election?—It may be a fortnight after; I cannot say exactly.

45,620. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay, a bullet.

45,621. Did you receive any money at any time for your vote?—Not one farthing.

45,622. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

45,623. Did you at any time receive any money, or promise of money for your vote?—I got 10*s.* that time.

45,624. When?—Ten days after the election.

45,625. Who from?—Alderman Forester.

45,626. Where did he pay you?—He brought me a little bit of paper, and sent me to King Street for it. I attended to him and nobody else the nomination day; that is what he brought the bit of paper for.

45,627. What did you do for him on those days?—He was alderman in the booth, where I was attending on him with letters that were to go to Bowl Alley Lane, and sometimes to the central committee room, everywhere where he wanted to send me those two days, I took.

45,628. He knew which way you would vote?—He might think; I did not ask him anything about voting.

45,629. What agreement was there, if any, between you and Alderman Forester about employment?—There was no agreement at all; he came and knocked at our door with a stick the night before the nomination day; he wanted to speak to me. He asked me if he could depend on me to-morrow, and the next day to attend to him and nobody else. I said I would; he said nothing about pay.

45,630. He paid you afterwards 10*s.*? He sent me afterwards to Mr. Atkinson with a bit of paper to get 10*s.*

45,631. When he engaged you, you had your own business at the time?—Yes; my Missus managed the house.

45,632. Did she manage the business in your absence?—Yes.

John Cribbs.

JOHN CRIBBS sworn, and examined.

45,633. Where do you live?—Air Street.

45,634. What is your business?—A tanner.

45,635. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.

45,636. How much?—£12 a year.

45,637. Are you a freeman?—No.

45,638. Were you a householder—did you vote as a householder in 1841?—Yes.

45,639. A 10*l.* householder?—Yes.

43,640. In 1841, Clay and Thompson, Hanmer and James, who did you vote for?—Clay and Thompson.

43,641. You had a room, I believe as a committee room, hired by Thistleton, at the election of 1841?—Yes, I believe I had.

45,642. You know it?—Yes.

45,643. How much did you get for it?—I got nothing for it; I never let the room.

45,644. Who did let it?—My wife did.

45,645. How much did she get?—She never told me, but kept the brass, and never told me what she got for it.

45,646. Did you ever ask her?—Yes; I have asked her, but she would never tell me.

45,647. You asked and she never would tell?—Yes; I asked her this morning.

45,648. You wish us to believe that?—I am speaking the truth.

45,649. Did you hear that other people got 2*l.*?—I heard some had two guineas.

45,650. You did hear what your wife got?—No, I did not.

45,651. How much?—She said she was to have two guineas, but she never got it; she got part of it, but she would never tell me how much. I do not know what she got.

45,652. When did she tell you she was to get two guineas?—When she let the room; I expect I was not there; I was at my work.

45,653. In 1847, Clay, Baines, and Brown, did you vote?—Yes.

45,654. Tell us for whom?—Mr. Clay.

45,655. Did you get any money?—No.

45,656. At any time?—No.

45,657. Any room engaged then?—Not that I know of.

45,658. Mr. Clay only?—Mr. Clay alone.

45,659. 1852?—Clay and Goderich.

45,660. Did you receive any money?—No.
45,661. Did you receive any money?—Never.
45,662. Did you get your name set down?—No.
45,663. Did you have a room?—No.
45,664. Were you at any committee?—No.
45,665. Belonging to any association?—None at all.

John Cribbs.

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GEORGE BEST sworn, and examined.

George Best.

45,666. Where do you live?—Cleveland Street.
45,667. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
45,668. What rent?—£9 a year.
45,669. What is your business?—Agent to a person at Sheffield.
45,670. Are you a freeman?—No.
45,671. Did you vote as a 10*l.* householder in 1841?—Yes.
45,672. You are an agent for Thistleton; did he engage a room for the committee at that election?—Yes; he engaged a room.
45,673. How much did you get from him for that?—£2, I believe.
45,674. Where was it paid you?—It was some time after, but I forget now.
45,675. After the election?—Yes.
45,676. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Thompson.
45,677. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I voted for the two Liberals.
45,678. What was done at your room? who met there?—There was scarcely anybody when they engaged it, but very few people came.
45,679. You did not expect them much?—No.
45,680. In 1847, Clay, Baines, and Brown's election, who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.
45,681. Did you receive any money at that election?—No.
45,682. Any promise?—No; no promise at all.
45,683. 1852?—Mr. Clay.
45,684. Did you receive any money?—No.
45,685. Any promise?—Nothing at all; not a farthing.
45,686. Was your name set down?—No; not that I know of; they came to my house.
45,687. Were you employed as a runner?—No.
45,688. No room engaged?—No room.
45,689. You said you were not a freeman?—No.
45,690. Your rent is 9*l.*?—Yes, now; but I lived in a house previously at 40*l* rent. I let it now.
45,691. You have got a house of your own besides?—Yes.
45,692. What other premises have you besides the 9*l.* house?—I had twenty altogether—the public house and small tenements together.

WILLIAM GRUBY sworn, and examined.

William Gruby.

45,693. Where do you live?—Castle Street, now, Sir.
45,694. What is your business?—Clerk to Mr. Liddell, the brewer.
45,695. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
45,696. How much?—£28.
45,697. Are you a freeman also?—Yes.
45,698. Did you vote as a 10*l.* householder in 1841?—Yes.
45,699. Clay and Thompson?—Yes; Clay and Thompson.
45,700. Did you have a room in your house engaged as a committee room by Thistleton?—No.
45,701. Or by anybody?—No.
45,702. Had you a room as a committee room at the election?—No.
45,703. In your present house or at any other house?—No.
45,704. Were you paid anything for the room?—No.
45,705. Do you know anybody that were there besides yourself?—Yes; there was a man of the same name in the town.
45,706. William Gruby?—Yes, that was the person; I had a cousin of the same name, but he is not in Hull.
45,707. In 1841?—Yes.
45,708. Has he gone away?—Yes.
45,709. Did you act on any committee yourself at that election?—I believe that my name was down as a committee man, but I did not take an active part.
45,710. Did you attend the committee?—Occasionally.
45,711. Where was that?—I am sure I forget which room particularly.
45,712. Did you secure any votes by promises of payment?—No.
45,713. Did you get names set down?—No.

William Gruby.

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45,714. Was it done to your knowledge at the committee room at the election?—Not that I am aware of.

45,715. In 1847 and 1852 you voted probably?—No.

45,716. Who did you vote for in 1847?—Clay and Thompson, I think it was.

45,717. Clay, Baines, and Brown?—Clay and Baines.

45,718. In 1852?—Clay and Goderich.

45,719. Where is your cousin gone to?—He went to New York.

45,720. Had he a vote in 1847?—I am not aware that he had.

45,721. Your cousin has been gone more than six years to New York?—Yes; I believe he has been gone more than that.

45,722. He did not vote in 1847?—No.

Richard Haswell.

RICHARD HASWELL sworn, and examined.

45,723. Where do you live?—Great Union Street.

45,724. What is your business?—A master bricklayer.

45,725. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.

45,726. How much?—£27 odd.

45,727. Are you a freeman?—No.

45,728. Did you vote a householder at the 1841 election?—Yes.

45,729. Clay, Thompson, Hanmer and James; who for?—Clay and Thompson.

45,730. You had a room engaged as a committee at your place?—Yes. I did not know it till after the election. I had a colour sent me.

45,731. How did you come to know you had?—I was in the committee of the district at the time of the election.

45,732. How was it you came to know after the election that your room was engaged?—A person of the name of Jesse Matson came and told me.

45,733. Did you receive some money?—£2.

45,734. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.

45,735. Did you receive any money?—No.

45,736. Did you hear after the election that your room had been engaged?—No; I would not have anything.

45,737. You mean that they offered you something, and you would not take it?—No; they chose me on the committee again, I would not attend.

45,738. You received nothing from either party?—No.

45,739. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

45,740. Did you receive anything then?—No.

45,741. Were you promised anything?—No; I would not attend.

45,742. Was your name set down?—No; I would not attend.

45,743. Was your room engaged?—No.

W. Woodmansey.

WILLIAM WOODMANSEY sworn, and examined.

45,744. Where do you live?—Humber Street, at present.

45,745. What is your business?—I am a cooper by trade, but keep a tavern.

45,746. Are you a freeman?—No; I am not a burgess.

45,747. What rent do you pay for the house?—I pay 19*l.* nearly.

45,748 Did you vote as a householder at the election of 1841?—Yes, I did.

45,749. Clay and Thompson?—Clay and Thompson.

45,750. Were you a publican then?—Yes.

45,751. And was there a room engaged at your house?—No.

45,752. Were you paid for a room?—No.

45,753. Was there no room as committee at your place?—No.

45,754. Nothing of the kind?—No.

45,755. Had you a relation of the name of William Woodmansey at that time—a man of your own name?—I had at a place called Harplean, a country village.

45,756. I ask you if you had anybody of your own name at the time living in the place?—I have a son.

45,757. Do you know whether he had a room engaged at his house?—No.

45,758. Did you ever get any money for the room at the election?—No; I did not.

45,759. Do you know Mr. Thistleton?—Yes; I believe I did; the barber, I believe.

45,760. You did not know him?—I think I did.

45,761. Did he not engage your room?—No; he did not. In 1841 you are speaking of?

45,762. Yes, I am?—No.

45,763. In the election of Clay, Thompson, Hanmer and James?—No; I did not.

45,764. Your name was down on the list of 72, whose rooms were engaged: by Thistleton at that election. Just remember, if your room was not engaged, you were not paid?—I was not; I declare not.

45,765. Was anybody paid for it for you?—Not belonging to me.

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45,766. Did anybody that did not belong to you?—I never heard there was anybody heard anything of the sort; I did not.

45,767. In 1847, had you colours?—Yes; and I had a room as a committee room, in 1847.

45,768. Had you colours in 1841?—Yes; I had colours.

45,769. Were you paid anything?—No.

45,770. On any account?—No; not a halfpenny.

45,771. In 1847, you had a room?—I had a room as a committee room.

45,772. What committee? which side?—It was on Mr. Clay's account, I believe.

45,773. Did you get some money for it?—Yes.

45,774. How much?—£2.

45,775. Are you not wrong? was not it in 1841?—No.

45,776. Who did you vote for in 1847?—Baines and Clay.

45,777. Where were you paid for the room?—I received it at Mr. Galloway's office, from his clerk,—I expect after the election.

45,778. Did any committee meet there?—There was one or two; that was all I think.

45,779. Was no list of any committee that were to meet given to you?—There was a person came and said it was wanted as a committee room, and he slept in the house all night.

45,780. That person did not give you a list of the committee?—No; he did not.

45,781. He slept there?—He slept there all night.

45,782. In 1852, what did you do?—I voted Clay and Goderich.

45,783. Was your room engaged?—No.

45,584. Did you receive any money?—No.

45,785. Any promise?—No.

45,786. Was your name set down?—I did not promise any one before the polling day.

45,787. Did you not allow them to put your name down? did you permit them to put your name down in some of these lists?—I do not think they got my consent to that.

45,788. I dare say you have been thinking for the last year about it; cannot you tell us?—I am rather dull of hearing.

45,789. It is not long ago; the 1852 election?—I do not know; I gave not my consent.

45,790. When did you first hear it was down?—I cannot say, I assure you; I did not promise any one on the day I polled.

45,791. I suppose you heard it was down? did you hear it was down or not, at any time?—I cannot say, I did.

45,792. You are keeping us a long time?—My memory is frail. I do not think it was taken down with my consent; I promised nobody.

45,793. But you must know if you consented?—I cannot say.

Thomas Swift.

THOMAS SWIFT sworn, and examined.

45,794. Where do you live?—Prospect Place.

45,795. What is your business?—A shipwright.

45,796. What rent do you pay for a house?—Ten guineas.

45,797. Are you a freeman?—No.

45,798. Did you vote as a 10*l.* householder at the election of 1841, Clay and Thompson?—Yes.

45,799. I believe you had a room engaged for a committee at that election?—I think not. I do not know that I had.

45,800. I believe your name is down?—Very possibly it may be; I do not think it is with my consent or knowing.

45,801. Did you receive any money for your room?—No; not for a room.

45,802. What for?—I was in business as a licensed victualler; it was money for business transactions, but not for a room.

45,803. For beer and drink?—Yes, and brandy.

45,804. Had you not a room appointed for a committee?—No, I think not. I had a large room.

45,805. Can you undertake to say on your oath you had not, because you are on the list as having had one? would you say you did not?—It is twelve years ago; I should not like to be on my oath that I did not.

45,806. I mean, whether there was not a room appointed for a committee room at your house?—I positively cannot say. I received nothing for a room, to my knowledge.

45,807. How much did you get altogether?—I cannot tell you that, I am sure.

45,808. Can you tell me within a few pounds?—I cannot.

45,809. Did you get a sovereign?—No.

45,810. Nor 5*l.*?—I should not wonder if I received 5*l.* or 6*l.*

45,811. Will you undertake to say on your oath, that in the 5*l.* there was not included a sum for the room?—I cannot do that.

45,812. In 1847, Clay, Baines, and Brown, did you vote?—Yes.

45,813. Was your bill settled after the election?—Yes, it was.

Thomas Swift.

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45,814. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay.
45,815. Did you receive anything?—No.
45,816. Had you any room engaged?—No.
45,817. No money?—No.
45,818. Any promise?—No.
45,819. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
45,820. Did you receive anything then?—No.
45,821. Was your name put down?—No; not with my knowledge.
45,822. Was your room engaged?—No.
45,823. You got nothing for drink this last time?—No; not a farthing.

Thomas Greasley.

THOMAS GREASLEY sworn, and examined.

45,824. Where do you live?—Francis Street.
45,825. What business are you?—An auctioneer and innkeeper.
45,826. What rent do you pay for your house?—£19.
45,827. Are you a freeman?—No.
45,828. Did you vote as a 10*l.* householder at the election of 1841—Clay and Thompson?—Yes.
45,829. Was a room appointed at your house for a committee?—Yes.
45,830. Did the committee meet at it?—I really cannot recollect whether they did or not; I cannot say. There used to be meetings there at night, but not the united committee; I believe, there was a united committee then.
45,831. How long before the election was your room appointed?—I should think probably three weeks.
45,832. How much were you paid for it?—£2.
45,833. How often did anybody meet there?—I think not above three or four times.
45,834. Who were they?—The was an amalgamation, if I can recollect aright, and it was before the time that they united, that the meetings were. I refused to have a committee room,—I had been asked to have a committee room for Thompson, and I refused; and I think that was the reason they did not meet after, much.
45,835. It was used for Thompson separately?—Yes.
45,836. After the amalgamation, they did not meet?—I think not.
45,837. Had you a list of the committee that were to meet at your house?—I do not recollect; I think not.
45,838. How did you know who to let in if you had no list? would you let in anybody that came?—At that time I believe we did, because it was preparatory to the election.
45,839. Do you mean blues and oranges indiscriminately?—There are both blue and orange houses.
45,840. Not a place where they would go to learn secrets?—It might be; there would be both blues as well as oranges.
45,841. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay.
45,842. Did you receive anything?—No.
45,843. Any promise of any money?—No.
45,844. Any room engaged?—No.
45,845. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
45,846. Did you receive a promise?—No.
45,847. Any room engaged?—No.
45,848. You did not, I suppose, get your name set down?—I did not.
45,849. Do you know who appointed your room to be a committee room in 1841?—I am sure I do not know whether it was Mr. Wilde or not; I believe it was; I really cannot swear to it; I think he was there.

John Adams.

JOHN ADAMS sworn, and examined.

45,850. Where do you live?—High Street.
45,851. Did you ever live in Christopher Street?—No Sir; I lived in Harcourt Street, Drypool, at the time of the election; I have shifted since.
45,852. What is your business?—A ropemaker.
45,853. What rent do you pay for a house?—I occupy a room only.
45,854. Are you a lodger?—No; I am with myself.
45,855. What rent do you pay?—£5.
45,856. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
45,857. When where you made a freeman?—In 1806.
45,858. At the election of 1841, who did you vote for?—I did not vote at all at that time; I was in the customs.
45,859. Where did you live in 1841?—Wentworth Street, Drypool,—no, I did not live there, I lived in Union Place, Witham.
45,860. You say you did not vote in 1841?—I did not.

45,861. You are down as having voted for Clay and Thompson in 1841?—I was in the customs.

45,862. Had you a son?—Yes.

45,863. Of the same name?—Yes; John.

45,864. You had no vote then?—No.

45,865. In 1847, did you vote?—Yes.

45,866. For Mr. Clay?—Clay and Brown.

45,867. Did you receive any money?—No.

45,868. Or any promise?—No.

45,869. In 1852, Clay and Goderich?—No; Moore and Butler.

45,870. Did you receive any money?—I did not.

45,871. None from Moore and Butler?—No.

45,872. We hear they paid money; did you not get some?—No, I got none. I believe there was some money paid to my name, but I never received it. I never got it.

45,873. Why did you believe that? who told you so?—I was in the room in Humber Street; there was some money paid there; I think there was some paid to my name; I did not receive it.

45,874. You said you were there?—I was.

45,875. Who got it for you?—I am sure I do not know whether my son got it or not; not for me.

45,876. Did you tell him he might have it himself?—I did.

45,877. If he could get it?—Yes.

45,878. Why did you tell him that? is that what you call speaking the truth?—I wish to tell you the truth.

45,879. Your son had it for you by your leave?—My son voted the same way as I did. I have two sons.

45,880. Your son voted Clay and Goderich?—Yes; and my other son George, he voted Moore and Butler.

45,881. I want to know how much your son got?—I think, he got 30*s*.

45,882. You were in the room?—Yes.

45,883. Who paid the money?—I do not know the gentleman's name that paid it.

45,884. How many were there in the room together?—Six.

45,885. Where was the room?—Sir John Falstaff's.

45,886. When was it?—It was the polling day after I had voted.

45,887. Was that 30*s*. all for yourself?—Yes; it was paid to my name.

45,888. You said you had another son who voted the same way?—Yes.

45,889. Did he get some money?—Yes.

45,890. Was he present?—Yes.

45,891. How much did he get?—He got 30*s*.

45,892. Had they got a book that was produced?—There was a little book or a piece of paper; I do not know which.

45,893. To see how you voted?—No; we had voted then.

45,894. What was the book or paper for?—Just to put the names down upon.

45,895. Did you give a receipt?—No.

45,896. Did you not put your name on some book?—No book whatever.

45,897. Did you give any receipt for it?—No; the money was laid down on the table and I did not take it up; I told them I would not have it.

45,898. You told me there were six in the room with you at the time, and your son and your other son?—No; only one.

45,899. Who were the other four? what were their names?—I do not know; they were strangers to me. I only knew one, besides my son.

45,900. What was his name?—Labon.

45,901. When the six went out, what happened then? did six others go in?—No.

45,902. Were there some others waiting?—No, there were not.

45,903. Did some others go in before you?—No, not that I know of; not to my knowledge.

45,904. How came you to go there to get the money?—I went along with my son; he asked me to go in with him.

45,905. How came you to hear of that place, as a place where to get money?—My son, and three or four others were talking about it at the outside in Humber Street; nobody told us.

45,906. Saying it was going on, that is talking about it?—There was talking about it.

45,907. Which of your sons was it who was there with you?—George.

45,908. Is Henry your son?—No; George and John are my two sons.

45,909. One voted blue, the other voted orange?—Yes.

45,910. Did John tell you how much he got for the orange?—He did not.

45,911. Did you hear it?—No, I did not; I never heard it.

45,912. Did he say he got something?—No.

45,913. Did he say he got nothing?—No, he did not; he said nothing to me, for we were not very friendly.

John Cribbs.

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JOHN CRIBBS recalled, and examined.

45,914. Have you ascertained from your wife what it was she got for the room?—Yes; she says she got 2*l.*

John Akit.

JOHN AKIT sworn, and examined.

45,915. Where do you live?—York Street

45,916. What is your business?—A painter.

45,917. What rent do you pay?—Six guineas.

45,918. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

45,919. When were you made a freeman?—About twelve years since now.

45,920. In 1839, perhaps, when a good many were made?—Somewhere thereabouts, I believe.

45,921. And at whose expense?—My own.

45,922. Did you vote in 1841?—No.

45,923. Not at all?—No.

45,924. Are you sure you did not vote?—I am sure I did not.

45,925. Were you on the register?—I was not a burgess then.

45,926. You must have been wrong about your freedom: you said you took it up in 1839?—Perhaps I was.

45,927. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay.

45,928. Only?—Only.

45,929. I believe you were afterwards paid some money at the Wilberforce rooms?—Yes, 10*s.*

45,930. By Mr. Galloway, or some person?—Yes.

45,931. In 1852, who did you vote for, Clay and Goderich?—Yes.

45,932. Did you receive any money?—No.

45,933. Any promise?—No.

45,934. Did you get your name put down?—No.

45,935. Were you a member of any committee?—No.

John Bailey, sen.

JOHN BAILEY, sen., sworn, and examined.

45,936. Where do you live?—Upper Union Street.

45,937. What is your business?—A cowkeeper.

45,938. What rent do you pay?—I live in a small house of my own.

45,939. What are you rated at?—£16, I believe.

45,940. Are you a freeman?—No.

45,941. Did you vote as a householder, at the election of 1841?—I am sure I do not know. I do not know who I voted for at that time: I troubled my head very little about election matters. I voted for Clay and Goderich the last time; but I never troubled my head with elections at all.

45,942. In 1841, you got nothing, did you?—Never a farthing in my life.

45,943. We want to know how you voted for the sake of our information?—I generally did vote for the orange, but I never troubled my head with elections at all.

45,944. There is a John Bailey who voted in 1841 for the other side; altogether for the blues?—I am sure I do not know who it is.

45,945. Where did you live in 1841?—I have lived in Upper Union Street these thirty years.

45,946. Then John Bailey of Upper Union Street, voted for Hanmer and James; that is you?—Yes.

45,947. You say you got nothing?—Never a farthing in my life; nor never had any offered, nor was ever at any committee room, or anywhere else.

45,948. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I voted for Clay and Goderich this last time. I am sure I do not know about 1847.

45,949. Mr. Clay only, then?—Yes.

45,950. And did you not get some money at the Wilberforce rooms?—I never was there.

45,951. Never in your life?—No, never; nor never had any money offered.

45,952. You know where the Wilberforce rooms are?—I do not know; I never knew of any such place. I never had any offered in my life.

45,953. You never were there?—I never was there.

45,954. In 1852, you voted for Clay and Goderich?—Yes.

45,955. That you remember?—Yes.

45,956. You say you never had anything?—Never anything, nor never had any offered, never in all my life; neither this election nor any other.

45,957. There is put opposite your name in 1841, this, that you promised Clay and Thompson, but voted for Hanmer and James?—I never did anything of the sort; I never promised any one.

John Bailey, sen.

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45,958. In 1841 ?—No ; I never promised any one.

45,959. Do you know who you voted for in 1841 ?—This last time I voted for Clay and Goderich.

45,960. But in 1841, twelve years ago ?—I am sure I cannot say.

45,961. If you do not remember who you voted for, perhaps you cannot remember who you promised ?—I do not recollect it at all.

45,962. Opposite your name it says that you promised to vote for Clay and Thompson, but voted for Hanmer and James ?—It is not me ; not to my recollection.

45,963. In the poll book you voted for Hanmer and James, there is no doubt ?—I do not recollect it.

THOMAS WILDE recalled, and examined.

Thomas Wilde.

45,964. Look at this book (Poll Book of 1841) it is marked. Can you explain that ?—No doubt that is correct, that he promised, but voted for Hanmer and James.

JOHN BAILEY, sen., recalled, and examined.

John Bailey, sen.

45,965. Are sure you did not promise ?—I never promised anybody.

45,966. Will you listen to me : Will you swear that in the year 1841 you did not promise to vote for Clay and Thompson ?—No, I will not swear it, because I do not know ; I speak the truth and nothing else.

JOHN BAILEY, jun., sworn, and examined.

John Bailey, jun.

45,967. Where do you live ?—Mechanic Lane, now Hunt's Place, Hessle Road.

45,968. What is your business ?—A labourer.

45,969. Do you pay rent for a house ?—Yes.

45,970. How much ?—£5.

45,971. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

45,972. When were you made a freeman ?—In 1842.

45,973. At whose expense ?—My own.

45,974. In 1847, who did you vote for ?—Clay and Baines.

45,975. Were you not employed as a runner for Mr. Brown ?—No ; I was put down, but it was put down on the order of Mr. Walker ; I got 10*s*.

45,976. You were put down as a runner for Mr. Brown and got 10*s*. ?—Yes.

45,977. Did you run anywhere ?—I did run with some notes from the Bull and Sun, just as I was going to my breakfast.

45,978. You voted for Clay and Baines ?—Yes.

45,979. Did you receive any money afterwards from Mr. Galloway ?—No.

45,980. For somebody at the Wilberforce Rooms ?—No.

45,981. Did you receive anything either for Mr. Clay or Mr. Baines ?—Not a farthing ; I should have voted for Mr. Brown, but when I got there, where I had been running with some bills, he was declaring out ; the last thing in the day it was. I believe I was the last but two that voted at the polling place in Porter Street.

45,982. You got some money for your vote afterwards ?—No, not a fraction.

45,983. You meant to have voted for Mr. Brown ?—I got 10*s*. the polling morning, from Mr. Mitchell in White Horse Yard.

45,984. To vote for Brown ?—Yes.

45,985. They were declaring off you say ?—I thought it was no use, and so I thought I would go and vote on the winning side.

45,986. The winning side paid you something ; so they say ?—Not a farthing.

45,987. They say they paid you at the Wilberforce rooms ?—Not a fraction.

45,988. In 1852, did you vote ?—Yes.

45,989. Who for ?—Clay and Goderich.

45,990. Did you receive any money ?—Yes ; I was on Mr. Wilde's staff ; I was one of his staff.

45,991. At Saville Street ?—Part of the time.

45,992. How much did you get paid ?—I think about three weeks altogether ; a guinea a week.

45,993. Were you employed ?—Yes, constantly, all the time.

45,994. And paid weekly ?—Yes ; every Saturday night.

45,995. Did you expect 30*s*. besides ?—No.

45,996. Not if others got it ?—No ; I did not expect it.

45,997. You were not down in what we call Wilde's list of people who were to get money ?—No, not to get the money ; all I got was by the week. I was not down for any more, and I did not expect any more.

45,998. In Saville Street ?—I was in Saville Street part of the time, and the remainder in Chapel Lane with Mr. Rawson ; rather two noted places, I think.

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45,999. What did you do?—Sometimes I was attending the door, and sometimes running out with circulars and notes, and sometimes fetching Mr. Rawson's tea, when he could not go home to it.

46,000. And sometimes drinking it?—I never got a glass of ale but one, all the time.

46,001. But drinking his tea?—No, he drank it of course; he could not get away, so I fetched it for him.

Thomas Wilde.

THOMAS WILDE recalled and examined.

46,002. Was this man on your list?—For a day or two.

46,003. On the general list?—No, I think not.

46,004. What did he really do?—Nothing, or next to nothing.

46,005. He got 3*l.*?—Yes; we had a room to set down at, and I engaged a staff for it.

46,006. He got 3*l.* for three weeks, but was not employed?—Yes.

John Bailey, jun.

JOHN BAILEY, jun., recalled, and examined.

46,007. What do you say to that?—I was in constant attendance from eight o'clock in the morning to nine or ten at night, all the time.

Thomas Wilde.

THOMAS WILDE recalled, and examined.

46,008. This was one mode of paying them?—Yes.

46,009. You necessarily gave them something to do?—Yes; we would send them out; I sent a man sometimes up to my own house with a note with nothing in it.

Thomas Briggs.

THOMAS BRIGGS sworn, and examined.

46,010. Where do you live?—Scott Street, No. 37.

46,011. What is your business?—A joiner.

46,012. Do you occupy a house?—Yes.

46,013. What rent do you pay?—10*l.*

46,014. Are you a freeman?—No, a householder.

46,015. Did you vote as a housholder at the election of 1841?—The election before the last, I voted for Clay and Baines.

46,016. But did you vote at the election of 1841?—For Thompson.

46,017. Clay and Thompson, did you not?—Yes.

46,018. Did you receive anything?—No.

46,019. Nothing at all?—No.

46,020. Did you let them have one of your rooms?—No, not at all.

46,021. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.

46,022. And you got 10*s.* from Mr. Galloway?—No; nothing of the sort.

46,023. At the Wilberforce rooms?—No; not a farthing piece from any party in my life.

46,024. Did anybody get it for you?—No.

46,025. Have you got a son named Thomas Briggs?—No.

46,026. They have got your name down as having received 10*s.* at the Wilberforce rooms?—I never received a farthing at any election in my life.

46,027. Have you a son named Thomas?—I had one.

46,028. Had you one in 1847?—He died this year.

46,029. Do you know whether he received any money?—Nothing at all; I never knew anything about it.

46,030. You say you never got any money by your own hands, or anybody else's?—No; not from any party in my life.

46,031. Did your son vote in 1847? you had a son of the name of Thomas Briggs in 1847?—Yes; I had a son, but he died this year.

46,032. He was not a voter in 1847?—No; he never was a voter, I believe. I am sure he was not.

46,033. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

46,034. I shall not ask you any more about money, because you mever had any?—No.

46,035. You say you never had a farthing in your life?—I never got anything in my life.

46,036. Did you ever hear of your son getting any money, or being at the Wilberforce rooms?—No.

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46,037. It appears that somebody has got the money in the name of Thomas Briggs?—Yes. I have no doubt it was his son Thomas. I was there at the time, and I believe he came with some more out of that district.

46,038. You have no doubt that he got it in the name of the father, as if sent by the father?—Yes; out of the bracketed list. He might be one of them, but I do not know.

46,039. You say you recollect the son coming?—I think I do; there is no doubt but that he got it.

WILLIAM COLLEY sworn, and examined. *William Colley.*

46,040. Where do you live?—Blackfriargate alley.

46,041. What is your business?—Eatinghouse keeper.

46,042. Do you occupy a house?—Yes.

46,043. What rent do you pay?—£18.

46,044. Are you a freeman?—No.

46,045. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—No.

46,046. In 1847, you did, I believe?—No.

46,047. Had you a vote in 1841?—No.

46,048. Nor in 1847?—No; not until this last election.

46,049. Do you know another William Colley?—No.

46,050. Nobody else of your name?—I think there is one in George Street.

46,051. In 1852 did you vote?—Yes.

46,052. Who for?—Clay and Goderich.

46,053. Did you get any money?—No.

46,054. Any promise?—No.

46,055. Was your name set down?—No.

46,056. Did you have a room occupied?—No.

46,057. Do you know what number you are upon the register?—I am sure I do not.

THOMAS COOK sworn, and examined. *Thomas Cook.*

46,058. Where do you live?—No. 4, Egginton Street.

46,059. What is your business?—A Shipwright.

46,060. Do you occupy a house?—Yes.

46,061. What rent do you pay?—£7.

46,062. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

46,063. When were you made a freeman?—In 1826.

46,064. At whose expense?—My own.

46,065. Did you vote at the election in 1841?—Yes.

46,066. Who for?—Hanmer and James.

46,067. Did you get any money at that election?—Not that I recollect.

46,068. Did they engage your room?—No.

46,069. Are you sure you got no money?—I think not.

46,070. That is not being sure?—I am almost certain; but I do not recollect receiving a farthing at that election.

46,071. Before the election or after?—Neither before nor after.

46,072. For your vote?—No; not for my vote.

46,073. You did at the next election, in 1847?—Yes.

46,074. You voted for Mr. Clay?—Yes.

46,075. How much did you get?—5*s*.

46,076. Where was it paid you?—It was paid in the yard by the foreman.

46,077. What yard do you mean?—In the ship yard.

46,078. By what foreman?—They call him Thomas Lee.

46,079. When did he pay you?—He drew the money for the people working in the yard, and he brought me 5*s*.

46,080. My question is when he paid you?—It would be after the election.

46,081. How long?—Maybe two or three days after the election.

46,082. How many did he pay in the yard besides you?—I do not know; there might be four or five.

46,083. Did they work in the same yard?—Yes.

46,084. Your mates?—Yes.

46,085. What were their names?—Newman was one, I think; I am sure I do not know the rest. Absalom Lee would be another.

46,086. Where does Thomas Lee live now?—He is away in India.

46,087. Do you remember the other names? you have given us two.—I cannot exactly say just now; they were working there at the time. There would be Michael Webster, a sawyer.

46,088. Where did Lee get the money?—I believe he got it from Mr. Jalland.

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46,089. Did he say so?—I think he said so; he was running about two or three days, I think he said, after the election, about it, to try and get it.
46,090. Did you vote a bullet for Mr. Clay in 1847?—Yes.
46,091. Clay only?—No; Clay and Baines.
46,092. Did you get any money from Mr Baines?—No; not a farthing.
46,093. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Bramley Moore.
46,094. A plumper, for for Moore and Butler?—Moore and Butler.
46,095. Did you get any money?—Yes.
46,096. How much?—10*s.*
46,097. When was it paid?—It would be two or three weeks after the election; maybe more.
46,098. Where?—At Mr. Catley's office.
46,099. By whom?—Young Mr. Catley.
46,100. Was it for both votes?—Yes; it was for both votes.
46,101. Was that all you got?—That is all I got.

Nathan Farrall.

NATHAN FARRALL sworn, and examined.

46,102. Where do you live?—Lime Street.
46,103. What is your business?—A shipwright.
46,104. What rent do you pay for a house?—I am not a householder.
46,105. Are you a lodger?—Yes; I am merely a lodger.
46,106. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
46,107. When did you become free?—At Graham's election.
46,108. In 1818?—I suppose it would be then; I do not know; I cannot say exactly.
46,109. Was it at your own expense?—Yes.
46,110. Did you get 4*l.* and 2*l.* in the early days?—Of course; I got I should think 4*l.*; I do not know exactly, but I got what it was usual to pay them. I do not know what it was.
46,111. In 1841, did you vote for Clay and Thompson?—I did not vote at all.
46,112. Why not?—I thought I would not.
46,113. Did somebody persuade you not?—No.
46,114. Nobody made it worth your while?—Nobody made it worth my while; it was to satisfy myself.
46,115. In 1847, you changed your mind perhaps, and thought you would vote?—I did vote in 1847.
46,116. For Mr. Clay, I believe?—Yes.
46,117. And you got some money, I think?—Yes.
46,118. Where were you paid?—In William Gibson's ship yard, in Lime Street.
46,119. How much?—10*s.*
46,120. When? after the election?—I think it was.
46,121. Who paid you?—Thomas Lee.
46,122. Were you one of the party of the man who was last here?—I was in the same yard.
46,123. I think he mentioned your name?—I think it is very likely he would not know me at that time.
46,124. You only got that 10*s.*?—Yes.
46,125. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Bramley Moore and Butler.
46,126. How much did you get from them?—Nothing.
46,127. Did you get your name set down somewhere?—No.
46,128. Had you not a promise to get anything?—No.
46,129. Did they ask you to set your name down?—No.
46,130. Did the orange try you?—Not as for putting my name down; they asked me for my vote.
46,131, The time before, you voted for Mr. Clay?—Yes.
46,132. Then you changed a little?—I changed.
46,133. Had you not a good reason for changing?—Merely to satisfy myself.
46,134. A money reason I mean?—No, I did not get a farthing; nothing at all.

Joseph Firth.

JOSEPH FIRTH sworn, and examined.

46,135. Where do you live?—Water House Lane.
46,136. What is your business?—A licensed victualler.
46,137. What rent do you pay for a house?—£90 a year.
46,138. Are you a freeman?—No.
46,139. Did you vote at the election in 1841?—No.
46,140. Were you on the register?—No; I was not living in the town.
46,141. In 1847?—Yes.
46,142. Did you vote for Mr. Clay?—No.
46,143. Do you know anybody else of your name in the place?—I believe not.
46,144. Who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.

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46,145. A plumper?—Yes.
46,146. There is a gentleman of your name who got some money at the Wilberforce rooms?—It was not me.
46,147. There is a Joseph Firth put down in 1847 as having received 2*l.* 10s. there?—That is not me. There is a Firth, a painter, in Osborne Street.
46,148. Is Joseph Kemp Firth any relation of yours?—No.
46,149. You did not get any money I suppose?—No, never.
46,150. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Butler and Moore.
46,151. Did you get anything?—No.
46,152. Any promise?—No.
46,153. Do you know Joseph Kemp Firth?—I know him by sight.
46,154. Do you know anything you can disclose touching the matters of these three elections?—No; I do not.

George Foster.

GEORGE FOSTER sworn, and examined.

46,155. Where do you live?—Southcoates, in the Holderness Road.
46,156. What is your business?—A cowkeeper.
46,157. Do you pay rent for a house?—House and land.
46,158. How much?—£72.
46,159. Are you a freeman?—No.
46,160. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—No.
46,161. Perhaps you were not entitled to vote then?—No.
46,162. Did you vote at the election of 1847?—Yes.
46,163. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.
46,164. Were you employed as a runner by Mr. Stark?—No.
46,165. Did you get anything?—No.
46,166. Where did you live in 1847?—In the Holderness Road.
46,167. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
46,168. Did you get any promise or get your name set down?—No; not a farthing.
46,169. Any employment?—No.

Edward Glen.

EDWARD GLEN sworn, and examined.

46,170. Where do you live?—Junction Dock Wall.
46,171. What is your business?—A turner and cabinetmaker.
46,172. What rent do you pay for your house and premises?—£18.
46,173. Are you a freeman?—No.
46,174. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—No.
46,175. You were not entitled to vote perhaps?—No.
46,176. In 1847, I believe you voted?—Yes.
46,177. For Mr. Clay?—Yes.
46,178. And received some money at the Wilberforce rooms?—No.
46,179. Who got it for you?—I do not know; I never got any.
46,180. You got it did you not?—No.
46,181. Your name is down in the list?—I never got anything.
46,182. Did you go after it?—No; I never had my name set down for it, so I should think I should not get it.
46,183. There was no setting down, but people got it afterwards?—I never got it.
46,184. Edward Glen is down there; did you know a person of that name besides yourself in 1847?—No.
46,185. Then I think, if you remember, you did get the money?—No; I never got any.
46,186. Did anybody get it for you?—I could not say.
46,187. You could say if you got it afterwards?—I never got any or looked after any.
46,188. Do you mean to say upon your oath you never got any money at that election?—No.
46,189. You know nothing about it?—No.
46,190. Did you ever get any money at any election?—No; never.
46,191. Did you hear that somebody of your name got money?—It was not me.
46,192. That is not an answer to my question. Have you heard that anybody of the name of Glen got money?—I never heard of anything of the sort.
46,193. Did you send for it?—No.
46,194. Who did you vote for in 1852?—Clay and Goderich.
46,195. Did you get anything?—No.
46,196. Any promise?—I never applied.
46,197. Did you get any room taken?—No.
46,198. Was your name set down?—No.
46,199. Were you ever at the Wilberforce rooms?—No.

Thomas Wilde.

THOMAS WILDE recalled, and examined

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46,200. Do you know anything about this?—I fancy myself that there was some money sent on to their shop; they had nine voters there. I cannot recollect exactly, but I think there was some sent on to the shop that he is master of, for some voters that are there.

Edward Glen.

EDWARD GLEN recalled, and examined.

46,201. Were there nine voters that all plumped Clay?—Yes; there were nine of us altogether.

Thomas Wilde.

THOMAS WILDE recalled, and examined.

46,202. Was that so?—I think if you look at the list you will find some of them among that.

46,203. You know that there were several together at the place that he worked at?—Yes.

46,204. And the money was sent to all the voters who worked with the witness?—Yes.

Edward Glen.

EDWARD GLEN recalled, and examined.

46,205. Did you hear that any of those men got money?—Not a farthing.

46,206. Did you never hear that?—Never a farthing.

46,207. What do you mean by "never a farthing"?—Not a farthing at that election.

46,208. What do you mean by saying there were nine of you?—There were nine of us voted out of the shop.

46,209. All working for the same master?—Yes.

46,210. Did they have money?—No; I never heard of it.

46,211. I thought you said you knew there was money sent to the shop?—No; Wilde said that.

46,212. What are the names of them?—There was Henry Drinkall, Bethell Thorp, Thomas Dixon, James Wilson, Henry Grant, Samuel Birch, Henry Glen, and Edward Glen. I believe that is all.

46,213. That is eight?—I do not recollect who the other was. I am sure I forget who the other was; but I knew there were nine voters.

46,214. Did your master vote the same way?—Yes.

46,215. Did he ever give you any money?—No.

46,216. In addition to your wages?—No.

46,217. What is your master's name?—Henry Glen.

46,218. What relation is he to you?—A brother.

46,219. Do you work for him now?—Yes.

46,220. All nine of you voted one way?—Yes; we had men that worked for us who voted on the other side.

46,221. Your master, and yourself and men, making altogether nine, voted one way?—Yes.

46,222. Those who voted the other way, did you hear them say that they got money?—No; never heard them say anything about it; I only know of one.

46,223. Who was he?—Thomas Metcalf.

46,224. Who did he vote for?—Brown and Baines, I believe.

46,225. Did any of these men get their names set down that you know of?—Not any that I know of.

46,226. They kept it from you?—I never heard tell of it. Mr. Clay canvassed our shop, and we all promised him there and then. We knew he was coming down, and we all attended the shop on purpose.

46,227. All of you promised?—Yes; all of us promised him a plumper, and we plumped Clay.

46,228. Did Metcalfe promise?—He was not there.

46,229. Did Mr. Clay ask for plumpers?—Yes.

46,230. You say Metcalfe was not there?—He was not there; he worked out; he did not work in the shop. He said if they had wanted him to vote the same way as us, he would have voted that way. I asked him which way he voted. He said he voted for Brown and Baines, and if he had known which way we were going to vote, he would have voted the same way.

46,231. Metcalfe said that?—Yes.

WILLIAM GRIME sworn, and examined.

William Grime.

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46,232. Where do you live?—Trippet Street.
46,233. What is your business?—A seaman.
46,234. What rent do you pay for your house?—£6.
46,235. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
46,236. When were you made a freeman?—About thirty-two years since.
46,236. Did you pay for it yourself?—No; I do not know who paid for it.
46,238. In 1841 did you vote for Hanmer and James?—Yes.
47,239. Did you get any money?—30*s.* for a runner.
46,240. Who paid you?—I do not know I am sure. Mr. Stafford paid me 10*s.*, and I do not know who paid the other.
46,241. Was that before or after the election?—After.
46,242. All of it?—Yes; I think so.
46,243. Do you remember where you got the other 20*s.*?—At the next door to the committee, at Mr. Binks'.
46,244. Binks the painter?—Yes; I believe he was a painter.
46,245. Was that after the election?—Yes.
46,246. That was paid through a hole in the door, was it not?—I do not know, I am sure, that it was.
46,247. You did not see the man?—I did not know the gentleman; I did not know his name.
46,248. You did not see the man at all that paid you?—Yes, I did.
46,249. How was he dressed?—I am sure I cannot say now; I did not take notice.
46,250. In 1847 who did you vote for? Clay and Brown, did you not?—I polled for Clay and Brown.
46,251. You were a runner for Brown, I think, and were paid by Mr. Mitchell?—I do not know, I am sure, whether I received 10*s.* from Mr. Brown or not.
46,252. It was paid by Mr. Mitchell, was it not?—Yes; most likely it would be.
46,253. When were you paid that?—I do not know; it would be after the election I think.
46,254. Were you paid anything for the other gentleman?—Yes.
46,255. How much did you get for Mr. Clay?—I received 1*l.*, and then there was something paid after I went to sea.
46,256. Who got it for you?—My wife.
46,257. She told you how much of course?—I think it was 18*s.*
46,258. Then you got 1*l.* 18*s.* from Mr. Clay?—Yes.
46,259. At the election of 1852, did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
46,260. You were a runner, were you not, for the blues?—Yes.
46,261. In Lowgate?—Yes.
46,262. How many days?—I am sure I do not know how many days,—perhaps ten or twelve days at the committee.
46,263. How much were you paid?—I was paid 30*s.*, I think, or 1*l.* 15*s.*, I do not know which.
46,264. And you voted for them?—Yes.
46,265. When were you paid?—After the election.
46,266. Where you paid?—At the committee room in Lowgate, close by.
46,267. Do you know how many days after?—I am sure I cannot say how many days after.
46,268. Who paid you?—Mr. Pullen, I think.

WILLIAM JACKS sworn, and examined.

William Jacks.

46,269. Where do you live?—I live in Bourne Street.
46,270. What rent do you pay for a house?—Eighteen guineas.
46,271. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
46,272. When were you made a freeman?—In 1839, I think.
46,273. At whose expense?—At my father's.
46,274. Did you vote for the orange party at that election,—for Clay and Thompson?—Yes.
46,275. In 1841?—Yes.
46,276. Did you receive any money?—Yes.
46,277. How much money did you get for your vote?—I did not get anything for my vote; I received 3*l.* for keeping the door in Parliament Street; at the office I got paid.
46,278. How long did you keep the door?—A fortnight, every day.
46,279. And got 3*l.* for it?—Yes.
46,280. What were you to do at the door?—To let them in as they were going in and out.
46,281. To let *them* in?—Any party that came.
46,282. What door was it?—The office door at Mr. Stark's.

William Jacks.

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46,283. Could not everybody go in?—No; only as they called them in. Anybody would come who wanted to see him. I had to tell the names.

46,284. Would that last six days?—A fortnight I was there.

46,285. Did you take in the names of everybody that called?—No; I had nothing to do but to let them in.

46,286. If you had gone away and left the door open, they would have gone in?—You misunderstood me. I told them the names as they went in; if they wanted to see any parties I told them, and they said, "Let them in."

46,287. You went and reported the names?—Yes.

46,288. And sometimes they said, "Do not let them in"?—If they did I did not let them in.

46,289. Did they say so sometimes?—No; I did not hear it.

46,290. Did you let in everybody?—I let in everybody they told me.

46,291. Your business was to stand at the door and repeat the names?—Yes.

46,292. In the way a butler or a footman does at a gentleman's house?—Anyway you like to name it; I am not particular about it.

46,293. You voted you say?—Yes.

46,294. Who kept the door then, when you went to vote?—I do not know. I did not take particular notice who kept it, and I did not care a deal.

46,295. Did they give you permission to leave the door while you went to vote?—I do not know; perhaps I took permission.

46,296. How long were you at the door?—A fortnight I told you.

46,297. I mean were you there every hour, every day?—Sometimes I went away to get a glass of grog. I could not say that I left it altogether, but sometimes I did for a couple of hours, or three hours.

46,298. What time did you go in the morning?—About ten.

46,299. And sometimes twelve?—I dare say it was.

46 300. And sometimes two?—I was not very particular.

46,301. How did you receive the money?—I received it 30*s.* a week.

46,302. Who paid you it?—I was paid at Mr. Stark's office. I could not tell the gentleman's name. I could not tell him again if I saw him. All I know is I got the money.

46,303. Was anything paid afterwards?—No.

46,304. Did that carry it up to the election?—I could not say.

46,305. If you cannot tell us we cannot know it.—I bothered my head so little about it. I have other business to bother my head about than that.

46,306. Were you very much neglecting your business at the time?—Not particularly at that time, or I would not have attended to it.

46,307. What was your business?—I was an earthenware dealer.

46,308. In 1847, did you keep any door or what?—No; I kept nothing.

46,309. Did you get any money?—No money at all.

46,310. Did you vote?—Yes; I did.

46,311. Who for?—Baines and Clay, I think it was.

46,212. Did you get nothing at any time?—Not anything at all.

46,313. Some were paid in 1852 for Mr. Clay?—I was not paid anything at all; not a halfpenny.

46,314. Was any room engaged?—No room; not anything.

46,315. In 1852 did you vote?—Yes.

46,316. Who for?—Clay and Goderich.

46,317. Did you get any promise?—Not any promise, or anything at all.

46,318. Was your name set down?—Not any name set down, or anything at all.

George Harper.

GEORGE HARPER sworn, and examined.

46,319. Where do you live?—Deighton's Terrace.

46,320. What is your business?—A labourer.

46,321. What rent do you pay for a house?—£7.

46,322. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

46,323. When were you made free?—In 1837.

46,324. At whose expense?—My own.

46,325. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—No.

46,326. Why not?—I was in the country.

46,327. In 1847 you voted, I believe, for Mr. Clay?—No.

46,328. Who for?—Brown and Baines.

46,329. You were a runner, were you not for Brown?—No.

46,330. Mr. Bannister paid you some money I think?—No.

46,331. For two days? Just remember,—were you not paid some money for the election of 1847, as a runner for Mr. Brown?—Yes; I believe I was.

46,332. This paper says so, and I fancy it is right?—Yes.

46,333. How much did you get?—5*s.*

46,334. From Mr. Bannister?—Yes. I believe it was.

George Harper.

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46,335. You were also paid some money, I believe at that election, by Mr. Galloway at the Wilberforce rooms?—No.
46,336. You voted for Brown and Baines?—Yes.
46,337. In 1852, who did you vote for? the last election?—Moore and Butler.
46,338. Did you get any money?—No.
46,339. Nothing at all?—No.
46,340. How was that?—I never was promised anything, or never asked for it.
46,341. Did you not ask for any?—No.
46,342. And were not promised?—No.
46,343 You had no room for them?—No.
46,344. You got nothing and was promised nothing?—No.
46,345. Did anybody get anything for you?—No; not that I am aware of.
46,346. You never had it?—No.

William Hewitt.

WILLIAM HEWITT sworn, and examined.

46,347. Where do you live?—No. 47, Francis Street West.
46,348. What is your business?—I am a clerk.
46,349. What rent do you pay for a house?—Ten guineas.
46,350. Are you a freeman?—No.
46,351. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—I think not.
46,352. When Clay and Thompson, and Hanmer and James were the candidates?—I think not, but I am not quite sure.
46,353. Had you a vote then in 1841?—I think I had.
46,354. You had a vote, but did not vote?—I voted so seldom that I do not recollect. I do no think I voted then.
46,355. In 1847 you voted a bullet, did you not, for Mr. Clay?—It is possible I did.
46,356. Mr. Clay, and somebody else perhaps?—Yes.
46,357. Where did you live then?—I lived in Francis Street then.
46,358. Did you ever get anything at the Wilberforce rooms?—No.
46,359. From Mr. Galloway?—No.
46,360. Are you sure you voted?—I will not be sure.
46,361. Are you sure whether you voted or not, in 1847?—I am not quite sure whether I did, or not.
46,362. If you did, who did you vote for?—For the orange party.
46,363. They were all orange then, Clay, Baines, and Brown; there would be no blues. —It would be for Mr. Clay, if at all. I voted for Mr. Hutt.
46,364. Did you vote for Mr. Clay?—I am not quite sure.
46,365. You had a vote as far back as Mr. Hutt's election?—Yes; I voted for Mr. Hutt on that occasion.
46,366. You are the William Hewitt of Francis Street West, in 1847?—Yes.
46,367. You did live in Francis Street West, in 1847?—Yes.
46,368. And you never got any money, you say?—No.
46,369. You are sure of that part?—Quite sure of that part.
46,370. Did you vote in 1852?—Yes.
46,371. Who for?—Clay and Goderich.
46,372. Did you get anything, or any promise?—No, never.
46,373. Was your name set down?—No.
46,374. Was any room of yours taken?—No.

Thomas Howgill.

THOMAS HOWGILL sworn, and examined.

46,375. Where do you live?—Ropery Side in the Pottery, near the Hessle Road.
46,376. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
46,377. How much?—£6 a year.
46,378. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
46,379. When were you made a freeman?—In 1830.
46,380. At whose expense?—My own.
46,381. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.
46,382. Who for?—Sir John Hanmer, and Sir Walter James.
46,383. Did you get any money for that?—No.
46,384. After the election?—No, not any.
46,385. Not for your vote?—No.
46,386. No money at any time?—No.
46,387. Did anybody get any for you?—No, not then.
46,388. You say not then?—No.
46,389. Afterwards?—No; not that election, I am certain.
46,390. Then, perhaps you will tell us better about the election of 1847. Who did you vote for then?—I voted for Clay and Brown.
46,391. What did you get then?—I received 1*l.* 19*s.*

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46,392. Was that paid at the Baltic?—Yes; I got a pound before we went, and 19*s* after returning.

46,393. You were one of Mr. Nicholson's party?—Yes.

46,394. At the election of 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

46,395. You were a runner, were you not?—Yes.

46,396. For Mr. Butler?—Yes.

46,397. How much did you get paid?—I was three weeks there, and I had a pound a week.

46,398. When were you paid?—Every Saturday night.

46,399. Did that continue up to the Saturday after the election?—Yes.

46,400. The election was on the Thursday?—Yes; that made three weeks altogether of my being at it.

46,401. Were you paid the last week, the Saturday after the election?—Yes.

46,402. Where were you paid?—At the committee room in Waverley Street.

46,403. What did you do?—Ran out with the bills and circulars.

46,404. Was your name put on a list?—They put me on that morning that I went there, at the Waverley Street rooms.

46,405. At the first beginning of it?—I was not on the first begining,—they started before I went.

46,406. But at the first beginning of your going, your name was put upon a list?—Yes.

46,407. That morning at the Waverley rooms?—Yes.

46,408. And you promised your vote for these gentlemen?—I did not promise at all at that time.

46,409. When had you promised them?—I never told them, until I went to poll in the morning; I never satisfied any of them; I would not.

46,410. Did they keep on asking how you would vote?—No; there was one or two asked me, and I told them I should use my own time; I should use my own discretion.

46,411. Did many of your committee ask you?—Yes; one of our young gentlemen did. I know the gentleman when I see him, but I do not know his name.

46,412. But you would not tell them?—No, I did not.

46,413. Did the orange come to you?—They were at our house frequently.

46,414. Did they offer you money?—No.

46,415. Did they ask you to get your name set down?—No.

46,416. They did not ask you?—No; because they knew I was in polling for the blues.

46,417. You said just now, that you did not know it yourself?—I have understood you wrong; I said they were at our house frequently, but I never promised them.

46,418. And you said it was no use your promising them, because they knew you were for the blues?—They knew I was a blue man.

46,419. Then they knew more than you did yourself?—They wanted to get me if they could.

46,420. You told us you would not tell anybody who you would vote for?—No, I would not.

46,421. And now you say the orange knew you would vote blue?—There were a many in the town knew me, and knew that I always voted blue; they knew I was a blue man.

46,422. And they knew you would vote blue?—Most likely.

46,423. And they knew it at the committee room?—I expect so.

46,424. When did you tell them at your committee room that you were going to vote for them?—The polling day morning.

46,425. Not till then?—No, none of them knew until the polling day morning; that I am confident of.

46,426. Did they send somebody up to see that you voted all right?—Of course there was somebody went in the cab with me.

46,427. Who went with you?—Mr. Plaxton.

46,428. Who else went with you?—No one.

46,429. You two in a cab?—Yes.

46,430. Was Mr. Plaxton one of your committee?—Yes.

46,431. What did he go with you for?—To see whether I polled for them or the others; I cannot say.

46,432. I thought so, but I want you to tell me?—I cannot tell you my reason; I do not know.

46,433. And then you got the last pound at the end of the week?—Yes.

46,434. In 1847, you knew William Henry Nicholson?—Yes.

46,435. Did you see him at the last election?—I saw him frequently; he does not live a long way from me.

46,436. Busying himself in canvassing?—I do not know the last time whether he was canvassing or not. He was frequently about the streets as I always see him every day. I could not ascertain that he was doing anything of that kind.

46,437. Did you ever see him at your committee room?—I saw him once.

46,438. How long before the election?—About a week I should think.

JAMES SMITH sworn, and examined.

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46,439. Where do you live?—In Witham.
46,440. Where did you live in 1841?—In Sykes Street.
45,441. What is your business?—A mariner.
46,442. Do you pay any rent for a house?—Yes, 9*l.* and taxes.
46,443. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
46,444. In 1841, did you vote for Clay and Thompson?—No, I was not in the town.
46,445. You did not vote for anybody?—No.
46,446. You had a right to vote, but did not vote?—Yes; I was at sea.
46,447. And you did not vote?—No.
46,448. Had you been at sea long when the election took place in 1841?—Yes; I had been at sea a good while. I have not polled for twelve years—it is twelve years since I polled.
46,449. Did you not vote in 1847 or 1852?—The last time I polled was for Hanmer.
46,450. That is just the very time you have been asked about. In 1841, then, you were not absent, because that was in 1841?—Yes.
46,451. You voted for Hanmer and James?—No, Hanmer alone, a bullet.
46,452. Did you get any money?—A sovereign; it was nine months after, in the winter.
46,453. Who paid you?—A gentleman.
46,454. Where?—It was in Mason Street at Mr. Dalton's.
46,455. How came you to get it?—A gentleman left a card for me to go in at 6 o'clock to that house.
46,456. What house?—Mr. Dalton's, the academy, in Mason Street.
46,457. You voted Hanmer and James?—No, Hanmer alone.
46,458. You lived in Sykes Street then?—Yes.
46,459. The James Smith who lived in Sykes Street voted for Hanmer and James; I have got the poll book before me. You went to Mr. Dalton's house?—Yes.
46,460. And got a pound?—Yes.
46,461. Where was the house?—In Mason Street.
46,462. They left a card for you?—Yes, they left a card at our house.
46,463. To say that you were to go and get the money?—No; a card to say I was to call on there, and the gentleman gave it me; it was tied up in a piece of paper, and the gentleman said, "That is for you."
46,464. For your vote at the last election?—Yes.
46,465. You had been at sea?—Yes; I had been away.
46,466. Did you not vote in 1847, or 1852?—No.
46,467. You have not voted since?—No.

HENRY WILLIAM JEFFREE sworn, and examined.

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46,468. Where do you live?—No. 6, Spring Bank, at the corner of Spring Street.
46,469. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
46,470. How much?—£20.
46,471. What business are you?—A grocer.
46,472. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
46,473. When were you free?—In 1843.
46,474. Did you vote as a householder in 1841?—I do not know, I am sure, how my name stood on the register.
46,475. You could not have been a freeman?—No, not in 1841.
46,476. Did you vote at all?—Not at all in 1841.
46,477. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I think for Mr. Clay.
46,478. I believe you received some money afterwards at the Wilberforce rooms?—Not that I know of; not a fraction from any one.
46,479. Mr. Galloway says so?—I never was in the room before the election of Clay and Goderich; I was in the room at that time.
46,480. Did you get any money for your vote in 1847?—No; I never received a farthing from any one.
46,481. Did anybody get it for you?—I do not know; I never heard of it. I never received a farthing in any shape, way, or form, from any one.
46,482. You might have made it a present to some one else?—I never made it a present to anybody else in any shape or form.
46,483. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes.
46,484. Your name is not a very common one?—No; if anybody received it I am unconscious of it, but it never reached me.
46,485. In 1852, what did you do?—I polled for Clay and Goderich. No one knew at the time the way I was going to vote, for I was visited by Mr. Pearson and Lord Goderich and Mr. Clay, and I said I should not promise any one at the time. I never

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promised any one. Mr. Clay said I had polled for him the last time, and what did I refuse for? I said of course I should give him no denial.

46,486. What was the use of keeping back to the last day?—I was canvassed by all parties, and I did not wish to give any offence, and so I kept it back until the last day.

46,487. Did you say plainly, "I will vote for you," or "I will not vote for you"?—Yes, of course; but it becomes a matter of delicacy when canvassed by all parties; and being in business you do not wish to give anybody an offence if you can help it.

46,488. You are down here for 10*s.*?—I never received it in any shape or form. I never knew anything of it. I never received a farthing in my life from anybody for electioneering purposes.

46,489. I can understand not promising when a man is standing out to get the most money for his vote?—I never stood out for that purpose.

46,490. It is the only object a man can have?—I never stood out for that purpose. I did not wish for anything of the sort.

Isaac Gibbs Kay.

ISAAC GIBBS KAY sworn, and examined.

46,491. Where do you live?—Osborne Street.

46,492. What is your business?—A currier.

46,493. What rent do you pay?—Nine guineas.

46,494. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

46,495. When were you made a freeman?—January 1st 1840.

46,496. At your own expense?—Yes.

46,497. Did you vote at the next election in 1841?—No.

46,498. Were you on the register in 1841?—I do not know; I was in London at the time,—in 1841 I was in London. I took my freedom up January 1st 1840.

46,499. Then in 1847, who did you vote for?—I was not on the register.

45,500. Were you not?—No.

46,501. Being absent?—Yes; I was neglected and not on the register. I was omitted being on the register.

46,502. Did you get any money at the Wilberforce rooms?—Never.

46,503. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

46,504. Did you get any money at that election?—Not a fraction.

46,505. You are brought here as a person who is said to have received money at the election of 1847, at the Wilberforce rooms?—It is false.

46,506. And your name is down upon the list as having received money: that is the reason that you are brought here?—It is false.

46,507. Do you know George Kay?—Yes.

46,508. You never had any money?—Never.

46,509. Who is George Kay?—They call my father George Kay.

46,510. George Kay the elder is your father?—Yes; and there was a George Kay the younger, but he is dead.

46,511. Do you know an Isaac Kay?—No.

46,512. Did your father, George Kay, live at Hessle in 1847?—He did.

46,513. Where does he live now?—In Lister Street. He is from home at present; he is not there, but that is his residence.

46,514. Do you know anything about your father receiving money in 1847?—No.

46,515. Is he a man in good circumstances?—Yes.

46,516. He goes away for the benefit of his health now and then?—Yes; he is a man that lives upon what little he has. He has a sufficiency I dare say.

George Lundy.

GEORGE LUNDY sworn, and examined.

46,517. Where do you live?—Mytongate.

46,518. What is your business?—A tobacconist.

46,519. What rent do you pay for a house, or premises?—£25 a year.

46,520. Are you a freeman?—No.

46,521. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—No.

46,522. Had you a vote?—No; I was not of age then.

46,523. Did you vote at the election of 1847?—Yes.

46,524. Who for?—Clay and Goderich.

46,525. Did you get some money at the Baltic?—There was a little.

46,526. That is the thing we want to know?—I believe there was 2*l.*

46,527. When you say you believe there was, you mean you got 2*l.*?—I think there was, but I cannot remember exactly.

46,528. Who paid you?—I believe there was Mr. Mitchell and some other party.

46,529. Was young Mr. Galloway there, and a man of the name of Jones that was paying at the Baltic?—I do not know I am sure. I remember there were two or three gentlemen, but I do not know the parties' names.

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46,530. Did you get more than the sum you mentioned, 2*l.*?—No.
46,531. In 1852, did you vote for Clay and Goderich?—Yes.
46,532. Were you employed at that election?—No.
46,533. Did you get any money?—No; I did not require anything.
46,534. Any promise?—No.
46,535. You did not get your name put down?—I did not wish anything. I was very much disgusted with myself for having had anything to do with the other.

W. M'Clarron.

WILLIAM M'CLARRON sworn, and examined.

46,536. Where do you live?—Trippett Street.
46,537. What business are you?—A shipwright.
46,538. What rent do you pay for a house?—£5.
46,539. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
46,540. When was that?—In 1839 I took my freedom up.
46,541. At whose expense?—I do not know whose expense it was.
46,542. The orange perhaps?—Yes.
46,543. Did you vote for them in consequence?—Yes, I did.
46,544. Clay and Thompson?—Yes.
46,545. Did you get some money besides?—I got a sovereign.
46,546. Where did you get that?—I do not know the gentleman. I got it here in Parliament Street.
46,547. After the election?—Before the election.
46,548. All of it?—Yes.
46,549. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Brown and Baines.
46,550. Did you get any money?—10*s.*
46,551. For both of them was that?—Yes, for both of them.
46,552. When was that paid you?—Paid by Mr. Mitchell, the tobacconist.
46,553. Mr. Mitchell paid for Mr. Brown, we hear?—I got nothing but 10*s.*
46,554. But Mr. Mitchell paid for Mr. Brown and not for Mr. Baines; is that so? You said you got it for both?—Yes.
46,555. Mr. Mitchell did not pay for both?—Mr. Mitchell gave it me.
46,556. Mr. Mitchell was against Mr. Baines?—I do not know, but I polled for Baines and Brown.
46,557. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Bramley Moore and Butler.
46,558. You were a runner, were you not?—No.
46,559. Were you not?—No.
46,560. Were you not down as a Lowgate runner?—No.
46,561. Did you not get some pay?—No, not a halfpenny piece.
46,562. "William M'Clarron, two days in Lowgate"?—I belonged to the Lowgate ward; but I never received a halfpenny,—not a halfpenny piece.
46,563. You got nothing?—Nothing.
46,564. And you voted for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
46,565. Did you get any money at all?—Not any money at all.
46,566. Did they promise you any?—They never promised me anything.
46,567. Did they put your name down?—Yes.
46,568. Where did they put your name down?—A man of the name of Watson put my name down in Lowgate ward.
46,569. What was it put down for?—He asked me who I was going to poll for, and I never heard any more of it; and I went to see if I could get the two days' pay, but I did not get it.
46,570. You expected it when you voted?—I expected it, but I did not get it.
46,571. You afterwards went to ask for it?—Yes.
46,572. Why did they not pay you?—I do not know. I did not get it.
46,573. What did they say?—The man said he had not my name down in the book; and Mr. Watson told me he would see it righted; but I never got a halfpenny piece.
46,574. When you voted you expected to get 10*s.* for your vote sometime?—Yes.

William Mask.

WILLIAM MASK sworn, and examined.

46,575. Where do you live?—In Carr Lane.
46,576. Are you in the hospital?—Yes.
46,577. Which hospital is that?—The Merchant Seaman's Hospital; it belongs to the Trinity House.
46,578. Is that on the Beverley Road?—No; on the Anlaby Road.
46,579. You call it the Seaman's Hospital?—Yes.
46,580. You are a freeman, I suppose?—Yes.
46,581. When were you made a freeman?—In 1806.

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46,582. Did you pay for it yourself?—My owners paid for it, that I served my time with.

46,583. In 1841, did you vote?—Yes.

46,584. For Clay and Thompson?—I voted for Mr. Clay and James, I think it was.

46,575. No, Clay and Thompson?—I cannot say; my memory is bad I have had two strokes.

46,586. Where did you live at that time?—In Carr Lane.

46,587. You voted for Clay and Sir John Hanmer?—Yes.

46,588. How much money did you get for that vote?—I got 15*s.* from Mr. Clay, and I got 10*s.* from Hanmer.

46,589. Before or after the election?—One was before, and the other was after.

46,590. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I cannot tell who I voted for; but I did not vote for Mr. Clay. I did not vote at all for Mr. Clay the second time.

46,591. Baines and Brown, perhaps?—Yes.

46,592. Were you in the hospital at that time?—No.

46,593. How much money did you get for that vote?—Nothing.

46,594. You said you had a stroke?—Yes.

46,595. Then you have forgotten it perhaps?—I got nothing at that time.

46,596. Did you ask for some money? did you try and get some in 1847?—No, I never made any application anyway whatever.

46,597. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

46,598. I understand you got some money for that?—Yes.

46,599. How much did the blues pay you?—I got 17*s.* paid as a runner, and I got my four days' pay.

46,600. You were in the hospital then?—Yes.

46,601. And were paid four days as a runner?—Yes.

46,602. And got 17*s.*?—Yes.

46,603. When were you paid?—After the election maybe a fortnight or three weeks; I cannot say.

46,604. Where were you paid?—In George Yard.

46,605. That is not the hospital yard, is it?—No, George Yard. Mr. Wells was the chairman.

46,606. Who paid you?—Mr. Wells himself.

46,607. How many other people in the hospital were paid by the same party at the last election, by the blues? How many other people with you were paid?—I know one, that is John Whitaker, he was paid along with me. We both went together.

46,608. Did he get the same money?—He got a pound.

46,609. How was that?—He had a day extra to fetch his son to vote, from Hessle.

46,610. How many are there in your hospital, voters?—There were ten in Carr Lane.

46,611. Is the hospital in Carr Lane?—Yes.

46,612. Did they all vote the same way?—Most of them did; not all.

46,613. For the blues?—Yes.

46,614. Do not you know that some of the others got paid by the blues, besides the one you mentioned?—There is John Hill, he got a pound.

46,615. You talked this matter over among yourselves, I dare say?—Yes.

46,616. Who else got any?—I told you Whitaker; I cannot say of any more.

46,617. Do you say they all voted for the blue party?—Nearly. There were some did not get anything.

46,618. How do you know that?—Because they said they did not. Charley Robinson said he got nothing, and an old man of the name of Sutton, he got nothing.

46,619. Do not you remember any more who did get something?—No; there was a man of the name of John Meek,—he got nothing.

46,620. Did you hear any of them say they got anything from the orange party, in the hospital?—There was one man got something. I do not know what he got. He split his vote; he had one for the orange, and the other for the blues.

46,621. He got some from each side?—I do not know indeed,

46,622. How much did he get from the orange?—I do not know at all what he got; he did not say.

46,623. What is his name?—They call him George Marshall. I do not know what he got.

46,624. Is that all you know about the people in your place?—Yes, that is all I know.

Thomas Metcalf.

THOMAS METCALF sworn, and examined.

46,625. Where do you live?—No. 5, Vauxhall Groves.

46,626. What is your business?—A cabinetmaker.

46,627. Do you pay rent for a house?—No; my daughter does.

46,628. And you lodge with her?—Yes.

46,629. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

46,630. When were you made a freeman?—I think it was in 1825 when I took my freedom up.

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46,631. At your own expense ?—Yes.
46,632. At the election of 1841, did you vote for Thompson and Clay ?—I voted for Mr. Clay.
46,633. And Colonel Thompson ?—Yes ; that would be it. I believe I voted for Mr. Clay.
46,634. Did you get some money for your vote ?—No.
46,635. Nothing at all ?—No.
46,636. Not from either party ?—No.
46,637. Are you sure of that ?—Yes.
46,638. Did anybody get any money for you ?—No.
46,639. In 1847, did you vote ?—Yes.
46,640. Who for ?—Clay and Baines.
46,641. Did you get some money at the Baltic ?—Yes.
46,642. How much ?—£1 19*s.* altogether, I belive.
46,643. Who had the money for you ?—I do not know the party I received the first of.
46,644. Nicholson, was it not ?—A person of the name of Nicholson was there ; I did not receive it from him. I believe the landlord paid me 19*s.*
46,645. In 1852, did you vote ?—Yes.
46,646. Moore and Butler ?—Yes.
46,647. What bid you get for that ?—Nothing.
46,648. Did you apply to them for employment ?—I did, towards the latter end, and I expected they would set me down for three days, but when I went for payment they said there was a mistake.
46,649. When you voted, you thought your name was down for three days ?—I expected so.
46,650. And you expected you would be paid for three days, when you voted ?—Yes.
46,651. And you went for the money, and they told you your name was not down ?—They said it was some mistake ; that it was not down.
46,652. And you did not get the money ?—No.
46,653. In 1841, are you sure that some of your family did not get the money for you ?—I am quite sure. I worked three weeks for the parties, and I went times enough to Mr. Galloway's office, and could not get it.
46,654. You went for it, but could not get it ?—Not a halfpenny. Three weeks and a day I was working.
46,655. Was your name set down ?—I was told it was, by parties I relied upon, and they never denied it when I went for the money.
46,656. And you thought it was, when you voted ?—It was never denied to me that my name was down, and that I had not done my duty, but they never paid me.
46,657. You never got the money ?—No.

Emanuel Moor.

Emanuel Moor sworn, and examined.

46,658. Where do you live ?—Dock Street.
46,659. What is your business ?—A joiner.
46,660. What rent do you pay for a house ?—19 guineas.
46,661. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.
46,662. Did you vote at the election of 1841 ?—No.
46,663. Were you not entitled to vote ?—No ; I did not take up my freedom till 1842.
46,664. In 1847, did you vote ?—Yes.
46,665. For Clay and Baines, I believe ?—Yes.
46,666. And you got some money at the Wilberforce rooms ?—No.
46,667. They say you did ?—They say wrong then.
46,668. Emanuel Moor is down ?—No ; I never was in the Wilberforce rooms in my life.
46,669. Do you know Nathaniel Moore ?—No.
46,670. You do not know such a person ?—No.
46,671. Did you ever hear of any money being paid there ?—Never.
46,672. Was any money brought to your house ?—No.
46,673. And paid to you ?—No.
46,674. Or for you ?—No.
46,675. Or for your benefit ?—No.
46,676. In 1852, you voted for Moore and Butler, did you ?—Yes.
46,677. Were you at Manchester before that election ?—Yes.
46,678. Did you come from Manchester to vote ?—Yes.
46,679. Did you receive any money from either party, for coming from Manchester ?—Yes ; I received 36*s.* to come from Manchester.
46,680. From whom did you receive it ?—From a gentleman in Manchester ; he keeps a stationer's shop there, at the corner of St. Ann's Square.
46,681. What did he say to you when he gave you the 36*s.* ?—He asked me a few questions which way my mind was for. I did not intend coming. I had a good job

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there, but he said he would pay me my travelling expenses, 18*s.* each way; that is first class; he would give me 36*s.*, and 10*s.* for two days' pay; and I had not been at Hull for a few months, and I thought I might as well have a cheap passage as pay for it out of my own pocket.

46,682. The people you travelled with in the first class, did they find out what you were coming about, or did you come in the third class?—I came in the third class.

46,683. You received first class fare, and came in the third?—Yes; that would pay the extra expenses.

46,684. Who paid you the other 10*s.*?—The same gentleman that paid the 36*s.*

46,685. All at the same time?—No. When I came back they called on me; they wanted me to call round. I came down the Thursday, and I went back the Friday evening, and I think on the Wednesday following I did not call down, but his clerk came down to where I was working, and he said, "There is 10*s.* due to you any time you call for it;" and I called for it, and received it.

46,686. Before you came away with the 36*s.*, did the gentleman tell you to look in again when you came back, to see how the thing went on?—Yes; to see whether I polled for the party that paid me.

46,687. You did not call when you went down?—No; I met with a few friends at the station.

46,688. I suppose you did not tell him the fare was more than 36*s.*?—I did not tell him anything about that.

46,689. What is the third class fare?—8*s.* 4*d.*

46,690. The fare was not as much as you got?—You want some refreshment upon the road, you know.

46,691. Who is the gentleman at the stationer's?—I cannot tell you his name, but if I was there I could take you to the shop direct; it is in St. Ann's Square, Manchester.

46,692. You were paid the 10*s.* also in Manchester, if I understand you?—Yes; in the same office where I was paid the 36*s.*, and the same gentleman paid me.

46,693. Did the gentleman at the stationer's say that the blue party kept an account with him?—Yes; and his clerk came down to me several times. I did not intend coming down at all.

46,694. He said the blue party kept a little account with him?—Yes.

46,695. And there were some other Manchester voters besides you, I suppose, who wanted a trip in the same way that you did?—I dare say there were some more.

46,696. Who came down with you, upon the same matter?—Two or three more voters. I think they were for the other party. I asked them no questions; they had a right to do as they liked.

46,697. You all travelled in the same carriage?—Yes.

46,698. All come together?—Yes.

46,699. And of course you talked about it?—Yes. I could have had money at the railway station from the other party, if I liked.

46,700. Who offered you the money?—One of Mr. Walker's friends.

46,701. Did you come with Walker from Manchester?—No; but I came with some of the party; but when I promised a party, and took money to vote for them, I did not want my expenses from two.

46,702. Who did the orange party get their money from in Manchester, do you know?—It was from a friend of Mr. Walker's. Walker was not there at the time; he was at Hull. It was a party who had been doing a little business for him up there.

46,703. They paid him?—He was there, and he had money to pay them.

46,704. Did this stationer, at the corner of the square, pay any of the blues besides you?—Not that I am aware of. I do not know that there was any blue party came from there, except myself.

46,705. You did not find out that there was?—No.

46,706. Either before you came, or after you got back?—No; not that I am aware of.

46,707. I do not quite understand what the 10*s.* was for?—It was for two days' loss of time. I was making about 7*s.* a day at the time, so I was out of pocket by it.

William Page.

WILLIAM PAGE sworn, and examined.

46,708. Where do you live?—No. 14, North Walls.

46,709. What is your business?—A shipwright.

46,710. What rent do you pay for a house?—12 guineas a year.

46,711. And are you a freeman?—Yes.

46,712. Did you vote at the election in 1841?—Yes.

46,713. Who for?—Hanmer and James.

46,714. Did you get some money for that vote?—I think I got 5*s.*

46,715. 5*s.* altogether?—That is all I got.

46,716. When did you get that?—I think it was after the election.

46,717. Who paid you?—I do not know.

46,718. Where was it, do you remember?—At the Lowgate Ward.

46,719. In Lowgate Ward committee room?—Yes.

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46,720. At the committee room, was it ?—Yes.
46,721. Did you do anything ?—I was set down as a runner.
46,722. When ? on the day of the election ?—Yes.
46,723. Before you voted, or after ?—Before I voted I was set down as a runner.
46,724. And was paid afterwards ?—Yes.
46,725. The same day ?—Yes.
46,726. In 1847, what did you do ?—I polled for Baines and Brown.
46,727. Did you get any money for that vote ?—10*s*. I think I got.
46,728. Who paid you that ?—I got that paid before the election.
46,729. Who paid you ?—I do not know who paid it.
46,730. Where ?—We got paid at the committee room.
46,731. There are several committee rooms, I dare say; do not you remember which committee room ?—In Lowgate Ward here.
46,732. 10*s*. ?—Yes.
46,733. Before or after the election ?—Before the election.
46,734. Before you voted ?—Yes.
46,735. For Mr. Brown was it ?—I expect it was for Mr. Brown.
46,736. Did you vote for Moore and Butler at the last election, in 1852 ?—Yes.
46,737. Were you a runner for Mr. Butler ?—Yes.
46,738. For how many days were you set down ? two days ?—Yes.
46,739. How much money did you get ?—I got a sovereign.
46,740. When were you paid ?—After the election.
46,741. Where ?—At the committee room.
46,742. You keep on saying "committee room;" I want to know where ?—In Lowgate ward.
46,743. Did you get anything for the orange party ?—No.

THOMAS SANDERSON sworn, and examined.

T. Sanderson.

46,744. Where do you live ?—I live in Cuthbert Street, Drypool.
46,745. What is your business ?—A shipwright.
46,746. What rent do you pay for a house ?—Six guineas.
46,747. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.
46,748. When were you made free ?—In April 1843.
46,749. Did you vote at the election of 1847 ?—Yes.
46,750. Who did you vote for ?—Mr. Clay only.
46,751. Did you get any money for that vote ?—I got 10*s*.
46,752. When were you paid ?—After the election.
46,753. Where ?—I had it brought to me.
46,754. At your own house ?—No; at the yard which I worked at.
46,755. Who brought it to you ?—A man of the name of Thomas Lee.
46,756. How long after the election ?—I do not know; two or three months, perhaps. I do not know exactly.
46,757. In 1852, the last election, did you vote ?—Yes.
46,758. Did you vote for Clay and Lord Goderich ?—Yes.
46,759. Did you get your name set down ?—No.
46,760. Did you receive any money ?—No.
46,761. Did you receive any promise of money ?—No.
46,762. Did you get a room engaged for a committee ?—No.
46,763. You did not receive anything, nor a promise of anything ?—I did not receive anything whatever.
46,764. Were you paid any money at the Wilberforce rooms, at any time ?—Never.
46,765. Your name is down, "Thomas Sanderson ?"—No, it was not me.
46,766. They say you got 10*s*. at the Wilberforce rooms ?—No; I never was in the Wilberforce rooms in 1847.
46,767. Was the money sent to you from the Wilberforce rooms ?—I do not know where it was sent from. I told you I had it brought to me.
46,768. Do you know Benjamin Sanderson ?—Yes, I do; he is my brother.
46,769. How did your brother Benjamin vote at the last election ?—I do not know.
46,770. Do you know whether he was employed at Mr. Gibson's ?—He was previous to the election I believe, but he has not been since.
46,771. What party did Mr. Gibson take ?—The blue party.
46,772. Do you know whether your brother voted orange or blue, or not at all ?—I think he voted.
46,773. Which way ?—I think he voted on the orange side.
46,774. Did he get any more employment at Mr. Gibson's ?—No, I think not.
46,775. He did not get any afterwards ?—No; I do not think he did.
46,776. Did you hear that he lost his employment in consequence of not voting for Clay and Lord Goderich ?—I do not know.

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46,777. But did you hear that?—I have heard such a report, but I do not know it for a truth.

46,778. How long had he worked for him before that?—Five or six years.

46,779. Regular work?—Nearly so.

W. Silbon.

WILLIAM SILBON sworn, and examined.

46,780. Where do you live?—Castle Street.

46,781. What is your business?— A publican.

46,782. What rent do you pay for your place?—£43.

46,783. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

46,784. What is the sign of your house?—The Junction Dock Tavern.

46,785. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.

46,786. Who for?—Hanmer and James.

46,787. Did you get any money at that election for your vote?—Not any.

46,788. Did you get any money at all?—Yes.

46,789. Were you employed by Mr. Stark?—Yes.

46,790. How much did you get paid?—I was not employed by him; I got 3*l.* from Mr. Stark.

46,791. What for?—I do not know what for.

46,792. Did he pay you 3*l.* for nothing?—Yes, before the election.

46,793. What did he say? "Here is a present of 3*l.* for you?"—Yes.

46,794. That is what he said?— Something similar.

46,795. Did he ask you which way you were going to vote?—He did.

46,796. What did you mean by telling me a minute ago, that you got no money? I asked if you got any money.—Not after the election. You asked me afterwards; this is prior to the election.

46,797. I did not ask you that question?—£3 I got on the Saturday evening prior to the election.

46,798. You did not vote that side?—No; I never promised that side.

46,799. You took a present of 3*l.* for nothing?—I was then in a good situation and it was sacrificed through it.

46,800. How was that?—I was steward of the Water Witch at the time.

46,801. A steamer?—Yes.

46,802. You lost your situation for not voting as the 3*l.* meant?—Of course it would be through that.

46,803. Did you get any money for voting the other way?—No.

46,804. After or before the election?—No.

46,805. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I bulleted Brown.

46,806. Did you get any money?—I was assisting Mr. Bannister as a clerk.

46,807. In 1847?—Yes.

46,808. You assisted him in 1852 also?—Yes.

46,809. Take 1847 first: you assisted Mr. Bannister then?—Yes.

46,810. Where did you assist him?—At the Blue Bell, in Prospect Street.

46,811. For how long?—A couple of days, perhaps.

46,812. What did you do there?—I was at the Blue Bell, in the room where the committee was held.

46,813. Acting as clerk?—Yes.

46,814. How much did you get?—I think Mr. Bannister gave me 2*l.*

46,815. Before or after the election?—I think it was after the election.

46,816. How long did you continue at the Blue Bell after the election was over, winding up the business?—Not any time.

46,817. Did you not assist Mr. Bannister at all after the election?—No.

46,818. You were paid afterwards?—Yes, I got paid afterwards.

46,819. Where did you go to get your money?—I believe I received it at the Blue Bell two or three days after the election.

46,820. Were others paid at the same time?—Yes, I believe there were.

46,821. A good many?—Yes.

46,822. Did they all get the same sum as far as you know?—Yes, there were several got it I think.

46,823. Did you not assist in making those payments?—Yes.

46,824. You told me just now you did not?—I paid several. I had the permission o putting several names down, and I paid the money.

46,825. I asked you whether you assisted after the election, and you told me you did not. Did you assist in making these payments after the election?—Yes; I received the money and paid it over to the different parties.

46,826. You stated the contrary?—I was not employed after that time.

46,827. You assisted in making the payments?—I had the money given to me afterwards, and I paid the parties whom it was due to.

46,828. Where did you pay them?—I believe I paid them at the Blue Bell.

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46,829. How long were you occupied in making the payments at the Blue Bell?—I was not many hours.

46,830. What day was it?—I am sure I cannot say.

46,831. You can tell me whether it was a few days after the election or not?—Upon my word I cannot say. It was after the election, at all events.

46,832. Do you remember the total sum of money you paid away?—It would not exceed a many pounds.

46,833. That will not give me any idea whether it was 20 or 5*l.*?—Under 20*l.*

46,834. You paid 2*l.* a head?—Yes.

46,835. That was the general sum?—Yes, I believe it was.

46,836. And included yourself in the number?—Yes.

46,837. They had all voted, I suppose, in the same day you did?—I believe they did.

46,838. Do you know the names of the parties you paid? have you got a list?—No, I think not.

46,839. You had a list which you paid by?—No; I had not any list at all.

46,840. You said the money was given to you to pay them?—The names were down in a book on the table, and the men, as they came up to the door, were paid; I went and got the money and gave it them. I know the parties if the names were called over.

46,841. Perhaps you will look through the book, and we shall be obliged to you to give them?—There is a Mr. Campion, and I think there was an Oliver; I think so.

46,842. Perhaps you could make out a list and let us have it to-morrow morning?—I really could not call the names to mind.

46,843. Suppose you looked at the poll book, that may refresh your mind?—I do not think it would.

46,844. Can you remember any besides Campion?—I think there was Thomas Oliver.

46,845. Perhaps you could make out a list and let us have it to-morrow morning?—I will try if you wish.

46,846. Do you know Campion's Christian name?—I do not know; I think those were the two; as for any other, I really cannot call it to mind now.

46,847. Do you remember any others?—No, I do not indeed. I think those would be about the only two that I did pay; there were several names that I did put down, but I did not pay them.

46,848. Perhaps you saw them paid?—No, I did not see them paid. I had no doubt they would be paid, but I did not pay them.

46,849. You said you paid about 20*l.*?—I said considerably under 20*l.*

46,850. I said 50*l.* first and you said 20*l.*?—I said considerably under 20*l.*

46,851. Is it Charles Campion, of Trinity House Lane?—Yes, that is the man; a tailor.

46,852. You remember him?—Yes; him in particular, I can think of.

46,853. What books do you speak of that were lying on the table?—Similar to what have been here.

46,854. Committee books?—Yes, there was a committee held at the Blue Bell.

46,855. And those books had the names in them?—Yes.

46,856. Did you conclude your business with Mr. Bannister that day the payments were made?—Of course; I merely gave in to Mr. Bannister the names I had down, as we termed them runners.

46,857. And the books were left there?—Yes.

46,858. With Mr. Bannister?—Mr. Bannister was at the table with other persons.

46,859. Was he the principal person?—I do not know who was the the principal person at the time.

46,860. Who gave you the money?—I believe I received it from Mr. Bannister.

46,861. In 1852 did you vote for Clay and Goderich?—No.

46,862. Moore and Butler?—Yes.

46,863. You let a room then I think, to Mr. Bannister; did you not?—No.

46,864. Did he take one of you without your letting him?—No; I took one of another party.

46,865. For Mr. Bannister?—No; I do not say it was for Mr. Bannister.

46,866. Did he not use it?—No.

46,867. We are told he did?—I took one on my own responsibility.

46,868. How much did you get for it?—I took one of another party.

46,869. Tell us all about it yourself?—I took one and paid three guineas for it. At all events, it was paid for the room. I did not for pay it, but it was paid for.

46,870. Who was this person?—Mr. Sherbon, in Fish Street, a neighbour of mine. I was then residing in Fish Street.

46,871. You took it on your own responsibility? for what party did you take it?—For Moore and Butler, merely as a committee room.

46,872. What use did you make of the room?—We had several parties that wanted to be put on as runners, and they were going to give their interest to Moore and Butler, and I put them on as runners at the rate of 3*s.* 6*d.* a day.

46,873. How many did you put down at 3*s.* 6*d.* a day?—I do not suppose it would

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exceed fourteen. I forget the quantity now, but we will say from twelve to fourteen, then I am speaking within bounds.

46,874. You put them down yourself?—Yes.

46,875. What did you do with the list?—The list was given over to Mr. Bannister.

46,876. How many days were they down for?—I think altogether would be about seven or eight days.

46,877. Did you for the room?—No; I did not pay for the room myself. I engaged the room, and it was paid for.

46,878. I thought perhaps you paid for it?—No; it was paid for by another individual.

46,879. Who was that?—Mr. Ride, Mr. Bannister's brother-in-law.

46,880. And these men at 3*s.* 6*d.* a day, did you pay them, or who paid them?—I paid them myself.

46,881. When did you pay them?—After the election. I paid some of them prior to the election that were set on as runners, and then I paid the others after the election was over. I think five days was the last payment I made each individual, which amounted to 17*s.* 6*d.* each.

46,882. Some, you say, that had been doing something, you paid before?—Yes.

46,883. And some that had been doing nothing you paid after?—They all did something.

46,884. I thought you said you paid those that had been set on as runners afterwards?—No; I say some were paid two and three days prior to the election, and I paid the rest after the election was over.

46,885. You said some that were set on you paid before the election, and some after?—I said some prior to the election, I paid them, and the rest stood over till after the election was over—the Saturday week following—until after the election was over.

46,886. Then there were some who were not set on? you say, those that were set on you paid before the election, and the others, of course, stood over?—I allude to the whole quantity of them, but I drew the money to pay them before the election came on, the Saturday night prior to the election.

46,887. Did you have the same list to pay them by?—I made out a list myself.

46,888. You put the names on a list yourself?—Yes.

46,889. Did you have the same list back to pay them by?—No; I gave the list in when I went for the amount of money, and I have never seen it since.

46,890. Did it appear by any list you gave to Mr. Bannister what money you had paid to each person?—It appeared on the list the money I required to pay each person.

46,891. And you received that money?—Yes, and paid every individual.

46,892. And their names were left with Mr. Bannister?—Yes; I believe those lists went to the central committee.

46,893. Did you make any other payment at the last election of 1852?—No.

46,894. Excepting these?—No.

46,895. Nothing for any other room?—No; this room was to have been paid for by me. I went down, but I did not see Mr. Bannister, and, of course, through my not calling again, Mr. Ride called to settle for the room.

46,896. Did you receive anything yourself at that election?—No.

46,897. The last one?—No.

46,898. Nothing at all?—No.

46,899. You mentioned the person whose room you took?—George Sherbon, in Fish Street.

46,900. Is a tradesman?—Yes, a grocer; a neighbour to me at that time.

46,901. A blue voter?—Yes.

46,902. Did you secure Sherbon's vote by that?—Yes I did.

46,903. And you also secured a place where runners could attend; that was another object of the room, was it?—Decidedly; of course.

46,904. And they were to take pieces of paper about?—Yes; several of my friends were voters. I was in the public business at the time, and they wanted to be put on as runners.

46,905. That was one of the uses made of the room?—That was about the principal part.

46,906. You could not have runners unless you had a room to run to?—There were parties who had money from me voted the other side. I have been away; I have been to Australia and back. I only ascertained last week that some parties, who received money from me, went and voted on the other side.

46,907. You have heard of those people?—Yes; I have heard of one in particular.

46,908. You can make out a list of these fourteen, I dare say, between this and to-morrow morning?—I do not think I could; I have no papers. I tell you the papers and the names I had I gave to Mr. Bannister. I never kept a copy of them; and if I had, through removing, and one thing and another, I have not anything at hand.

46,909. The poll book would help you, probably?—I do not think it would, there are so many names alike. Parties came and set their names down as runners, who were strangers to me; this one I allude to was with Mr. Barkworth; I forget his name. I paid him the money myself, and he went and voted opposite to us.

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46,910. You can try and make out a list; go to Mr. Bannister and try?—No; I think it would be useless.

46,911. We require a list from you?—Perhaps Mr. Bannister will be able to give it.

46,912. Messengers, that were quite unnecessary, were sent backwards and forwards, in order to keep them in employment, to give them the appearance of doing something?—Yes.

46,913. Was there a man of the name of Worter?—No.

46,914. You know he was not there, so I dare say you can tell us who was?—I do not know such a man.

46,915. You will only give us the trouble of going through the poll book, and keeping you here a long time in order for you to tell us what the names are?—I really could not call them to mind; it is an utter impossibility.

46,916. We must require you to make out as good a list as you can?—It shall be done as far as is in my power. Mr. Bannister, perhaps, has a copy of it.

46,917. Give your attention to it, it will not take you long. You seem to have been a careful agent, and I have no doubt you can tell the names with a little consideration. One of the Charlton's?—Thomas Charlton, do you mean?

46,918. Yes?—Yes, I know that man, but he voted against us. I do not want such men as them that come over one.

46,919. If you will assist us with a list it will save a deal of trouble?—As far as regards that, if I can get a copy of the names, and give a copy of the names, it shall be given in to you. I will use my utmost endeavours.

46,920. Were you paid for your trouble yourself last year?—No.

46,921. Not at all?—No.

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HENRY STRAFFORD STEPHENS sworn, and examined.

46,922. Where do you live?—10, Hessle Road.

46,923. What business are you?—A shoemaker.

46,924. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.

46,925. How much?—£8.

46,926. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

46,927. When were you made free?—About 1843, I think.

46,928. At whose expense?—My own.

46,929. Did you vote at the election in 1847?—Yes.

46,930. Who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay and Mr. Brown.

46,931. Did you get some money for your vote at the Baltic?—No.

46,932. You were paid some money at the Baltic?—No; never was in the house.

46,933. Your name is down?—It is false.

46,934. Did somebody bring you some money from the Baltic?—No; I never saw any nor any of the party.

46,935. Do you know anybody else of your name?—I had a brother, but he was not on the list at the time. He had not got put on the register.

46,936. Do you know young Mr. Jones and young Mr. Galloway paid money at the Baltic for the election of 1847?—No; I never saw any of the party.

46,937. Did you not receive any money at all after the election was over?—Yes; I received 10*s.*

46,938. When did you get that?—I got 5*s.* from Mr. Bannister; 5*s.* before I polled, and 5*s.* after at the Blue Bell.

46,939. I made a mistake about the Baltic?—Yes.

46,940. Where did you get it?—At the Blue Bell; 5*s.* of Mr. Bannister before I polled, and 5*s.* after.

46,941. At the same place?—Yes.

46,942. In 1852 did you vote?—Yes.

46,943. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

46,944. Did you get anything for that?—Not for voting.

46,945. What did you get for voting, or what did you get something for?—I was set down, and had five days as a runner.

46,946. Where was that?—At the committee room in Sewer Lane.

46,947. What committee room was that?—It was the marine department.

46,948. Where they looked after the sailor voters?—Yes.

46,949. Where Mr. Prissick was?—Yes.

46,950. Did he put your name down for you?—Yes.

46,951. What did you do for him?—I carried several notes out.

46,952. For five days?—I was five days in attendance.

46,953. How much money did you get?—£1 2*s.*

46,954. When were you paid?—About a week or eight days after the election.

46,955. Who by?—Mr. Prissick.

46,956. Where?—In my own shop.

46,957. You told him which way you should vote, I suppose?—No, I did not; I had promised my vote before I was set on.

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46,958. Then he knew it, I dare say?—I do not know; he was not there when I promised it.

46,959. Where did you promise it, and to whom?—I promised Mr. Clay and Lord Goderich themselves.

46,960. When they canvassed you?—Yes.

John Suddaby.

JOHN SUDDABY sworn, and examined.

46,961. Where do you live?—In Charles Street.

46,962. What is your business?—A commission agent.

46,963. What rent do you pay for a house?—£11.

46,964. Are you a freeman?—No.

46,965. Did you vote at the election in 1841?—No.

46,966. Were you not on the register?—I was in Hull, but not on the register.

46,967. Did you vote at the election in 1847?—Yes.

46,968. Who for?—Mr. Brown.

46,969. Did you get any money for that?—None at all.

46,970. Never expected any?—No.

46,971. Several people have told us they had money forced upon them?—Nobody ever offered me any, so of course I could not get it.

46,972. Did you live at Wincolmlee at the time of Mr. Brown's election?—I did.

46,973. Did you vote in 1852?—Yes.

46,974. Who for?—Moore and Butler.

46,975. Did you receive anything at that election?—No.

46,976. Did you have a committee room?—No.

46,977. Was your name set down anywhere?—No.

46,978. Did you formerly keep the Delapole tavern?—Yes.

46,979. Up to how lately?—I left it in September, 1851.

46,980. That is a house that has been a good deal frequented by the blues, I believe?—I do not know, I am sure.

46,981. At the election of 1847, the blue party met at your house?—There was no committee room there. They were only there a day or two at the election.

46,982. People meet except at committee rooms very often?—There were the clerks had their victuals there in 1847; they got dinners and tea there too.

46,983. They got their meals there?—Yes; dinners and teas, in 1847.

46,984. What clerks?—Of Mr. Brown's committee.

46,985. Of all his committees?—No; only four or five of them—three or four—I forget the number exactly.

46,986. Were there any names set down there?—No; there was no committee room there.

46,987. Very likely not?—I never knew of any name being set down there. There were no books kept there; the committee room was not very far off.

46,988. Did you vote blue at that election?—I voted for Mr. Brown.

46,989. There was no room at your place kept for putting down names?—No.

46,990. Was there any money paid there after the election?—I never saw any paid.

46,991. Did you hear of it?—I believe there was none. I never heard of any payment there, and I do not think anybody else ever did.

46,992. Were you there at the election of 1841?—Yes.

46,993. What occurred with the blue party then? did they have any room at your house?—No; no room at all.

46,994. Did any parties meet there?—No.

46,995. Were any names set down there?—No; I never knew of any; I never saw anything such as an election book in that house, only at municipal elections.

46,996. Did you know of payments being made at your house in 1841?—No.

46,997. Not any?—No.

46,998. Did you make any yourself?—No.

46,999. Did you pay any parties?—Never.

47,000. Did you receive any money to pay them?—No.

47,001. At any of these elections?—I believe once it was three half sovereigns; I took it only in the street, and took it over to three men; that is all the money I ever saw at an election.

47,002. What election was that?—Brown's election.

47,003. Who gave you that money?—Either Mr. Yeall or Mr. Robinson, I will not be sure which; one of the two.

47,004. What to do with it?—To pay it to three men.

47,005. What were their names?—Three Drinkalls.

47,006. Did you pay them?—I think I did.

47,007. Was that after the election?—It was during the poll.

47,008. Were they on their way up to poll?—They were going to poll then, and they all three went and polled for Mr. Clay.

47,009. Henry Percy Drinkall, John Drinkall, and the other?—Yes; one is dead, one in jail, and the other is a sawyer.

47,010. Are those the only people you paid?—Yes.

47,011. At that election?—Yes.

47,012. Did they break your windows then?—Yes.

47,013. In 1841?—No; in 1847.

47,014. Who broke your windows?—Some of Mr. Clay's friends, I suppose.

47,015. Who paid you for that?—Nobody. I never was paid yet.

47,016. Did you see any other money paid excepting that you have mentioned?—No; I never saw any money paid.

47,017. Not at any time?—No.

47,018. Which of the Drinkalls is in gaol now?—It is the young one.

47,019. Is it John?—I do not know the name; it is the young one.

47,020. What is the name of the one that is dead?—I do not know his name. I know Henry Percy Drinkall, he is the eldest.

47,021. It is not him?—Not him.

47,022. Did you take care of any money for the blue party?—Never had any to take care of for them.

47,023. Did not keep any for them?—They never trusted me with a shilling, only what I tell you.

47,024. You had left before the last election?—Yes.

47,025. We hear there was a supper at the Delapole?—Yes.

47,026. Did they invite you to it as the old landlord?—I do not know whether they did; I was not there.

47,027. Did they not ask you as the old landlord?—I do not think they did; I have no recollection.

47,028. You would have recollected it?—I should if I had had it.

47,029. Had you a good supper at the 1847 election?—Never a supper at all that I recollect.

47,030. Had you any dinner before the election?—No.

47,031. Neither supper nor dinner?—No.

47,032. In 1841?—No; I never heard tell of an election supper in my life there.

47,033. Or dinner?—No; except at municipal elections we have. When Mr. Davis beat Mr. Collins, we had a good supper then.

47,034. Did you know anything of these Drinkalls?—I knew them all well enough by sight.

47,035. Did they all work together for Henry Glen?—I do not know where they live; they live in George Street. I know Henry Glen, but I do not know whether they work for him. I think not,—I think the two young ones are labourers.

47,036. We hear that the eldest worked for Mr. Glen?—Yes; he is a sawyer. I think they worked as deal carriers, or something of that sort.

47,037. I will read the names; tell us which it is: James Drinkall, the younger,—is he one of them?—I do not know their Christian names at all, only Henry Percy Drinkall.

47,038. Do you know where they lived?—No; I think they lived in George Street, but I never was at the house.

47,039. Colton Square, New George Street,—do any of them live there?—I do not know Colton Square; I do not know which it is.

47,040. Hyperion Street?—I do not know which is Hyperion Street; I think it is Drypool. I do not know where any of them live. I never was at their house.

47,041. You paid three half sovereigns to these three Drinkalls?—Yes; I did.

47,042. To vote blue, and they voted orange, all the men sold you bulleted for Clay?—Yes; they went to vote directly for Clay.

47,043. They got money to vote for Brown?—Yes; they were willing to be set on as runners; the time was very short; they said they had been about a day or two, and were to have half a sovereign each to vote for Brown; that was the understanding. I took the money across the street; I had it not in my hands only two minutes.

47,044. The money was paid for the purpose of their voting for Brown?—Yes.

47,045. And they took it for that purpose?—Yes.

47,046. That is, you told them what you gave it them for?—That is what they asked for, and they would not go to vote without they were paid; that was it.

47,047. Did you not go up with them to see how they voted?—No; I never went a yard.

47,048. Did you canvass much for the blues?—No; very little.

47,049. In 1841?—No; very little. I had only just come to Hull.

47,050. You did canvass for them?—I only canvassed a very little.

47,051. Did you secure some voters for the blues?—No; I do not know that I did.

47,052. In 1847?—No; I do not know that I did. I did very little that way. It is very likely I might ask people to vote, and I dare say I should.

47,053. Can you give us any information about those elections besides what I have asked you to?—I cannot.

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47,054. Did you understand that those Drinkalls got more money from the orange side? —I do not know what they got,—I do not know anything about it, as to what they got.

47,055. You do not know how they came to vote the other way after taking Mr. Brown's money?—I do not suppose it was principle. They had no principle only to get what they could, that was all.

W. H. Thistleton.

WILLIAM HENRY THISTLETON sworn, and examined.

47,056. What is your business?—Hairdresser.

47,057. Where do you live?—81, High Street.

47,058. What rent do you pay for a house?—£14.

47,059. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

47,060. When were you made a freeman?—In 1838.

47,061. At whose expense?—My own.

47,062. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes.

47,063. Who for?—Clay and Thompson.

47,064. Were you employed by Mr. Stark?—No.

47,065. They have put you down?—I am not aware of it.

47,066. Did you get anything?—No.

47,067. Did you get anything anywhere that election?—No, not at all.

47,068. Nor any promise?—No.

47,069. Did you vote at the election in 1847—the next election?—Yes.

47,070. Who for?—Clay and Brown.

47,071. Did you get anything that election?—Yes.

47,072. What did you get then?—About 2*l.*

47,073. Where paid?—At the Baltic tavern.

47,074. By young Mr. Galloway?—I believe young Mr. Galloway was there, and one of the Jones's.

47,075. At the last election of 1852, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

47,076. Did you get anything for that?—No.

47,077. Any promise?—No.

47,078. Were you employed?—Not at all.

47,079. You had no committee room?—No.

47,080. Are you any relation to James Morris Thistleton?—Yes; brother to him.

47,081. Was your brother formerly in the same business as you?—Yes.

47,082. Your brother was an active man at the elections here; can you give us any information on either election?—No; I never took any active part in those elections.

W. Thompson.

WILLIAM THOMPSON sworn, and examined.

47,083. Where do you live?—Old Dockside.

47,084. What is your business?—Coal merchant.

47,085. What rent do you pay for your house and premises?—£19, where I am now.

47,086. A freeman?—No.

47,087. Did you vote at the election in 1841?—No.

47,088. Were you not entitled to vote?—No; nor in 1847 either.

47,089. You voted in 1852?—Yes.

47,090. Who for?—Moore and Butler.

47,021. Do you know a man of the name of John Flowers, of Salthouse Lane?—No; I cannot say that I do.

47,092. He is a tailor in Salthouse Lane?—Yes, I remember him now.

47,093. Did you see him before the last election?—I saw him on the election day.

47,094. Did he tell you he had promised to vote for the orange, or that he was going to vote for them?—I do not remember; I was placed on the committee but never served at all, or never interfered in the matter.

47,095. I ask you, whether John Flowers told you the election day he was going to vote for the orange?—He never told me anything of the sort.

47,096. Did you ask him?—I never interfered with him at all.

47,097. Did you ask the question?—I do not remember.

47,098. You say you saw him?—Yes; he was pushing about a good deal.

47,099. Did you not ask him how he was going to vote?—No.

47,100. He is a tailor?—Yes; he was in a person of the name of Stray's shop.

47,101. Did he not make you a suit of clothes?—Not exactly.

47,102. How near to it? a pair of breeches?—No, nor a vest either, not a stitch; he never made me anything in his life.

47,103. I am told you ordered a suit of clothes of him to get him to vote blue?—No.

47,104. Which way did he vote?—I cannot tell which way.

47,105. He voted your side?—Then I am much obliged to him.

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47,106. Did he not tell you he was going to vote orange?—No.

47,107. And did you not give him some order in his business on condition he would vote blue?—No; I never took that interest in elections.

47,108. You are speaking upon your oath?—Yes; and I will tell you the truth.

47,108. Is this so or not?—It is not so.

47,110. Did anything pass whatever?—Not a word.

47,111. About your giving him an order if he would vote the other way?—No.

47,112. Did anything pass about his vote?—Not a word.

47,113. Did you speak to him the polling day?—Yes, of course, different things; I do not remember what might pass; I was running about a good deal. I was standing in Lowgate in this person's shop.

47,114. Whose shop?—A person of the name of Stray, a tailor; there were several other people there. They might be talking about voting. I do not remember what was said.

47,115. Did any one else give him a promise of an order if he would vote blue while you were there?—I do not remember; I do not think there is any person likely to give him an order.

47,116. Did he live anywhere near Mr. Stray?—They both lived at the end of the street, nearly so.

47,117. Does he work in the shop?—Flowers has a place to himself in Salthouse Lane.

47,118. Each had separate shops?—Yes.

47,119. We are told you did try to get him to change this way?—No; I never took that interest.

47,120. You would be anxious for your party?—I did not care about it. I did not care about voting at all.

47,121. Did you get anything yourself?—Not exactly.

47,122. You say not exactly?—I was out of pocket for loss of time.

47,123. Did you not get it paid to you?—No; I did not want it.

47,124. You never applied for it?—No.

47,125. You did not spend any money out of pocket on the blue party?—No; I only neglected my own business.

Edward Thorp.

EDWARD THORP sworn, and examined.

47,126. Where do you live?—Nile Street.

47,127. What is your business?—Nothing.

47,128. Do you pay rent?—Yes.

47,129. For a house?—Yes.

47,130. How much?—£16.

47,131. Are you a freeman of the borough?—No.

47,132. Have you never been a freeman?—No.

47,133. Were you a voter at the election in 1841?—No.

47,134. You voted for Hanmer and James?—No.

47,135. You do not remember it perhaps. I see by the poll book a person of your name voted for Clay and Thompson; do you remember if that was you, in 1841?—I do not recollect it.

47,136. There is an Edward Thorpe who lived in Charles Street voted for Clay and Thompson, is that you?—No.

47,137. Did you ever live in Charles Street?—No.

47,138. In 1847 did you vote?—Yes.

47,139. Who for?—Mr. Clay.

47,140. And got 10*s.* I believe?—No, I did not.

47,141. Mr. Stark says you had 10*s.*?—No.

47,142. At the Wilberforce rooms?—No.

47,143. Did you get it?—No.

47,144. Did anybody get it for you?—No.

47,145. Did you hear of the money being paid there?—No.

47,146. Never heard of it?—No.

47,147. In 1852, did you vote?—Yes.

47,148. Who for?—Clay and Goderich.

47,149. Did you get anything then?—No, not a farthing.

47,150. Do you know somebody else of your name?—No.

47,151. Did you ever vote for Clay and Thompson?—Yes.

W. Hodgson.

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WILLIAM HODGSON recalled, and examined.

47,152. You know this man?—Yes.
47,153. Do you know his memory to be bad?—Yes.
47,154. Do you think he is now capable of giving evidence we can rely upon?—I should doubt it.
47,155. Your opinion is he is not?—Yes.

J. K. Webster.

JOHN KITE WEBSTER sworn, and examined.

47,156. Where do you live?—Anlaby Road.
47,157. What is your business?—A bricklayer.
47,158. What rent do you pay for a house?—The house is my own.
47,159. What is it rated at?—£3, I believe.
47,160. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
47,161. When were you made free?—In 1842.
47,162. Did you vote at the election in 1847?—Yes.
47,163. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Brown.
47,164. You were paid some money afterwards, I think, at the Baltic?—Yes.
47,165. How much did you get?—£2.
47,166. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
47,167. How came you to vote for them?—I changed my principles.
47,168. Was it the principle of getting paid for it?—No; it was not for that exactly.
47,169. Did you get any money?—Yes.
47,170. Did you get paid for it?—I got paid four days.
47,171. How much did you get?—17*s.*
47,172. When paid?—About a fortnight after the election.
47,173. Who paid you?—Mr. Wells.
47,174. At his office?—Yes.
47,175. When did you promise the blues?—I never promised them at all.
47,176. Were you canvassed by the orange?—Yes; both parties.
47,177. And would not promise either?—No.
47,178. Was your name set down on Mr. Wells' side?—No, not until the morning of the election.
47,179. And you got paid for four days 17*s.*?—Yes.

G. M. Young.

GEORGE MORELL YOUNG sworn, and examined.

47,180. Where do you live?—The Retreat, Hood Street, Jenning Street.
47,181. What is your business?—A labourer.
47,182. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
47,183. How much?—About 7*l.*
47,184. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
47,185. When were you made free?—In 1840.
47,186. Or 1839?—Yes, 1839.
47,187. At whose expense?—My own expense.
47,188. Did you vote for the blue party?—Yes.
47,189. Did they pay for you?—I paid for it myself.
47,190. They say you did not pay for it?—I paid for it at the time, but it was paid for afterwards.
47,191. Who paid you the money back?—Mr. Hammond, I believe.
47,192. Was it before the next election which took place in 1841?—Yes.
47,193. Mr. Hammond was of the blue party, was he?—Yes.
47,194. Did you vote for the blue party in consequence of getting this money?—No; I voted for the blue party.
47,195. Did you receive the money for your freedom before the election?—My freedom was taken up before the election.
47,196. You paid for it yourself in the first instance?—Yes.
47,197. Were you repaid by Mr. Hammond before the election?—Yes.
47,198. Did you not say you should vote for him?—I never was asked.
47,199. When did you receive the money?—A few days after.
47,200. A few days after you paid it?—Yes.
47,201. Did you go and say "I have paid 3*l.*"?—No.
47,202. How came he to give you 3*l.*?—It did not cost that money.
47,203. Why should Hammond pay you 3*l.*?—It did not cost that.
47,204. How much was it? I thought you said 3*l.*?—I did not say so.
47,205. How much did it cost?—4*s.* or 5*s.*, I believe.

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47,206. You voted for Hanmer and James?—Yes.
47,207. Did you get any money for your vote?—I got 10*s.*, I believe, before the election, and a sovereign, I believe, after the election some time.
47,208. I am asking about 1841, when you voted for Hanmer and James?—Yes.
47,209. And you got that money?—Yes.
47,210. Who paid you?—I am sure I do not know the gentleman's name.
47,211. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Brown and Baines.
47,212. Did you receive some money for your vote that election?—I got half a sovereign.
47,213. When was it paid you?—Directly after I polled.
47,214. Who by?—I do do not know who it was.
47,215. You got some money at the Baltic, I think?—No, I did not; not a halfpenny.
47,216. You are a cautious man, just consider: did you not get some money at the Baltic?—No, I did not.
47,217. Who did for you?—No one that I know of.
47,218. The 10*s.* you got was for Mr. Brown?—Yes.
47,219. Did you get anything for Mr. Baines?—Yes, 5*s.*
47,220. And nothing for Mr. Clay?—No; I never voted for Mr. Clay.
47,221. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
47,222. Did you get some money for that?—Yes.
47,223. How much?—A sovereign.
47,224. When was that paid you?—Perhaps a fortnight after the election.
47,225. Where?—At the Three Crowns, in Lime Street.
47,226 Who paid you in Lime Street?—I do not know who the gentleman was; there were two or three gentlemen were there, I do not know any of them. I was not there two minutes; there was no one in the room.
47,227. How much did you get?—20*s.*
47,228. Were there others there?—There was no other freeman in the room but myself.
47,229. But others were standing outside ready to follow you in?—No.
47,230. Or went in before you?—I do not know; I was at work at the time.
47,231. Were you the only man?—No, I did not know of this; but a man came to me and said they were paying. I was at work at the time and I slipped away and went and got paid; I was not a quarter of an hour away.
47,232. Had you had your name set down for the blues?—Yes.
47,233. Is Robert Young your relation?—No.

Robert Young.

ROBERT YOUNG sworn, and examined.

47,234. Where do you live?—Staniforth Place, Hessle Road.
47,235. What is your business?—Shipwright, by trade.
47,236. Are you married?—Yes.
47,237. And have got six sons?—I had six.
47,238. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
47,239. How much?—I pay 5*l.* for the house, and 2*l.* I pay for a bit of a garden, I have the other side.
47,240. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
47,241. When were you made a freeman?—About 34 years since, I think.
47,242. You got some money at every election since?—I have not been here at every election.
47,243. All those you have been at?—I generally was paid the same as all freemen were.
47,244. In 1841, were you here then?—Yes.
47,245. Who did you vote for?—I believe I voted for Clay and Goderich last time. I think I was not here at that election.
47,246. Was there more than one? because Robert Young, of Staniforth Place, voted in 1841 for Hanmer and James; is that you?—Yes, that is me.
47,247. What did you get then?—I do not know that I got anything.
47,248. After the election?—I do not remember getting anything.
47,249. You said you generally got money?—Yes; the same as what the others were paid I got. I do not remember the date; I have not been in the habit of being at home at all times.
47,250. Others got 1*l.* apiece at that time?—I did not get a pound to my knowledge.
47,251. You have forgotten it?—I do not know that I have.
47,252. In 1847 did you vote?—Yes.
47,253. Who for?—Clay and Brown, I believe, that election.
47,254. You got some money at the Baltic?—Yes.
47,255. How much?—I think I got 30*s.*, to the best of my knowledge.
47,256. Was that all you got that election?—Yes.
47,257. Did some of your sons vote that election?—Yes; I think they did; I think they would.

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47,258. Did you get some money for them?—No; I am sure I did not.

47,259. Your wife takes an interest in voting, does she not?—I am sure I do not know what my wife does.

47,260. I suppose you are at home sometimes?—I do not know whether it be a common practice.

47,261. Do your sons live with you?—They did; they are married.

47,262. How many are freemen?—Four are free, I believe. I have four; I have lost two.

47,263. You had six free?—Yes; there would have been if they lived.

47,264. They did not all take up their freedom?—No; four of them.

47,265. And yourself, that would be five?—Yes.

47,266. Did your sons vote blue?—Some of them did; one, I think, did; that one polled orange.

47,267. Who did you vote for in 1852, the last election?—Moore and Butler.

47,268. You get your money generally before the election, do you not?—No.

47,269. Did you get paid before that election?—No.

47,270. Do you know Mr. Prissick?—Yes.

47,271. Perhaps he is here now?—He was here; I have seen him here.

47,272. Did you not tell him you never voted until you paid?—No.

47,273. Upon your oath, remember?—I did not.

47,274. I ask you that question upon your oath?—I did not, to my knowledge, say anything of the sort.

47,275. The question I put to you is, whether you ever told young Mr. Prissick you never voted until you were paid?—No such a thing; I never could look for that any more than what other people do.

47,276. Did you ever say so?—No; not to my knowledge; I never said any such words.

47,277. What did you get at the last election for Moore and Butler?—I was put on as a runner at 2*s.* 6*d.* a day. I think I was eight days on.

47,278. You got 1*l.*?—I got more than 1*l.*

47,279. How much did you get?—Half a crown a day.

47,280. That came to 1*l.*?—It might be that; the days are a little more, but that is what I got.

47,281. When were you paid?—I was on one week three days, and the other week I was paid after the election, after we had polled.

47,282. Three days one week?—Yes; three days before the election came on.

47,283. That was paid before the election?—Yes.

47,284. When were you paid the other?—After the election.

47,285. Where?—At a place against Mr. Bannister's, going up to the Quay side, Minerva Terrace.

47,286. Who paid you?—I think the man's name is Legitt.

47,287. This was the last election?—Yes.

47,288. Did your sons vote at the last election?—Yes; some of them did.

47,289. The same way as you did?—I do not know that they did. I do not know. I do not know how they polled, I am sure. I do not know who they polled for.

47,290. Did they not go up with you?—No.

47,291. Did they tell you they got any money?—No.

47,292. Any of your sons?—No; not any such thing.

47,293. Did your wife get any orange names set down to your knowledge?—I do not know that she did.

47,294. Did you see any list of names that she had?—No; I did not.

47,295. She is active for the orange, is she not?—I do not know; they call on a woman for one party. I do not know that she is any more for one party than another in that respect.

47,296. She is rather for the party that pays the best?—I do not know; women are always for money the same as anybody else. I never had any in my hands. I was paid no more than any other poor man.

Joseph Jones.

JOSEPH JONES sworn, and examined.

47,297. Where do you live?—No. 6, Lansdowne Terrace, Beverley Road.

47,298. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.

47,299. How much?—Forty guineas.

47,300. Are you a freeman?—No; I am not.

47,301. Did you vote at the election in 1841?—No; I was not on the register; I have been absent from England.

47,302. In 1847 you were?—No; I was under age.

47,303. You paid the voters?—Yes; I paid the voters, eighty of them.

47,304. With young Mr. Galloway?—Yes.

47,305. Eighty of them?—I believe eighty or eighty-two.

47,306. What did you pay from Mr. Jones? Had you a list with you?—There were

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eighty in the room, I was told, and as they came out Mr. Galloway put down the names, and I gave the money.

47,307. He ticked them off?—He wrote them down on a list at the time.

47,308. And you gave them the money?—Yes.

47,309. The list that has been shown to us is not very correct; do you think if you were to look at the list you could correct it?—It would be almost impossible for me to see who they were, unless Mr. Galloway can give me the original list.

47,310. Have you not a list?—I never saw that list.

47,311. Did you keep any copy of list?—No, I did not. I was then articled to Mr. Galloway, the solicitor, and his son kept the list; he wrote down the names, and I paid the money.

47,312. Did you pay any others, excepting at that place for that election?—No; I did not.

47,313. Did you have anything to do with the election of 1852?—Very little; I was with Mr. Clay jun., but I did not pay money.

47,314. Did you vote?—I did not.

47,315. Had you a vote?—I had not.

47,316. Then you never have acquired the right to vote?—I believe I am on the register now.

47,317. Not for 1852?—No, I have not.

47,318. Never exercised it?—No.

47,319. Can you give us any information as to the last election?—No, I cannot, indeed.

47,320. Any little matters that have escaped us, either one side or the other?—I believe not; not with regard to the payment of any money. I was certainly at one dinner the day of the election at the Cross Keys.

47,321. The colour is immaterial to us?—I cannot give any information with regard to bribery.

47,322. Where was this dinner?—At the Cross Keys, on the evening after the election.

47,323. Are you in business?—Yes; with my father.

47,324. Alderman Jones?—Yes.

47,325. Did you make any payment at all at the last election?—No, not any.

47,326. To anybody?—No.

47,327. Did you set down any names?—No.

47,328-9. Did you take part in any canvass?—No.

47,330. Not a member of any committee?—No.

Jesse Ormsworth.

JESSE ORMSWORTH sworn, and examined.

46,331. Where do you live?—St. James Street, in the Pottery.

47,332. Do you pay rent for a house?—No; I live on my own property.

47,333. What are you rated at?—I think 10*l.*

47,334. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

47,335. When did you become a burgess?—It is a long while since.

47,336. When was it?—I think it was when Mr. Staniforth put up.

47,337. Did you use to vote in the old times when they paid more money than they do now, and get two guineas and four?—We used to vote then, and every person took two guineas, I believe.

47,338. Everybody that liked?—Every person that was to come and claim it after the election was over so long a time. I do not know whether there was a stated time.

47,339. I suppose you fell into that custom?—Yes; up to that I saw it was bribery, and I never received anything since that of any member. I always voted free from them.

47,340. It took you some time to find out that, did it not?—No; I began to see about it more. There was a good deal more instruction in the newspapers, and so on; it opened my understanding to let me see it was bribery.

47,341. In 1841 who did you vote for?—I voted for Clay most probably.

47,342. Who was the other party? Hanmer and James?—No; I did not vote for them, I always voted for what I call the Liberal party.

47,343. Did you get some of their liberality on that occasion?—No; nothing of the sort; no liberality. I should be very sorry; I know better than that. I should be ashamed to take anything by way of bribery.

47,344. Had you a son of the name of Jesse?—I have not a son at all.

47,345. Had you any relation of the name of Jesse Ormsworth, who took up his freedom in 1839?—I am sure I do not know that I have a relation of the name of Jesse Ormsworth.

47,346. Do you know anybody else of your name?—I do not know, I am sure. I do not know whether a brother of mine has a son named Jesse; I am sure I do not.

47,347. Where did you live in 1847?—I lived in St. James Street.

47,348. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I think I voted for Baines and Clay.

47,349. And in 1851 for Clay and Goderich?—Yes; I dare say it was; I believe so.

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47,350. I am almost afraid to ask you whether you got any money in 1847?—You may be afraid; I shall be quite affronted; quite offended at you. I hate the idea of it.

47,351. What did you do with all that you had received?—There were two gentlemen came to me to ask for my vote; as soon as Mr. Clay and Lord Goderich had got settled in the town, they came to ask me. "No," said I, "I do not think it is right you should ask me. I had rather that it was that we should go to the poll, and not be solicited at all." And he said, "It has not come to that." "Well," said I, "I shall promise for Mr. Clay and Viscount Goderich, and I shall stand to that, you may depend upon it." And I saw no more of them until they sent me a card where I was to vote; I saw no more of them. I went and voted, and that was all that passed.

47,352. Do you know Samuel Ormsworth?—Yes; he is my brother. I do not know which way he voted.

47,353. Do you know Joseph Ormsworth?—No; I have only him, a brother, living.

47,354. Look at that, and tell me if that is your brother's writing (No. 13.) Look at the signature, "Samuel Ormsworth," and tell me if that is your brother's writing?—Yes; I believe it is his writing.

47,355. Look at the other, next to it, "J. Ormsworth"?—That is his son.

47,356. All those people got 30*s.* each. Now look a little bit further, you will see Jesse Ormsworth?—I have not wrote that.

47,357. That is money paid in 1841?—That is not me. I never received any money I swear.

47,358. Perhaps your brother received it for you?—I am sure I cannot tell that.

47,359. 30*s.* apiece for the four Ormsworths?—What time was this?

47,360. In 1841, in Clay and Thompson's time?—I never received a farthing, that I am sure of.

47,361. Do not you recollect that is what you got?—This is Samuel Ormsworth's handwriting, and this is his son's (No. 13.). I never received a farthing of money since that time before Denison and Thornton.

47,362. "Jesse Ormsworth, by Davis," who paid it; John Ormsworth was paid by Davis, and "Samuel Ormsworth and Joseph Ormsworth" were paid by Thistleton; you do not remember that, you say?—Is that person living now?

47,363. Yes.—I should like to see him. I am sure I never received a farthing.

M. A. Barnett.

MARK AMBLER BARNETT sworn, and examined.

47,364. Where do you live?—Chariot Street.

47,365. What is your business?—A provision dealer.

47,366. What rent do you pay for a house?—£20.

47,367. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

47,368. When were you made a freeman?—In 1839.

47,369. At whose expense?—The corporation's, I believe.

47,370. The orange, you mean?—Yes.

47,371. Did you vote at the election of 1841 for Clay and Thompson?—No.

47,372. Who for?—James and Hanmer.

47,373. When you say the corporation took up your freedom, what do you mean by that?—The orange party took it up.

47,374. And you voted against them?—I did.

47,375. Why did you do that?—I was with a master then, and got my freedom; and at the election since, I was for myself, and had a deal of customers, and was obliged to vote for them.

47,376. Did you get some money for your vote?—I got 1*l.* after the election.

47,377. Where did you get that?—There was a man brought me a card, and I went and got it at a house in Medley Street.

47,378. How soon after the election?—Perhaps a month.

47,379. Who paid it you?—A man in the house in Medley Street; I don't know who he was.

47,380. Was he behind a tub?—No; before a table when he paid me.

47,381. Who did you vote for?—A bullet for Brown.

47,382. How much did you get for it?—£1 for that.

47,383. When was it paid?—After the election.

47,384. Did you see the gentleman that paid it?—Yes, when I got the last 1*l.*, I did.

47,385. Who was he?—Mr. Bannister.

47,386. Was it paid at the Baltic?—No, I got it at Mr. Bannister's office in Humber Street.

47,387. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

47,388. Did you get some money for that?—I got nothing then.

47,389. Did you get your name set down?—No.

47,390. You thought it was down perhaps?—I expected it was, but I thought wrong.

47,391. And you did not get any money because your name was by mistake left out of the poll book?—I do not know, I am sure.

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47,392. When did you go to ask for it?—I never went at all.

47,393. How was it that you, who thought your name was set down, did not go for the money?—I did not go and ask for it; I saw the clerk at the committee room, and he said it was not down, and so I never went about the money.

47,394. You thought it was down?—Yes; they asked me to put it down, and I said, I had no objection.

47,395. That is what did occur? You said you thought your name was down?—I expected it was; I did not go and ask them to put it down.

47,396. Why did you think it was down?—Only they put me down without saying anything.

47,397. They knew your colour?—I never changed my colour.

47,398. Did they not canvass you from time to time?—Yes; Clay and Thompson, Moore and Butler.

47,399. Did you always say which way you should vote?—I told Mr. Clay I should not vote for him.

47,400. You thought your name was down for the other party?—Yes.

47,401. The clerk told you it was not?—Yes.

47,402. So that you did not go and apply for the money?—No, I did not.

47,403. Was not this what occurred when they canvassed you: they said they would set your name down, and you said they might do as they liked?—No; I said I should vote for them.

47,404. And did they not say they would set your name down?—I expected they would do so.

47,405. And you expect they said so to you?—Yes.

47,406. And you answered that that they might do as they liked?—I told them they might set my name down to be with them.

William Charlton.

WILLIAM CHARLTON sworn, and examined.

47,407. Where do you live?—Wellington Lane, Beverley Road.

47,408. What is your business?—A cabinetmaker.

47,409. Do you pay rent for a house?—No; it is my own.

47,410. At what are you rated?—£7, I believe.

47,411. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

47,412. When were you made a freeman?—I suppose eight years ago.

47,413. At whose expense?—My own.

47,414. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.

47,415. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Thompson.

47,416. Did you get some money for your vote?—Yes; I got 30*s.* that time.

47,417. When were you paid?—Some time after the election.

47,418. Where?—At the Durham Ox, I think.

47,419. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I did not vote at all.

47,420. Were you absent?—I was not residing in the town at the time.

47,421. You lived too far off?—Yes; I was at Scarborough.

47,422. In 1852, did you vote for Mr. Clay and Lord Goderich, at the last election?—Yes.

47,423. Did you get your name set down?—No; nor never was canvassed, nor never exchanged one word with any person at the election; and no person exchanged a word with me. I had just my own way.

47,424. Did your own way take you to vote in this way?—My own way took me to vote in this way, and will do it again, I dare say.

47,425. Did it also take you to get any money?—No, it did not, because there was not a word exchanged.

47,426. That is not always necessary?—Yes, it is; it is not done without words.

47,427. Was your room engaged?—No, it could not be done without words, and I tell you I never saw any person upon the election business at all; I never had a word exchanged with any person about it. You asked me if I was canvassed?

47,428. You have a good memory, and I did ask you that?—Yes.

47,429. Now I ask you if you ever got any payment at all?—No, nothing; I did not want anything.

Thomas Moor.

THOMAS MOOR sworn, and examined.

47,430. Where do you live?—26, Humber Street.

47,431. What is your business?—I keep a glass and china shop.

47,432. What rent do you pay for the premises?—£29.

47,433. Are you also a freeman?—No.

47,434. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.

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47,435. Who for?—To tell you the truth I do not know who it was. I have generally been a blue.

47,436. Where did you live in 1841?—I think it must have been in Queen Street.

47,437. Clay and Hanmer?—Yes; I believe that was it.

47,438. Did you get anything for your vote at that election?—No.

47,439. Not from either party?—No, neither party; I never received a farthing in my life from any of them.

47,440. You are not a freeman?—No.

47,441. In the elections of 1847 and 1852, did you vote?—Yes.

47,442. You never received anything?—I never received a farthing and never asked for any.

47,443. Nor ever paid money to any one?—I never had anything to do with them; I never bothered my head with it, one way or the other; I told them I voted for them, and that is all I did about it.

Adjourned to to-morrow at ten o'clock.

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John Bell.

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JOHN BELL sworn, and examined.

47,444. Where do you live?—New King Street.

47,445. Do you occupy a house there?—Yes.

47,446. At what rent?—It is my own house.

47,447. What are you rated at?—I believe 9*l.*

47,448. What is your business?—A tea dealer.

47,449. Are you a freeman of this borough?—No.

47,450. Do you vote as an occupier?—Yes.

47,451. How long have you been entitled to vote?—The last election.

47,452. You were not qualified before the last election?—No.

47,453. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

47,454. Were you paid?—No.

47,455. Did you get any money?—No.

47,456. Were you a member of any committee at the last election?—No.

47,457. Were you employed at the last election in any way?—No.

47,458. Was there any committee met at your house?—No.

Mr. R. Wells.

Mr. ROBERT WELLS sworn, and examined.

47,459. You are a solicitor in this town?—Yes.

47,460. Where do you live here?—37, George Street.

47,461. What is the rent that you pay, or are rated at?—I pay no rent; the house is my own.

47,462. What are you rated at?—£30 a year, and for my office 30*l.* a year.

47,463. Are you also a freeman?—I am not.

47,464. You are qualified to vote as a householder only?—Only.

47,465. How long have you been so qualified?—Twelve years, or eleven years and a half rather.

47,466. You were not qualified at the election of 1841?—No, I was not.

47,467. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

47,468. Who for?—Mr. Bramley Moore and Mr. Butler.

47,469. Did you vote in the year 1847?—I did.

47,470. Who for?—Mr. Brown and Mr. Baines.

47,471. Have you lived for a considerable time in Hull?—All my life, except about a twelvemonth in London, when I was a clerk there.

47,472. How long since?—I am now in my fortieth year,—I have lived here thirty-nine years.

47,473. Have you made yourself active upon elections prior to the last election?—Never since I have been in practice. When I was a clerk, I was engaged once at the election of Mr. Schonswar.

47,474. How long have you been in practice?—Eighteen years and a few months.

47,475. And ever since then you have been active in election matters?—Never till Mr. Brown's election in 1847, I never interfered in elections directly or indirectly.

47,476. When did you commence taking an interest in the election which took place last year? at an early a period?—I was first spoken to on the subject on the last week in

May, and I was retained, I believe, on the 4th of June, at the general meeting of the Conservative party.

47,477. You were retained the 4th of June?—I think it was the 4th,—it was there or thereabouts. I was in London on the 2d, and two days after I was retained.

47,478. Who were you retained by? a meeting of gentlemen?—I was asked to take the office by Mr. Thomas Ward on behalf of the committee.

47,479. That was in May?—That was the last part of May; I think the last week in May.

47,480. Was that with reference to any particular candidate, or with reference to any party?—Yes.

47,481. Who?—Mr. Bramley Moore and Mr. Butler. When I was first spoken to, one candidate only was known for a certainty to be here.

47,482. Who was that?—Mr. Moore.

47,483. When spoken to first, Mr. Moore alone was the only one known as a candidate?—He was the only one known to a certainty that would stand at that time.

47,484. And the other was talked about?—The other was talked about, without the name being mentioned at that time.

47,485. Mr. Butler was talked about, but nothing about being a candidate?—No; when I was first spoken to Mr. Butler was not mentioned. The person that is the second candidate at that time had not announced himself, nor had been introduced to the public.

47,486. *A* second candidate was talked about, but the *the* second candidate was not?—Certainly.

47,487. Both of those gentlemen were strangers to the town, I believe?—Both.

47,488. Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler were both strangers?—Both.

47,489. Do you know how Mr. Moore was introduced into the town?—In the first instance I do not. I was present at a meeting of the Conservative party in this town.

47,490. Have you heard how he was introduced?—I have not.

47,491. What is the first that you heard of his introduction into the town?—The first I heard of his introduction was, by being present at the latter part of a meeting of the Conservative party, held at the George Inn, I think in the early part of the month of May; at that time Mr. Moore's name was mentioned, and at that time, I believe, there was no intention on the part of the Conservative party.

47,492. Call them by their local names, orange and blue?—I will call them by their colours.

47,493. We wish to avoid any reference to politics: a meeting was held of the blue party?—Yes; at that time there was no intention, I believe, to have two candidates, and a resolution was passed, which I supported, to endeavour to save the town a contest at all, by having one appointed on behalf of the blues, and one on behalf of the orange.

47,494. A resolution was come to in which you concurred?—Yes; I supported it personally; I spoke in favour of it.

47,495. For what?—To avoid a contest, by having one on behalf of the blues, and one on behalf of the orange. Each party to nominate one.

47,496. Was Mr. Moore present at that meeting?—He was not.

47,497. Had he, to your knowledge, ever been present at any meeting in Hull as a candidate?—He had not to my knowledge, or to my information.

47,498. Was that a numerous meeting of the blue party?—The room was pretty full. It is a large room.

47,499. And influential?—Yes.

47,500. And was that resolution generally adopted?—It was adopted, so far as I could judge, almost unanimously.

47,501. Who was chairman of that meeting?—I rather think a Mr. Pease of Hessle Wood was; I think he was, but I am not certain.

47,502. Was that the elder Mr. Pease?—Yes, I think it was.

47,503. He is a banker, is he not?—Yes; he is a member of the firm of Pease and Liddell, in this town, and resides at Hessle Wood. I am not certain, but I think he was the chairman at that time. If he was not, Mr. Thomas would be in the chair, who was the president of the Operative Conservative Association; one of the two, but I do not know which it was.

47,504. Were the proceedings of that committee entered in any book?—I do not know. I had nothing whatever to do with the management of the proceedings of that meeting; I came in late.

47,505. Still you might know the fact, one way or the other, without seeing it?—I do not know whether they were or not. I have the minutes of certain proceedings concerned with certain part of the proceedings.

47,506. If you will have the goodness to produce them, it will save time?—I have them not here. If you will make a note of them I will get them.

47,507. Up to this time now that we are sitting here, do you know how Mr. Moore came to be introduced to the town?—I do not; that was arranged entirely by other gentlemen.

47,508. Who was that arranged by?—My impression is that it would be arranged by Mr. Ward, Mr. Beadle, or Mr. Pease; some of those gentlemen who took a very active

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part at that time, you have got down. I am not certain that Mr. Pease was in the chai at the committee.

47,509. I have it,—"Mr. Ward, I think, or Mr. Thomas"?—Yes; or else Mr. Thomas.

47,510. How soon did Mr. Moore arrive in the town?—It was sometime about the dissolution of Parliament, which, I think, was about three or four weeks after. I think Parliament was dissolved the last week in June; and I think Mr. Moore did not arrive until about a week or so before that time. I know there was a lapse of about five weeks before the election took place and the time we commenced proceedings.

47,511. Perhaps you can remember it by knowing what party came first; we know Mr. Clay and Lord Goderich arrived here the 14th of June?—It would be about the same time. My impression is they were down here first, and Mr. Moore was here a day or two days after. The question is, whether or no the blue candidates came down before the orange candidates.

47,512. I am distinguishing Mr. Moore's arrival from Moore and Butler's, and the time Mr. Butler arrived; I want to know if Mr. Moore came here alone before there was any coalition with Mr. Butler?—I think they both arrived together—it is my impression, on the same day. I met them both together the same evening. I do not know that they came together.

47,513. Did not Mr. Moore come alone at first before the joint entry?—I believe now on a little thought, that they both came together; and what is very singular, they both travelled in the same carriage, and did not know each other,—they were not introduced. I think I heard that said on the day after their arrival.

47,514. Are you quite sure that Mr. Moore had not been here alone?—To the best of my belief, he had not.

47,515. When did you here of Mr. Butler first?—Hear of his being a candidate?

47,516. Yes, when he was spoken of?—On the 3d of June, on my returning from London.

47,517. Do you know by whom he was introduced?—I know who went up to London for the purpose of getting another candidate to come down.

47,518. Who was that?—Mr. John Balderson Barkworth was one of the gentlemen who went up, and Mr. Harris.

47,519. Both those gentlemen went up to London in quest of a second candidate?—I believe so.

47,520. Having fixed the fact that there were two candidates, I want to know how it was that there was a second candidate notwithstanding the resolution that there should be but one?—In consequence of the orange party having announced their intention to have two.

47,521. That does not exactly answer my question: there being a resolution, had that resolution been communicated or in any way admitted by the orange party that there should be but one candidate?—I do not know.

47,522. Had there been any meeting between either of the committee, or a deputation of the influential gentlemen on either side?—I do not know, but I believe it was inserted in the public papers, not as an advertisement but as a matter of public announcement that such a meeting had taken place and such a result.

47,523. You are alluding to the meeting of the blues?—Yes.

47,524. I want to know what steps did the blues take to carry it into effect—the resolution that there should be but one?—I cannot tell; I was not retained at that time.

47,525. You might know it although you were not retained?—I never heard.

47,526. Did you simply pass the resolution as read that day, and interlined at the moment?—My belief is that something was done, but I do not know as I went to London, and it was only on my return in the latter part of May, that I knew the matter was going forward to a contest at all, and I was then asked to undertake it.

47,527. When did you first hear of the probability of their being a contest? At the time of the meeting it was anticipated there would be none?—We hoped so, but we could not tell.

47,528. The meeting was held for the purpose of preventing a contest?—A meeting was held for the purpose of considering what should be done at the ensuing election. I do not know that the meeting was held for that purpose to begin with, but the resolution was come to at last.

47,529. Can you name the time when Mr. Barkworth and Mr. Harris went to London?—I think I can; it was during the interval between my first being spoken to and my return from town. I had occasion to go up to town the 1st or 2d of June, for the business of the Hull Guardian Society, and during the interval I understood that they had been up to London for the purpose of making some inquiries, or they had been somewhere. When I came back I was informed that there would be but two candidates.

47,530. Do you mean that Mr. Harris and Mr. Barkworth were in London before then or not?—I cannot tell whether they were in London before me or after, or at the same time.

47,531. Did you see them?—No, I did not; nor did I know that they had been there until my return home.

47,532. When did you return home?—I returned home, I think, it was the 3d of June. It will save a great deal of trouble if I state this, that I had nothing whatever to do in

any way with the introduction of the candidates here; I know nothing of their appointment or agreeing, until I was asked to undertake the management of the election.

47,533. I am directing these questions to you not for the purpose of getting your own knowledge, but for the purpose of getting any information that we can, or that you possess?—I tell you exactly; Mr. Thomas Ward, the chairman of the committee, can give you all the information upon that point, I have no doubt.

47,534. When did you first hear Mr. Bullen's name mentioned?—Upon my return from London; I think it was on the 3d of June.

47,535. When was the committee formed?—At the meeting which took place on the 4th of June.

47,536. The day that you were retained?—The day upon which my retainer was confirmed by the party.

47,537. Who was the chairman?—Mr. Ward. I have handed in a list of the chairmen, deputy chairmen, and the members of the several committees, to this Commission already.

47,538. Did you organize that meeting?—I did not.

47,539. Did you organize the committees?—I did not.

47,540. Who did?—They were organized by the persons present by appointment then and there.

47,541. Just tell us what took place for the purpose of commencing them?—I believe at the previous meeting that papers had been sent round among the gentlemen present,—a meeting had been held previous to my being there,—to know who would or who would not accept the office of committee men at the ensuing election. At that meeting, when the candidates were announced, on the 4th of June, the names of the gentlemen were taken down who had consented to act as the working committee.

47,542. That is for the central committee?—Yes; for the central committee.

47,543. How were these sub-committees or district committees formed?—They were formed by extracting from it certain lists of names, and names of such gentlemen that were presumed would be most likely to do business in certain localities, and their names were called and they were asked to do so.

47,544. Were the district committees formed that day?—Some of them were, I believe, but another meeting was called afterwards.

47,545. How many district committees were there?—Nine.

47,546. Nine district committees and one central committee?—Eight district committees and one general. I have presented a list of the whole.

47,547. Where did the general committee meet?—At the rooms which were taken in Bowl Alley Lane.

47,548. Was that a public house or a private house?—A private house; it was a cabinet-maker's premises, and the front part of it was down.

47,549. Was it your duty to attend on the general committee?—I did so day by day from that time until the close of the election.

47,550. Then the committee sat daily?—Yes; the whole day.

47,551. Was it announced in the first instance that the committee would sit daily?—I do not know that it was announced, but they did sit daily. We commenced the business directly and worked close at it until the close of the election.

47,552. Who were the gentlemen who principally attended upon the general committee?—Every day we had meetings of the chairman and deputy chairman of each district committee.

47,553. At the general committee?—At the general committee, I think, nearly every day; but I believe that is about it. I know I shall save you some trouble; I can refer you to all the minutes of all the meetings.

47,554. Who else were the gentlemen who principally attended to the general committee?—The chairman and the four vice chairmen of the general committee or some others of them.

47,555. Who were they?—Their names are there mentioned, I believe; Mr. Ward was the chairman.

47,556. Who were the four vice chairmen?—I will give you them: Joseph Walker Pease, John Harris, and Henry Barkworth, and I think there were two others selected out of the district committees.

47,557. You have only given us three?—There was another one appointed originally, but he never attended the meeting; that was Mr. Charles Bamford, junior. He was appointed in the first instance but never attended.

47,558. We want the names of those who attended?—Those three attended: Mr. Pease, Mr. Henry Barkworth, and Mr. Harris.

47,559. Who were the two other gentlemen?—I think Mr. Davis was one.

47,560. In the Market Place?—Edwin Davis, I believe.

47,561. He was chairman of the district committee, was not he?—He was, but they selected two others from the district committees, for the purpose of making them deputy chairmen of the general committee. I do not remember the names of the five now; he was a member of the district committee.

47,562. Who were the two gentlemen who were specially appointed to attend?—Mr. Davis was one, and I do not recollect the name of the other one.

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47,563. Does this list assist you?—This list only contains the names of the chairman there and the deputy chairman also. I do not find which of those were there; there were two others, I know, appointed from the district committee: Mr. Davis was one, but I do not remember who the other was now; it was done afterwards.

47,564. What was the general course of business at the general committee every day? tell us the order in which the things were done, and what was done?—We had to receive hour by hour, or rather every two or three hours, the returns of the canvassing from the different committees, and clerks employed had to enter those in the proper books.

47,565. Every two hours?—I cannot say that exactly, but we received them as fast as we could get the account of the list of the canvassing of the different streets; we had those to enter in the several registers distinct—a general register, we had to give answers to incidental questions as to persons who had removed from one district to another district, and communicate that to the other district to which they had gone.

47,566. And the questions of employment also?—Certainly; we received applications for employment in different forms; we had to make arrangements for securing the votes, not merely of persons in the town, but of those who were absent, and not merely the non-resident freemen but the non-resident householders within the distance of seven miles.

47,567. I presume you had lists of the absentees?—Certainly, we had.

47,568. What else?—There was what was done day by day. I think it was pretty much the general nature of the business as it is at all elections; the object is to secure the votes from the different parties, and when you have 5,000 electors to canvass there is plenty to do.

47,569. We want to know what the committee did?—Every day, or thereabouts, the committee, by their chairman, or deputy chairman, assembled.

47,570. Was that the first thing in the morning?—No; generally about one o'clock in the afternoon.

47,571. Do you mean the chairman and deputy chairman came to the general committee?—Yes.

47,572. For what purpose?—For the purpose of conferring as to the course of proceeding to be adopted there that evening, and during the next day, before they met again.

47,573. Was not a most unreserved communication kept up at all times between the district committees, and the general committee?—I believe so; it always appeared to me to be so.

47,574. Were there books for making entries of persons' names who desired employment?—Those would be kept by each district committee.

47,575. Was there one also at the central committee?—Only those employed at the central committee. Those persons who applied for employment at the central committee, unless absolutely required for the purpose of the central committee, were referred to the several districts or wards in which they resided, to make their application there.

47,576. Was there no entry or minute of such application made in any book or paper kept by the general committee?—In some cases there were, and the minute book I have handed in, contains the names of a number of persons who did so apply.

47,577. What did the staff of the general committee consist of?—Do you mean the clerks?

47,578. The whole staff?—At the time, in one room, I think I had ten clerks employed, and in another room, I had four clerks employed. We never had less, on an average, than about twelve clerks employed.

47,579. Can you tell their names?—The names of the clerks are put down, not in a regular list, but the minute book contains the names of persons who applied to be clerks, and then, when they were employed, you will find a memorandum that is put at the side, "engaged," or "employed.

[The minute book marked A. C. was produced.]

47,580. Who engaged the clerks?—They were engaged principally by myself.

47,581. With the sanction of the committee?—Sometimes with, and sometimes without.

47,582. But with their cognizance?—They left it to me, as the only solicitor who had the charge of the election, to make my own appointments about the staff of my clerks, to get through as I could.

47,583. What rooms were there engaged there?—We first had two rooms—the two upper rooms—and then we took a large one below additional. We found there was so much interruption to the business going forward in the other room, that we were obliged to take another one.

47,584. After that, you had more rooms?—Not in that house.

47,585. Had you, as auxiliary to the general committee?—I believe there was another room taken towards the time of the election—just about, I think, when the election began. That was for four weeks afterwards, when we began business.

47,586. Where was that?—That was a room taken in Quay Street, but I never heard of it until after it had been taken.

47,587. What number in Quay Street?—No. 7, I believe.

47,588. How near was it to where your committee met?—It was not very near; Quay Street is immediately behind this building. Bowl-Alley Lane is nearer the Market Place.

It would be the distance, going the nearest way, of about 150 yards, to go round by Manor Street.

47,589. Were there any other rooms engaged, belonging to the general committee?—No; none that I am aware of, and that room I have mentioned at No. 7, I believe, was only engaged for the purpose of paying the expenses of the out-voters, and was engaged in the last week; so I was told.

47,590. Who attended there?—I only know from report; I never was there, but I believe Mr. Henry Barkworth, or Mr. Harris attended occasionally.

47,591. Was Dickinson, Mr. Gibson's clerk, there?—I heard he was employed for the purpose of keeping the accounts of the persons employed.

47,592. Tell us all you heard?—Understand I never was in the place until after the election was over. I understood that Mr. Barkworth and Mr. Harris, in order to relieve the central committee from the trouble of having to settle with these men for their expenses of coming over, took a room for the purpose of paying them.

47,593. Do I understand you that Mr. Dickinson was there?—I believe he was employed as a clerk to make entries there, as a clerk with Mr. Gibson.

47,594. Have you heard of any other names in connexion with it, and that room?—I have not.

47,595. You never were there yourself?—Not until after the election.

47,596. You knew that it was before the election took place that it had been engaged, I presume?—Yes; but I did not know the place. I only heard that they were paying these parties in Quay Street; I did not know the room.

47,597. You heard it during the election?—I heard it during the election.

47,598. You knew, before the election took place, that this room was engaged? you understood it, at all events?—Not before the nomination day, I did not know it.

47,599. Were the out-voters paid before or after they voted?—I believe that most of them were paid before they voted for their expenses in coming over.

47,600. I observe you lent all, and drew a distinction. What other payments were made afterwards?—I do not know that they were paid anything else, but for their expenses.

47,601. I thought you dropped the word "service"?—I do not know that they were paid anything at all for services; I have not the least notion that they were.

47,602. For loss of time, it is sometimes called?—It may have been, but I do not know it. I did not pay them, nor have I heard that they were.

47,603. Forget for a short time the lawyer, and recollect as a witness. We do not ask only things that you know of your own knowledge?—I can only tell you that which I believe.

47,604. This is the book which has been handed in, intituled "Alphabetical List of Non-resident Voters." Can you tell who that was prepared by [B. C.]?—I believe this was prepared at the central committee room. This is one of the books we ordered to be prepared for the purpose of keeping an account of the non-resident voters.

47,605. I can see several payments in it; can you tell me whose handwriting they are in?—I see they are in various handwritings. There is an handwriting appears to be that of Mr. Henry Barkworth, and there is another entry which appears to be in Mr. Barkworth's writing.

47,606. They are in several writings?—Yes, in several.

46,607. You mention three rooms at the central committee; was one of those kept private?—We tried to do it so: it was intended to be so, so far as we could, but we could not do it; we could not keep it private; we were constantly interrupted.

47,608. Was it a large room, or another room besides the three you mentioned?—The rooms were all about the same size—the one in front, the one behind. The lower room below was used for the clerks; that was kept most private.

47,609. And one of the upper rooms you attempted to keep as private as you could?—Yes; the upper back room.

47,610. Which was the committee room?—That was the room.

47,611. Which?—The back room.

47,612. The back room up stairs?—Yes, the large back room.

47,613. Was that the room which all the committee had access to?—Yes; but when the district committee assembled day by day, we then used to adjourn into the front room, because it was more convenient, and our papers would not be liable to be disturbed.

47,614. Was it considered more private than the back room?—No, but it was more convenient; before, the clerks were sent down stairs to be out of the way, as the district committees assembled there.

47,615. Did they assemble there while the general business was being transacted in the other room—the district committees?—Yes. No business was transacted in the other room, because we came to them immediately they came.

47,616. The general committee met in the back room?—Yes.

47,617. And the district committees in the front room?—Yes.

47,618. Was that up stairs or down?—Up stairs, upon the same floor.

47,619. Was the business going on in both the rooms simultaneously?—No; the district

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committees met for a specific object, to meet the general committee on general business at the hour for the district committee assembling; then the general committee came in to them.

47,620. At other times was any use made of that room?—Yes; some of the clerks used to occupy it.

47,621. And they were turned out for that time?—Yes, exactly.

47,622. Were there any sub-committees to the general committee who had a room to themselves?—No.

47,623. You seem to hesitate, to observe.—I must take time to think before I answer the question.

47,624. You know what I mean by saying the more private part of the business? Where was that transacted?—In the general committee room.

47,625. Was the same mode of carrying on business adopted before or after the candidates arrived?—Yes; with this exception, that part of our business, after they arrived, consisted in making arrangements for their personal canvass of different districts and different streets.

47,626. Did the candidates then come daily to the committee room?—I cannot say that they came daily.

47,627. But most days?—I have seen them, I think, most days there, just before they went out on the canvass, merely to take directions for their canvass.

47,628. How soon was any arrangement made relating to the expenses of the election?—Do you mean as to who should pay them?

47,629. Any arrangements at all with a view to the expenses, because you were embarking in a contest that would necessarily create an outlay of money in some way or another?—I know the arrangement was made before we embarked into it.

47,630. What I want to know is this—what is the first arrangement which bore upon the question of expenses?—I cannot tell you, because I did not make one. I believe Mr. Ward and the committee made all the arrangements before the candidates were announced. I know Mr. Ward told me that all arrangements were made about money matters, so I never asked any more questions about them.

47,631. That they were completed?—I understood so.

47,632. How soon did you learn that?—I asked Mr. Ward that question afterwards, on the very first morning after the candidates came here, whether all the arrangements had been completed about money matters, and he told me that they had.

47,633. Did you learn from him what arrangements had been made?—I learned from him that each of the candidates were to advance a certain sum of money.

47,634. What sum?—£1,200 each, not exceeding that; that that should be the maximum; that is all I learned from him.

47,635. Did you learn where any deficiency was to come from?—Upon a subsequent occasion he told me that if the expenses should exceed that maximum sum which the candidates agreed to pay, that that would be defrayed by subscriptions which had been, or would be raised.

47,636. Which did he say, had been, or would be?—I cannot say. I know he said subscriptions, but whether he said had been, or would be raised, I do not know. I understood that any deficiency that might take place during the long contest, would be raised by subscription.

47,637. How soon was that after the 4th of June?—I think you have stated the day when the orange candidates came down.

47,638. Yes, they came down on the 14th.?—Ours came down the next day, I believe, or that day, much about the same time; and it was the day after the candidates came down that I asked Mr. Ward that question.

47,639. What question?—As to whether or no all arrangements had been made about expenses.

47,640. I thought you said the 4th of June?—No.

47,641. You asked the morning after the candidates came?—Exactly; I knew on the 4th of June that a sum of £1,200 had been agreed to be paid by Mr. Bramley Moore, as the maximum amount of any expenses that he might be liable to, as far as he was concerned.

47,642. Who told you that?—Mr. Ward.

47,643. What observation did you make upon that?—None, whatver.

47,644. Did he ever show you, or did he at that time, or at any time, at all events, show you a list of subscriptions?—No, not at any time.

47,645. I do not mean to go into anything in relation to 1847, but it is necessary that I should ask you a question now. Do you know what Mr. Brown's expenses came to?—About £3,000, I believe.

47,646. You were aware of that at the time?—Yes.

47,647. Do you still think that you made no remark when Mr. Ward said that £1,200 was all that was to be spent?—That was for one candidate; the other, of course, would have to raise the same amount.

47,648. Still, a great portion of the expenses are not increased in any way by the addition of a second candidate, are they?—That may, or may not be, the case; that depends upon the arrangements made with the legal agents.

47,649. What additional expenses would there be beyond paying an additional lawyer, and the additional expenses of the sheriff?—If they were conducted by the same committee, there would be no additional expenses.

47,650. And it was intended here that if there were two candidates, supposing Mr. Moore had been alone, and I understood you to say it was not agreed that there should be a second candidate until afterwards —— ?—I am speaking of June the 4th; at that time it was known that there would be two candidates.

47,651. At that time you had only heard that Mr. Moore was to contribute £1,200? —On June the 4th.

47,652. And you knew nothing about any other?—I understood the second candidate was to advance the same sum, but I did not know it.

47,653. Did you at any time before the election hear of any second subscription?—Do you mean before the day of election?

47,654. Either before or since, or up to the present time, if you like?—Mr. Ward has told me, I think, on more occasions than one, that any amount above £2,400 would be defrayed by subscription.

47,655. I want to know if you have ever seen any list with the names of the subscribers?—Never.

47,656. Or have you seen any paper, or heard of any document containing any sum of money?—I have not.

47,657. You have never heard of such a thing?—I have not.

47,658. You have heard that the election cost a great deal more?—I have.

47,659. How much?—I heard it cost above £3,000, but I do not know the amount. All financial matters were managed by Mr. Ward.

47,660. I want to know what Mr. Ward's communications were?—If he told me I should tell you, but I never heard.

47,661. Did you ever ask?—No, I never asked.

47,662. Now I want you to fix the date, as near as you can, when Mr. Ward told you that the sum over and above 2,400*l.* would be defrayed by subscription?—I have told you that was at a conversation when I spoke to him, the day after the candidates came down here.

47,663. What you told me was this, that the sum of 1,200*l.* was agreed to be paid by each of the candidates, and then at some time subsequent it was agreed that the surplus should be paid by subscription?—I have told you that on the 4th of June, or thereabouts, I was informed by Mr. Ward that 1,200*l.* had been agreed to be advanced by Mr. Moore as the maximum sum to be paid towards the expenses of the election; that a similar sum of 1,200*l.* was expected to be paid by Mr. Butler, and after those two gentlemen had been here, I asked Mr. Ward the question again, whether he was quite satisfied about all the election expenses.

47,664. I want the date of that second inquiry?—That would be the day after those two gentlemen came down.

47,665. That is the same day; you fix the day as the date of your first conversation? —No, excuse me, my first conversation, I said, took place on the 4th of June; the two candidates came down about the 14th of June, about the same time as the other two came down, and on the evening of that day when they came, I, along with others, met them; we dined with them, and the next day when in conversation upon the business of the election, I asked Mr. Ward whether he and his friends were perfectly satisfied about the expenses of the election, and then it was that I understood from him that if there should be any deficiency above the 2,400*l.*, that it would be defrayed by subscription, and I never asked him any more questions about it until the election was over.

47,666. You were satisfied with that answer?—Yes, perfectly so.

47,667. Then I take for granted that it passed in your mind the extreme improbability that the 2,400*l.* would be sufficient?—I had my doubts about it, and I will tell you why; we had been waiting then, parliament had been expected to be dissolved day by day, and that had gone on over a period of three weeks; we were obliged to keep on our expenses, and staffs, and clerks, and committee rooms, during the whole of that time, and what might be very good expenses to put down for an early canvass, or an early election, would not be very good expenses, or a probable amount, where it is postponed for a period of four or five weeks.

47,668. And you knew that Mr. Brown spent a 1,000*l.* a day?—No.

47,669. You have told us that he expended 3,000*l.* in three days?—He spent 3,000*l.* at that election.

47,670. In three days?—It was not three days.

47,671. We have been told so?—It was Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

47,672. Thursday was the polling day?—Yes; but there were expenses incurred at that election which had no occasion to be incurred at this; that we took very good care of.

47,673. We have heard of an arrangement that you entered into with Mr. Galloway, now be so good as to give us your recollection of that arrangement, and your recollection of the date also?—Will you have the kindness to give me my minute book?

47,674. That will not tell you. I am alluding to a transaction that occurred long before. I want your recollection of an arrangement that you entered into with

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Mr. Galloway and Mr. Stead?—I think there is some minute about it in this book, but if not, I will tell you the best I can from memory.

47,675. Cannot you recollect any arrangement made with Mr. Galloway before the arrival of the candidates?—Yes.

47,676. That is what I want you to do.—Yes; I can do that. I called upon Mr. Galloway——

47,677. Begin at the beginning, if you please, and tell us what took place.—I was very anxious that some arrangement should be made with the solicitors for the orange party for preventing the great expense consequent on the employment of runners; our committee was besieged with applications by voters and other persons to be employed as runners, and I had no doubt that the committee upon the other side would be the same; I therefore advised with the general committee upon the propriety of making an arrangement with the committee upon the other side, for the restriction of the number of persons whom we should each employ in the capacities of messengers, doorkeepers, and runners, for each committee room and the central committee, and having received the sanction of the chairman—

47,678. Tell us what took place, what was said upon that.—By whom?

47,679. By anybody.—They coincided with the view I took.

47,680. What was said upon that occasion?—They agreed that it was perfectly right that we should do so, for the purpose of keeping down the expenses, and also for the purpose of preventing anything approaching to treating or bribery at the ensuing election. The district committees had been expressly warned by the general committee on more occasions than one.

47,681. Had been warned previous to your making this precaution to them?—Yes; at the very first meeting they assembled, Mr. Ward, in addressing the members of the committee, expressly warned them against the practice of paying money to voters, which practice on previous elections had too often existed.

47,682. Do you remember what it was that Mr. Ward said? as nearly as possible tell us his words.—I cannot do that; I will give you the substance of his address.

47,683. I would rather that you would give us his words.—I cannot do it at this distance of time; I can tell you the substance of his address: it was a most emphatic caution to the members of the committee not to be engaged in any acts which could have even the appearance of bribery.

47,684. Which had been too often; did he say how often?—I cannot say; he alluded to the practice that had taken place on former occasions, and he said there was a determination upon the part of the candidates themselves and others, to be no parties to anything of the sort.

47,685. Meaning the practice of an almost unlimited number of runners?—I have no doubt he alluded to that, because he also expressly forbade them treating the voters or paying any expenses for that purpose.

47,686. Cannot you tell us anything nearer from your recollection of what Mr. Ward's words were?—I cannot really pretend to give the words of the gentleman's address. I gave you the substance pretty accurately, I believe, but I cannot give his exact words. I know well that caution which he made so emphatically at that meeting was repeated upon several occasions at our meetings.

47,687. Did you understand that Mr. Ward was cautioning against the employment of runners, or against bribery of a different description? what did you understand yourself from the effect of it?—I understood him that he was cautioning them against paying any monies whatever to the parties for the purpose of securing their votes in the way of bribery. I do not know that the word runners was mentioned, or that the word messengers was mentioned, but I know perfectly well at subsequent meetings, in answer to questions put by members of the district committees as to whether we might employ runners or not, I told them over and over again that they must not do so.

47,688. Your own view of the law was that it was illegal?—My own view of the law was, that the employment of runners speciously for the performance of an assumed service was illegal, but that you had a right to employ runners for actual service, and pay them fairly for the actual services which they had performed.

47,689. You have stated your view somewhat generally, your caution; can you recollect anything more particular than remembering the caution that you yourself gave to your own committee?—Yes, I can very easily; and the subsequent arrrangement with Mr. Galloway was founded upon that caution.

47,690. If I understand you, your caution to the committee was previous to your arrangement with Mr. Galloway?—Yes.

47,691. And subsequent to it as well?—Yes.

47,692. What was the caution that you gave to your committee?—The caution that I gave to them was this,—that we must be excessively careful to avoid the payment of any monies that would have the construction of bribery under the bribery acts. I was asked on more than one occasion as to what it was, and I told them specially as to the employment of runners.

47,693. You put your construction upon the Act of Parliament, and left them to draw theirs?—I put my own construction and told it to them.

47,694. That is leaving them to construe the Act of Parliament for themselves?—No; I put my own construction, and I told it to them.

47,695. And cautioned the committee to pay no money that would have the construction of bribery?—Certainly not.

47,696. Are those, as nearly as you can recollect, the words you used?—I did; and further than that, I told them in answer to questions, as to what would have that construction.

47,697. What did you tell them as to what was your view of what would bring them within the bribery act?—I told them if they put a number of runners upon their books, and paid them when their services were not wanted, for the purpose of procuring their votes, that that would be bribery.

47,698. What else did you tell them?—I told them also that they must be careful to avoid giving them drink, or treating them in any way.

47,699. What else?—I do not know that I gave any other representation than that, and that was quite sufficient for the purpose.

47,700. Did you tell them what they might do?—Yes; in answer to the question as to what runners they might employ, I told them such as were absolutely necessary for their services, and the committee determined what number they would have. I told them that we might employ persons to perform our work absolutely required, and pay them for it.

47,701. Voters?—Yes, voters or otherwise, that is so far as the bribery acts were concerned.

47,702. I want to know what you said, not your view of the law, but what you told them then?—I told them that we should be at liberty to employ such a number of runners as were absolutely necessary for the absolute performance of the service.

47,703. You told them they might employ persons necessary and pay them?—Yes, precisely; for absolute services.

47,704. Was anything said either by you or by them as to employing the necessary number with a view to influencing their votes? did you understand that?—Perfectly; I I do not know that there was. I can give you the minutes of one of the meetings when this matter was discussed.

47,705. What is the date of it?—The 12th of June, 1852.

47,706. What is the minute?—"Present, Mr. Ward."

47,707. You have not given us any date to this time, when you explained the law?—In the first instance?

47,708. Do you mean upon the 4th June?—No; upon the 4th June Mr. Ward made his statement.

47,709. When did you explain the law?—Not then.

47,710. When?—When we first assembled in committee, which most likely would be a day or two afterwards, in general committee. The 4th was the time of the original arrangement, and this meeting of Mr. Ward's took place two or three days after that. It was the only meeting where Mr. Ward met the whole of the committee at dinner, which took place at that time.

47,711. That would not be the 4th June?—No; it would be a few days after that.

47,712. He met them at dinner?—Yes, at the George Inn.

47,713. A few days after?—A few days after the 4th June.

47,714. Was your advice before or after Mr. Ward's speech to the chairmen?—My advice to the central committee would be before then.

47,715. How could that be? if you consider a moment, your retainer was confirmed the 4th June.—It was.

47,716. Upon the same day, Mr. Ward and some other gentlemen met; you said you came in late?—No; all that took place long before.

47,717. Long before you were appointed?—Yes; a month at least before Mr. Ward met the members of the committee, a few days after the 4th June.

47,718. At the dinner?—Yes; a few days after; I cannot say the number of days.

47,719. Some time between the 4th and the 12th, I presume?—That would be so.

47,720. Now read that minute upon the 12th June.—"At a meeting of the central committee, held at their rooms, Bowl Alley Lane, on Saturday, 12th June 1852: present Mr. Thomas Ward, chairman; succeeded by J. W. Gleadow, vice-chairman; Mr. J. Brodrick, J. Pulleyn, R. Wells, Mr. Davis, Mr. W. Cutt, Mr. R. Cattley, Mr. G. Craven, Mr. C. Yeall, Mr. W. G. Turnbull, Mr. S. West, Mr. P. Lambert, Mr. C. Wilkinson, Mr. J. G. Jackson, Mr. H. Gibson, Mr. H. Croft, Mr. William Croft, and several other gentlemen connected with those districts. It was resolved, That each committee return a list of runners they have, or may employ, and the terms whereon they are engaged. That no runners be employed for the present beyond those actually engaged in present service; and the names of all applicants for runners be taken down by the district in which they now reside, as applicants only. And all voters who have removed to have their place of residence sent to the committee of the district in which they reside, and be canvassed and dealt with accordingly. The committee clerks to have 5*s.* per day, and double for the last two days of the election. The doorkeepers and messengers, who are in actual employ, to have wages at the rate of 1*l.* per week. The times for payment of the persons so employed to be settled by the chairman and deputy chairman. That the candidates be invited to return to Hull as early as possible, in order to visit the different districts and wards, and

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the various societies or parties in the town. Ordered, that the private cards of each candidate, and a circular, requesting the vote and interest, be sent to each voter."

47,721. They must have been in Hull before that?—They were in Hull certainly before the 12th. I told you I could not tell exactly when they first came. I know they were down about the 14th. They came down one evening to the George, and made an address there, and they returned, and were sent for again. They did not go into any public canvass until after that.

47,722. You must have been mistaken when you say they were never here till they came together?—I do not know that I said they were never here. I told you I could not say exactly when they first came.

47,723. That was the 12th?—Yes, on the Saturday.

47,724. I will put the words into your mouth,—attend to the question and the form in which I put it: Did you understand that the advice so given was with a view to insure a pure election, or a careful election? Do you understand the difference?—The advice so given was to insure that our election should not be set aside on the ground of bribery; that was the object under which the advice was given.

47,725. I do not know whether you mean that as an answer to my question?—I do certainly; but if you like to put the question in any other form I will answer it. I felt that to be my duty as a solicitor.

47,726. That is not what you were asked: you were asked what was Mr. Ward's advice to import?—I thought you meant my advice.

47,727. No, Mr. Ward's advice?—I beg your pardon.

47,728. Your business was to take care of the legal part?—Precisely so; that was my business.

47,729. You did not consider yourself as being the arbiter of the consciences of the people, but of their legal business?—That was my business.

47,730. I mean Mr. Ward's advice; did you understand that to be in the same sense as your own?—I understood Mr. Ward's advice and address to have this import and effect, that they should endeavour to secure an election upon principles of purity.

47,731. You are sure of that?—That was the impression I entertained distinctly.

47,732. Was it conveyed in language that might be understood as language simply requiring his hearers to be extremely careful?—No; it was conveyed in language as explicit as language could be, that they were to endeavour to carry through a pure election, so far as I could judge.

47,733. All your language previous was referable to either state of things.—My answers before were to convey facts; if you ask as to motives, I will endeavour to give the best answer I can.

47,734. What was to be understood by the hearers?—I have stated I understood most distinctly that they meant to fight the election on purity principles. That was my understanding.

47,735. You saw Mr. Galloway previous to the date of the 12th?—I saw Mr. Galloway upon the 12th.

47,736. Was there not some correspondence between you and Mr. Galloway previous?—Upon the 15th I wrote to Mr. Galloway; upon the 12th I saw him.

47,737. Previous to the 12th?—I think there was, but I cannot fix the date precisely by the correspondence.

47,738. There is a minute in the orange committee book of the 10th.—Will you have the kindness to read the minute to me, and it will refresh my memory?

47,739. Have you a correspondence book?—I have a copy of the letter of the 15th.

47,740. I meant your recollection of it? I have Mr. Galloway's.—I will give you my recollection.

47,741. I am speaking particularly with reference to the 12th?—I believe I saw Mr. Galloway twice before any arrangement was made upon the subject of these runners; I can fix one date to a certainty, that was the second time; the first I cannot. I called upon Mr. Galloway at his office.

47,742. Can you give the date of that?—I cannot say to the day. I can the second day; I can give the date of that exactly.

47,743. Was it before the 12th? Are you now speaking of something done in consequence of that minute or not? if previous to that minute it could not be done in consequence of it.—I believe I saw him on the 12th,—in fact I know I did. I believe I saw him before the 12th.

47,744. I will give you another date to assist you: do you remember a placard or circular being issued upon the subject of bribery upon the 10th?—By whom?

47,745. By the blue party, your party?—I do not.

47,746. With clauses relating to the Bribery Act?—I do not. There were numbers of circulars printed which I never saw, except when I saw them stuck up in a room. I never gave any directions; they were settled by the committee. If you will show me the one to which you allude I will tell you if I know it.

47,747. Be so good as to look at that letter, and see if it is in your own handwriting, dated the 10th of June (*handing a letter to the witness*).—Yes; that is my handwriting; the signature is mine.

47,748. Read that letter.—"Moor and Butler's committee room, 10th June 1852." This is a circular addressed to the different members of the committee of chairmen and

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deputy chairmen of the district committees. "Gentlemen,—Herewith I beg to send you a copy of the clauses of the statutes 5 and 6 Vict., chap. 102, against the bribery and treating of voters, to which I beg to draw the attention of the district committees, in order that the canvassers may be strictly cautioned against infringing the above provisions in the least degree." That is signed by me, and this was sent round to the whole of them.

47,749. And annexed to that is an extract?—No; this is not the handbill.

47,750. That is the circular?—Yes; this is the circular sent round to our own committees. I thought you meant some handbills which had been published.

47,751. Was that printed?—No; they are copied by the clerks.

47,752. Did you give an explanation, for there is none in that, of the construction to be put upon the Act of Parliament?—There is no construction here.

47,753. You sent them the Act of Parliament, and left them to interpret it?—That is to begin with; but I also told them at this meeting of the 12th, which formed the subject of the conversation, as to what I believed bribery would be construed to be.

47,754. Was that in writing?—No. When I say no, I have no recollection of putting it in writing; I have a perfect recollection of cautioning the members of the committee personally.

47,755. Was that done in consequence of any vote or instructions, or was it done from your own position as legal adviser?—It was done from my own position as adviser; I should of course mention it to the chairman and deputy chairman before I sent it out.

47,756. Was it in consequence of that that the minute was made of the 12th?—I cannot say that.

47,757. Is that your belief, that it was?—No; I have no belief upon the subject at all [redacted] us what took place now with reference to that; was it the same day? I [redacted] you had a conversation with Mr. Galloway; does that bring it to your mind [redacted] not.

[redacted] is stated by Mr. Galloway, in his evidence, that he had an interview with you upon the day that is dated?—It is perfectly possible he may; I believe I had an interview before the 12th. I cannot say that it was the 10th.

47,760. What took place?—I pointed out to him the desirability——

47,761. I would rather that you would use your own words as near as you can.—That is more than I can do; I will not take upon myself to say what my words were then.

47,762. As near as you can.—I represented to him the desirability of having an arrangement made with the orange party about the number of runners and messengers we employed.

47,763. The desirability of limiting the number of runners?—Yes; that we could not tell when Parliament was going to be dissolved, and that I should like to make an arrangement with him for the purpose of limiting the number until Parliament was dissolved; and that when Parliament should be dissolved,—when the labours of the committees would necessarily be greater and require more assistance, that then we might increase them.

47,764. Then each party was to do as they pleased?—Nothing was then said as to what each party was to do; that the arrangement should be made up to that time because we could not tell what number each would require,—it would entirely depend upon the consideration of each party as to what they would require.

47,765. And nothing was said as to any limit afterwards?—There was not.

47,766. Can you recollect what Mr. Galloway said?—Mr. Galloway concurred in my view, and said he would mention it to his committee.

47,767. Tell us all that took place with reference to it. You did come to an arrangement with Mr. Galloway?—Yes.

47,768. Now I want to know the steps by which you arrived at that arrangement?—I saw Mr. Galloway upon the Saturday, and upon that occasion I think Mr. Burges was present.

47,769. I want to come before Mr. Burges was present,—you came to an arrangement with Mr. Galloway before you saw Mr. Burges?—The first time that I saw Mr. Burges was the time I was making these arrangements with Mr. Galloway.

47,770. Before any arrangement was come to with Mr, Galloway at all?—Before any arrangement binding upon his committee was come to.

47,771. Do you mean Saturday the 12th?—I find by my own letter that I saw him the 12th.

47,772. Had you seen Mr. Burges then?—I believe I saw Mr. Burges on the 12th, in the room, when Mr. Galloway was here—upon the Saturday; I did not know Mr. Burges before.

47,773. The gentleman whom you have since learnt to be Mr. Burges?—I learnt at the time because Mr. Galloway introduced me to him.

47,774. What took place then?—We again conversed upon the subject which I had before mentioned to Mr. Galloway; Mr. Galloway personally coincided with me.

47,775. What was said by anybody?—I believe the arrangement we then made was that we should exchange letters in which we should limit the number of runners, doorkeepers, and messengers to be engaged by each committee for the general and the district committee rooms until the dissolution of parliament, and on the 15th of June I wrote to Mr. Galloway a letter; that was on the Tuesday.

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47,776. Do not go to any later date. It was agreed that you should exchange letters as to the number of runners and doorkeepers until the dissolution of Parliament?—Decidedly.

47,777. At that meeting was the arrangement limited to the period?—It was either then or the Monday morning that we fixed the precise number; one of those two days.

47,778. You said that Mr. Galloway coincided?—Yes.

47,779. Did Mr. Burges make any observation?—No; Mr. Burges did not make any observation at that time.

47,780. From his manner you concluded that he coincided with Mr. Galloway?—I could not draw any conclusion upon the subject. He was perfectly silent; he offered no opinion upon the subject.

47,781. Tell us all that took place. Mr. Burges, I presume, was introduced to you as the solicitor to Lord Goderich?—Yes; I do not know that he was until after we finished our conversation.

47,782. Do you mean to say that Mr. Burges seemed to sit still, and take no interest in the matter?—Mr. Burges seemed to sit still, and listen to what was going on; he did not talk to me upon the subject.

47,783. Did he talk with Mr. Galloway?—No.

47,784. Did he remain in the corner as any stranger might?—Yes, precisely.

47,785. Listening to what was going on?—Yes.

47,786. And taking no part one way or the other?—Not so far as conversation was concerned with me.

47,787. In what other way?—Merely by listening to what was taking place; he appeared to take notice of what was taking place, but he made no remark to me. I did not even know that Mr. Burges was engaged in the election; I looked upon Mr. Galloway, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Todd; and Mr. Galloway I looked upon as the solicitor, and head of the legal department. I did not know that Mr. Burges was concerned in the matter.

47,788. You were seeing Mr. Galloway upon a confidential matter?—I

47,789. And you found a stranger in the room?—Yes.

47,790. Was it not immediately explained who he was?—Before we left the room Mr. Burges was introduced.

47,791. A man who is a stranger would not sit by in a confidential communication between you and another solicitor?—I should never hesitate to speak upon a matter of that sort before a gentleman in Mr. Galloway's own committee room, if he had no objection. I should not have minded the whole town hearing my conversation.

47,792. At his office?—Yes, at his own office.

47,793. Was the subject of the runners having been employed upon previous occasions alluded to as a matter desirable to be avoided?—I do not know that it was. I had met Mr. Galloway, and we conversed first alone upon the subject. When I called the second time I found this gentleman there, who I afterwards understood was Mr. Burges, present, and I think there was another gentleman present. I am not certain Mr. Burges was the only person who was present in the room.

47,794. Was that Mr. Stead?—I do not know that it was Mr. Stead. I think there was some other person, but I do not know who it was. I know Mr. Burges was there, and then I conversed with him upon the subject of getting the arrangement made, and we agreed to exchange notes upon the subject.

47,795. What I want to know is this—whether before arriving at a conclusion, you began by alluding to a practice as having prevailed, and one which it was desirable to abstain from for the future?—Not in the presence of Mr. Burges, I did not; but Mr. Galloway and I did personally in the first instance.

47,796. You did before, but not upon this occasion?—No; my conversation in the presence of Mr. Burges was, merely for the purpose of getting an arrangement completed, the nature of which had been discussed before by Mr. Galloway.

47,797. And it was agreed that you should exchange letters?—Yes; and this meeting took place, either on the Saturday or the Monday, but I cannot say which of those two days.

47,798. And did you exchange letters?—I did. I wrote this letter, and I received one.

47,799 Will you read it?—This is dated the 15th of June, 1852, and is addressed to Messrs. Galloway, Bell, and Burges, solicitors; at that time I did not know Mr. Stead was engaged in the matter at all. "To Messrs. Galloway, Bell, and Burges, solicitors for the committee of Mr. Clay and Lord Goderich. Dear Sirs,—Pursuant to the conversations which I had with you on Saturday, and this morning, I beg to inform you that this committee have resolved, that, until the dissolution of Parliament shall take place, no more than one doorkeeper, and two runners, or messengers are to be employed for each of the district committee rooms. At the central committee rooms we necessarily require a greater number of messengers, but we intend to limit that number to six. The only exception we intend to make to the above resolution will be in the case of sudden emergency requiring the appointment of an additional messenger for a special purpose, and for one day only. The rate of wages to our doorkeepers and runners will be £1 per week. Our committee intend to adopt this regulation implicitly and in good faith, and we will thank you to say on behalf of the committee of Mr. Clay and Lord

Goderich, whether they will at once adopt and agree to the same regulation in your committee rooms, and elsewhere. I am, dear Sirs, yours truly, Robert Wells."

47,800. Have you got Mr. Galloway's letter?—The reply came from Mr. Todd, I think, but I have it here.

47,801. Let us have it, from whoever it came?—It is the next day, June 16th 1852. "Dear Sir.—I am instructed by the committee of Mr. Clay and Lord Goderich to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, addressed to Messrs. Galloway, and other gentlemen, and to say that the terms and conditions therein named, as to the engagement of doorkeepers, messengers, &c., by the committee of Messrs. Moore and Butler, will be adhered to by the cemmittee of Mr. Clay and Lord Goderich. I am, dear Sir, yours respectfully, C. S. Todd." "To Robert Wells, Esq., Central Committee, Messrs. Moore and Butler, Bowl Alley Lane."

47,802. Do you know that arrangements of that description had been made at previous elections?—I never did know it. I never was engaged at any former election but Mr. Brown's, personally.

47,803. Except 1847?—Yes, in 1847; except when I was a clerk, twenty five years ago.

47,804. When you were a clerk, you would acquire information?—If your question extends to that time?

47,805. Yes, it does.—I never was engaged in any election at all, except the first of Mr. Schonswar; that is twenty five years ago. At that time I was a clerk in this town. I have no recollection, at that time, as to any arrangement of the kind to which you refer. I never was engaged, or had anything to do with elections, either voluntarily or professionally, until this [illegible]e of 1847.

47,806. What I want to know is this: have you never heard, that arrangements for limiting the number of runners were made upon any previous elections? or is this, in your belief, the first time of an attempt made to limit the number?—I never heard that any such arrangement was made before.

47,807. Do you believe that this was the first attempt made in Hull, to limit the number?—I cannot form any belief upon the subject.

47,808. I ask you have you heard?—I have never heard.

47,809. You have never heard of any previous attempt to limit the number?—No.

47,810. Have you ever heard tell that there was an understanding that the employment of these runners was not to be made use of, for the purpose of a petition, upon any occasion? Have you ever heard of an arrangement, or understanding, that the employment of the runners was not to be made the ground work of a petition?—Never.

47,811. Did you ever hear this,—that when such an arrangement as you made with the orange was made in Hull, there was added to it an understanding, that in case of a petition, no advantage should be taken of the employment of runners?—Never.

47,812. You never heard of that?—Never.

47,813. I am using the expression in the largest possible sense. Did you ever hear any arrangement or understanding, that the employment of runners, either upon the polling day, the nomination day, or previously, was not to be made the subject of a petition to Parliament?—Never.

47,814. Nor any arrangement or understanding to that effect?—I never heard of such a thing.

47,815. Or to the like effect?—I never heard of such a one until I read it in the paper, the other day, as having been stated by some gentleman in this court.

47,816. That was Mr. Burges?—Yes, I think it was Mr. Burges.

47,817. You never heard of any arrangement of that description?—No.

47,818. Or of any description having been made, or any arrangement, or any understanding that the employment of runners was not to be made the subject of a petition?—I never had the least idea; in fact, when I read in the paper Mr. Burges's examination, and heard that statement, I felt surprised.

47,819. You heard that Mr. Burges made that statement?—I read the statement in the newspapers.

47,820. You have heard that he said so?—Yes, I did.

47,821. Was there any understanding at all, of any sort or kind, with reference to what was to be done after the dissolution of Parliament?—None whatever.

47,822. Each party was left to pursue his own course?—It was left entirely on open question.

47,823. I thought I understood you to say, that upon some occasion, something was said about the polling and nomination days?—Yes. I have read the minute of the 12th of June, that the clerks were to be paid double upon the polling and nomination days.

47,824. That only related to your own committees?—Yes.

47,825. That was no part of the conversation or arrangement with Mr. Galloway?—Certainly not.

47,826. How soon did you either hear of the rule being broken by the orange party, or did you hear of any complaint being made that you had broken it? which of those things occurred first? You undersand my question?—Perfectly.

47,827. I want to know which you heard of first?—In a very few days I heard that that rule had been broken by the orange party.

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47,828. Did you hear that they had broken that, before you heard that they complained of your breaking it?—I heard of it before I heard any complaint that we had broken it.

47,829. Tell us what it was you heard?—I heard that they were employing a greater number of messengers or runners at their committee rooms than we had agreed should be employed.

47,830. Just give us, as near as you can in the date, how soon you heard that?—I think I heard that in the course of three or four days afterwards.

47,831. Was it as much as that? because we hear you came to Mr. Galloway and made a complaint yourself, in less time than that.—I did go to Mr. Galloway and made the complaint myself.

47,832. You made the complaint.—Yes, certainly, on more occasions than one.

47,833. We have been told you made a complaint in the course of that very week; the 17th has been named, the day after?—The 16th is the day I got the answer; I have no doubt it is very shortly afterwards.

47,834. I want to fix how near it was according to your recollection of that?—I cannot say to two, three, or four days, but it was very shortly that we heard complaints.

47,835. It may be two, three, or four; shall I take that as your answer?—Yes.

47,836. Might it have been as soon as the next day?—Yes, it might have been.

47,837. According to your recollection are you sure it was during the course of the same week—the week ending the 19th?—Yes, according to my recollection, it was.

47,838. You have very little doubt that you heard it in the course of that week?—I have very little doubt that it was in the course of that week.

47,839. When you did hear it, did you go to the committee room and make a complaint?—I made a complaint to Mr. Galloway personally at the committee room.

47,840. Where was that?—At his own committee room.

47,841. In Bishop Lane?—In Bishop Lane.

47,842. Who was present? whom did you see there?—I think there was no one present but himself; he was called out of the committee room.

47,843. What did you say?—I told him the arrangement we had made, we heard was broken by his party at several of the committee rooms.

47,844. Did you say more than that?—I told him that we must have the arrangement kept up. His reply was that he was not aware that it was so; that he would make inquiry about it, but he was sorry to say he had heard the same complaint about members of our party. I said "Very well, I will make inquiry, and if there be anything of the kind, I will stop it."

47,845. He recriminated, in fact?—Yes; he told me of that which he said he had heard.

47,846. Did you say what your own party would do if the orange party persisted in that course that you had heard they had taken?—Certainly not.

47,847. Tell us all that you said.—I think I have done so; our conversation was a very short one; I had no time to talk to him much about it. I went to him and requested that he would at once have the matter looked into.

47,848. I suppose you heard again upon the same subject?—We did, and again I saw him.

47,849. How soon did your party come to any resolution upon the subject, or take a different course in consequence?—I do not know that our party took any different course at all until after a dissolution of Parliament; they had no instructions to do so, nor do I believe they did so.

47,850. According to your belief do you think that that arrangement was faithfully carried out by the members of your committee?—Yes, I do believe so, because I never heard to the contrary.

47,851. Up to the time of the dissolution of Parliament?—Up to the time of the dissolution of Parliament.

47,852. When was the dissolution?—I think Parliament was dissolved about ten days before the election, about the 28th, I think it was, I am not certain, but you very likely have had some information about that; then, upon the 26th of June, I find the subject was a matter of discussion by the whole of our committee, and this resolution was passed: "The district committees to ascertain and inform this committee on Monday the number of committee rooms and runners employed by the opposite party, and their names." On the 24th of June the same resolution was passed.

47,853. Let us have that first.—The chairman urged upon the committee the necessity of ascertaining particulars of the engagement of persons as runners by the other parties, with names and dates.

47,854. He urged that, and no resolution appears to have been come to upon it until the 26th, when attention was drawn to it?—Upon the 23d, the question was discussed whether we should appoint any more or not, and this resolution was come to; that was in consequence of what we heard at that time; at that time great complaints were made of the appointment of more upon the other side.

47,855. The complaints continued?—Yes; and this resolution was passed. The truth is, some members of our committee said, "It is useless our endeavouring to carry through the arrangement if our opponents break faith in this way;" and they wanted to urge

upon us the necessity of appointing more doorkeepers and messengers, to do our work than were really employed, and I opposed it; and this resolution was passed in consequence. These are the minutes of the meeting.

47,856. What meeting?—The 23d, then held. After some discussion upon the propriety of appointing more messengers to each of the committee rooms, "Resolved,—That the number of runners should not be increased, or any more employed without the consent of the central committee. That the servants and messengers employed, be paid weekly in full. That no colours be sent to houses, except committee rooms. That the returns of the district committees be sent in to the central committee before ten o'clock, or, at the latest before twelve o'clock, daily. The arrival of vessels to be well looked after, and communicated to the districts in which the voters in such vessels reside."

47,857. You said you opposed the proposition to increase the number?—Yes.

47,858. Do you recollect what you said?—I cannot tell you the words I used. I can tell you the substance of my observations.

47,859. Can you remember anything more than that it was said in your committee that it would be useless to continue your arrangement, if your opponents continued to break faith, and urged the appointment of extra doorkeepers and messengers; that you considered it useless, that they would beat you out of the field?—They were commencing a system as our committees believed, in point of fact, in order to secure votes in spite of the arrangment we had made.

47,860. I presume it was perfectly well understood by your side as well as theirs, that that was a mode of securing votes?—Yes; it was perfectly well understood: the town knew that well enough; every person connected with the elections, knew they would take sides accordingly.

47,861. It was well known that hiring a man was another mode for buying his vote?—There is no doubt in the world, that if persons were hired and merely called runners, and you gave them nothing at all to do, that it was for the sole purpose of getting their votes.

47,862. And even if they had got something to do, that the vote was part of the bargain?—Nothing was said on the subject; but I have no doubt it would be a part of the bargain. Some persons must be employed, and of course there would be a preference given to voters, and that they would expect them to vote for them.

47,863. Not only a preference, but it was considered having them in their employment? that it was a pull upon them?—I have no doubt that it was considered that if a man was engaged in your service, and had the opportunity of knowing what took place at the committee rooms—I will not say all, but many things—it would be expected, that he came there to support the party by whom he was engaged.

47,864. And he would not be employed except upon such an understanding?—We should not employ a person unless we believed he was going to support us; it would be an act of suicide on our part to do so.

47,865. You understood the meaning of the words, "I want you to employ me," in the sense that "I mean to vote for you"?—I have no doubt if a person came to me and said, "I wish to be employed by you, can you employ me?" that if we had employment we should employ him. We should expect that party when he entered the committee room to be employed by us; if he had a vote to give it us of course.

47,866. And I presume it never would be considered in words to say "You must promise your vote first"?—Certainly not; and what is more, I do not believe such a question ever would be put.

47,867. It was perfectly unnecessary?—Yes; a person who would so come and vote against you, you would look upon him in the light of a traitor.

47,868. When a person said, "I want to be employed," you take him to mean, "if you employ me I will vote for you"?—If he were a voter no doubt of it.

47,869. Suppose he was not a voter?—Then he could not vote for us.

47,870. Would he be employed?—Certainly, if he wanted employment. I know at Mr. Brown's election, there were a great many persons employed who were not voters.

47,871. And a great deal of money was spent in three days?—Yes; but you had to do three weeks' work in three days.

47,872. And in a great hurry?—Yes; we had to take everybody that came, voters or not voters.

47,873. That was not the case last time?—Certainly not; we had too much time to mature our plans. The difficulty was, to protract the canvass—to keep the canvass open all that time was a difficult matter.

47,874. You found that the canvass could have been completed in much less time, could it not?—I have no doubt the canvass could have been completed quite as well, if gentlemen set to work, in two weeks, as only half doing it in the way they did in five weeks. As a rule, if people have too much time, they rarely do things as well as when they are obliged to do it promptly.

47,875. Your opinion is, that a good canvass can be completed in a fortnight in Hull?—It is a short time; but I should say with proper arrangements you may do it very well in three weeks. After all, it is a question of division of labour. If a man has a week to do it in, he may canvass the whole town. Give me committees disposed to work and ample funds and resources for the purpose of employées, and I will undertake to canvass

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the whole town in seven days as well as three weeks; that is, if I have plenty of good committee men.

47,876. At the last election you employed I presume none but voters? the messengers that you did employ—that limited number?—I am not aware that any were employed; yes, I think there were some, but very few indeed.

47,877. Generally speaking?—As a rule, the men employed were voters; there is no mistake at all about that.

47,878. If you found a person not a voter, who happened to have some peculiar qualification for his work, being much more intelligent than others, then you would employ him?—Yes; of course.

47,879. Had you many applications from non-voters?—I think not.

47,880. Very few I dare say?—Very few I should think.

47,881. You employed those voters who applied to be employed?—Not of necessity.

47,882. But generally?—They were referred to the several committees for them to exercise their discretion.

47,883. I understood you were from the very first besieged with applications for employment?—Certainly.

47,884. And you sent them to the district committees?—Yes.

47,885. As fast as they came?—As fast as they came; we should never have got on with our own business unless we had done so.

47,886. The voters whom you did employ were some of those who had applied to be employed?—Certainly.

47,887. There was no occasion to send out to search for people?—No; we had not to advertise for employment; we had plenty of appliants.

47,888. And did the applications for employment commence as soon as you had got the committee formed?—Yes.

47,889. A great number?—Yes.

47,890. Had you repeated applications from persons who being refused once came back again?—Yes; I think so. You know this has been rather a disgression from the course of examination we were taking. We got to the last point of my recollecting an interview where I made a complaint to Mr. Galloway. I had a subsequent interview with Mr. Galloway and Mr. Burges on this subject at our own committee room.

47,891. What was the date of that?—It would be in a few days after. I cannot say precisely when it was.

47,892. Was it during the same week?—I think it would be after the 28th, and I will tell you why.

47,893. Do you recollect previous to that, seening Mr. Galloway when Mr. Burges was present?—The first that I saw of Mr. Galloway and Mr. Burges was, as I said, in Mr. Galloway's office, in his back office, the second time that I saw Mr. Burges.

47,894. When you made the complaint?—When I made the complaint of the employment of runners. Mr. Burges was not present.

47,895. When was the first time you made a complaint at the meeting at which Mr. Burges was present?—I do not know that I ever made a complaint when Mr. Burges was present.

47,896. Might it have been so and have escaped your recollection, because Mr. Burges is mentioned as having been present at a complaint made by you?—I read Mr. Burges's examination on that subject, and I think he is mistaken.

47,897. I will put the words into your mouth; do you recollect at a meeting at which Mr. Burges was present, these words being used,—that you said to Mr. Galloway, "Mind this agreement is to be kept"?—No.

47,898. Or the substance of it?—No.

47,899. In Mr. Burges's presence?—I remember being present with Mr. Galloway and Mr. Burges at our own committee room, when we had this question discessed. Mr. Galloway and Mr. Burges called upon me at our own committee room in Bowl Alley Lane, when this question was discussed, and there it was that I had the conversation with them.

47,900. You have heard what occurred with regard to Mr. Burges's evidence? Mr. Burges stated the first acquaintance that he had with any agreement of this kind, was from hearing you say to Mr. Galloway, "Mind Mr. Galloway, the agreement which we have made is to be observed." Mr. Burges then went on to say some further conversation took place, in which I do not think he said he took any part; but after you left, he then inquired of Mr. Galloway what agreement you had been referring to, and then for the first time, he became acquainted with such an agreement; that is the substance of his evidence?—Mr. Burges must have been referring to the first time I saw him, when I was endeavouring to conclude the terms of the arrangement with Mr. Galloway. If you remember, I have stated that I saw Mr. Galloway twice. On one of those occasions Mr. Burges was present. Mr. Galloway and I personally acquiesced in an arrangement, subject to conformation by our respective committees. When I saw him the second time it was for the purpose of knowing what the committees would do. I had no conversation with Mr. Burges on that occasion, and Mr. Galloway would communicate the result by an exchange of notes. I I was to do the same. The next time I saw Mr. Burges, was at our own place of business

in the committee room in Bowl Alley Lane, where Mr. Galloway and he came together; and we then conversed on the subject of the breach of his engagement.

47,901. Are you alluding now to the interview that took place on the 28th of June, or thereabouts?—Yes.

47,902. Then drop that for a moment and go back to the previous time. Mr. Burges fixed the date of the interview, at which he was present, in the week ending the 19th of June?—That would be so; that would be Monday the 14th.

47,903. When you complained of the infraction of it?—I do not know that Mr. Burges was present when I complained of the infraction, in the first instance.

47,904. Then you do not remember the interview I want?—Certainly not; and when I read the account of that interview in the paper I said, I am satisfied Mr. Burges is mistaken.

47,905. He spoke of two interviews, one on the 28th, and another on the 29th?—I had only two interviews with Mr. Burges; one at which he said nothing, and the other at which he spoke, and I can say no more of the first than I have said; that was when Mr. Burges was present, when I spoke to Mr. Galloway about completing the engagement.

47,906. The words I took down were "At an interview at Mr. Galloway's office with him, Mr. Wells was present, Mr. Wells said, 'Recollect we have an agreement that we are to employ three runners and one secretary at each committee room up to the day of nomination, and then as many as we please'. Mr. Galloway, Mr. Wells, and I were present"?—That was not the arrangement.

47,507. I am telling you what he said. Then he said, "After Wells left, I got from Galloway some knowledge of the setting down system." Those are the words of Mr. Burges, I believe?—That conversation to which Mr. Burges alludes, must have been the first one to which I alluded, when we were completing the arrangement. It had reference to a conversation between Mr. Galloway and myself privately on the Saturday previously.

47,908. Not one of the occasions on which you complained?—No.

47,909. Then there was an interview on or about the 28th?—Yes.

47,910. What is your recollection of what took place then?—Mr. Galloway and Mr. Burges called at the central committee room in Bowl Alley Lane, and the conversation had reference entirely to the alleged infraction of the rule on both sides. I had made before that repeated complaints of the same kind. Mr. Burges and Mr. Galloway called to converse with me on the subject, and I gave Mr. Galloway the names of some of the houses and committee rooms where the infraction had taken place upon his side.

47,911. Can you give us them now?—It was in the Pottery district, which I spoke to him about at the time.

47,912. I want to see the extent of the information that you conveyed?—I mentioned two or three houses at that time.

47,913. Can you tell us now the names?—I cannot tell you all the names.

47,914. You mentioned the Pottery?—Yes; that is the South Myton district.

47,915. You mentioned them to him?—Yes; I gave him some instances, and one of those he said he had heard was so, but he would take care and have it altered, and the others he would inquire about. I remember that conversation well from another circumstance. I said to Mr. Galloway and Mr. Burges, "I think it right to tell you that we are in possession of some of your proceedings, which you must be very careful about."

47,916. You said so?—I said so to him; I said, "You have opened a committee room in King Street, the windows of which are all covered with whitewash from the top of the house to the bottom, and where we know you are paying voters for Mr. Clay at the last election." I said, "We have full information of your proceedings there, we know who pays the money, and we know how the tickets are issued, for we had one in our possession this morning; and you may depend on it whatever may be the result of this election, you will have to hear about it again, I caution you." They said scarcely anything about it. Mr. Burges seemed confused about it, and Mr. Galloway half smiled; and they left.

47,917. Mr. Burges seemed confused, and Mr. Galloway smiled?—Yes; Mr. Galloway half smiled and they left. I thought they should know that as a parting information for them.

47,918. Did Mr. Galloway seem surprised?—No, not at all.

47,919. Did he say something about your doings?—No, he did not do that.

47,920. He did not recriminate then?—No; he had not the chance.

47,921. He had the chance once before and used it?—He had the chance of making an allegation once before. I wish to be careful about that. He made no counter statement at all, none whatever.

47,922. What I want to know is whether he brought any counter accusation against you?—No, none at all.

47,923. I want to know how soon it was your party came to the resolution to employ a considerable number of runners after that agreement?—It would be after the dissolution of Parliament, and not before.

47,924. You adhere to the statement that the resolution was carried out so far as you are aware up to the dissolution of Parliament?—So far as I am aware, and I will tell you

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why I think so; because I made it my practice to go round every night to the committee rooms, from six to nine o'clock, to visit every committee room, and I generally took one gentleman from the central committee. Mr. Thomas Ward Gleadow went with me, in order to see how the proceedings of each committee were conducted, and to give every information or assistance that we possibly could, and on those occasions I never found more runners employed or doorkeepers than we had agreed to employ; that was before the dissolution of Parliament.

47,925. Have you got any book, or paper, or document, which shows the exact statement of the number of persons you employed previous to the dissolution of Parliament?—I have not.

47,926. You have had it, I presume?—I have not.

47,927. When I address you, I address the whole blue party?—I can only answer so far as I know. Each district committee employed their own runners, and their own messengers. Each district committee paid them; they were paid by their applying for their money weekly from the chairman and his assistant financier, who gave them the money for the purpose, and they paid them themselves; therefore I have no means of knowing what number of runners they employed.

47,928. Surely people do not pay money without making some entries in a book?—They would do so, and present an account every week.

47,929. Have you any doubt that at some time or another there have been in existence documents, papers, and books which would contain a statement of the names of all the runners employed up to the dissolution of Parliament?—I have no doubt there have been such documents—there must have been such documents.

47,930. Have you made inquiries what has become of them?—I have not.

47,931. It would save an immense deal of time if we could have them?—I will tell you how you will get at it. Each committee every week made out an account of the money they wanted, for the purpose of paying the clerks, doorkeepers, and messengers, or the runners; that account was sent in to the central committee every week and presented to Mr. Harris, who acted as the assistant to Mr. Ward, and was checked by him, and the money paid by him from Mr. Ward to the chairman or deputy chairman of each committee, and they took the money and paid the parties themselves; and those accounts will be found in Mr. Harris or Mr. Ward's possession.

47,932. Will that show the gross amount?—It will show the number of persons employed each week.

47,933. It will not show the names?—No; but when you ask the deputy chairman of each, they can tell you who they were. I am sorry I cannot give you the information. I cannot give you the information you want.

47,934. Have any of the committee the means of making up such an account as will enable us to examine it at our leisure?—An account of the names of the several persons employed before the dissolution of Parliament, and after, and each week, and their names?

47,935. Yes. I want to keep them separate before the day of the dissolution of Parliament and subsequent?—I cannot tell whether they can or cannot, and I will tell you why I cannot, because I have not the accounts which were presented every week.

47,936. Have you not the materials, or have not your party rather the materials for making out a paid balance sheet?—I presume that the gentlemen themselves who presented the account of the runners employed will know who they were, and can make a return, but I have not the opportunity of doing so.

47,937. I wish to know whether those gentlemen have the means of doing the particular thing I ask?—I presume each chairman of each committee can do it.

47,938. What was done with the papers after the election?—Some were sent to me and some were not. I applied for several, and they were not sent to me. Those particular accounts to which you refer, were not left with me, they would be left with the chairman, because he had to pay the several accounts.

47,939. Do you know whether he has them now?—I do not know; I presume he has.

47,940. When were your payments concluded?—Every week they were made.

47,941. But when did you conclude paying for the election? how soon was it before you closed the accounts?—I should think it would be three weeks after that all the accounts were closed.

47,942. You think it was three weeks?—No; about three weeks or a month at the outside. They got all the accounts in as quick as they could, including the tradesmen's accounts, and other accounts of that kind. When I say closed, the last account that was paid was my own, and that was not paid at that time, but it was paid very shortly afterwards.

47,943. Have you seeh such a thing as the paid balance sheets of the week at the central committee?—I have.

47,944. Where are they now?—With Mr. Ward, I believe. I never kept any one of them; they were handed over to him at the time as his vouchers for the payments.

47,945. Have you heard that they have been destroyed?—I have never heard that.

47,946. Not until now?—Not until you put the question now.

47,947. All we know is that we have applied for them and have not got them?—All I

can say is I can give no information about it. I can only give the circumstances that they go to.

47,948. We will trace them?—I tell you every week the accounts were presented to the central committee room for the payment of the messengers, doorkeepers, and clerks, at each committee room. The accounts were checked by Mr. Harris who assisted Mr. Ward in the financial operations. The accounts were taken by Mr. Harris to Mr. Ward, and the money was brought to the central committee room aud paid to the chairman or deputy chairman, who were to take it back to their own district committee rooms for the purpose of paying the persons whose names were put down in those lists; and not one of those lists have I ever kept in my possession; it was no part of my business to do so.

47,949. Were the persons employed upon a list?—I cannot tell.

47,950. Where would the names be?—They would have them down no doubt, the chairman and the deputy chairman.

47,951. On what paper would they have them?—I cannot tell that; they would have them in some minutes of their own proceedings; every committee was furnished at the commencement of the election with a book like this, for the purpose of making minutes of its own proceedings, and for the entries of the different persons then employed. Those books I have not got.

47,952. Were they furnished also with a cash book?—They were not; this is the only book sent to them to make minutes of the proceedings.

47,953. And did they get themselves cash books or balance sheets for the purpose of filling up, to keep an account of the separate payments?—I do not know indeed, I never saw them. I only know at the end of the week they produced a sheet of paper stating what they would require.

47,954. Was there an account kept at the committee which you were specially attached to yourself—any books or papers which contained the accounts of the payments to the clerks and messengers?—There was but it was taken to Mr. Ward—to his own private office, which was in the same street.

47,955. Did all the payments go through Mr. Harris's hands?—I cannot say that.

47,956. Or receive his sanction?—I cannot say that, but Mr. Harris assisted Mr. Ward.

47,957. Was Mr. Harris the treasurer?—He acted as a sort of financial assistant to Mr. Ward.

47,958. Mr. Harris and Mr. Ward were a financial sub-committee?—Yes, for matters in the town, and Henry Barkworth for matters out of the town; so that Mr. Henry Barkworth, or Mr. Harris, or Mr. Ward can give the fullest information on those points, I cannot; they can give it you. I think Mr. Henry Barkworth's finance matters were connected with the out-voters, but Mr. Harris was the general assistant in the finance matters in the town.

47,959. Was there any application book at all kept at the central committee?—Applications for runners do you mean?

47,960. Yes?—I have one here in the minute book.

47,961. They are made in the minute book are they?—Yes.

47,962. In a separate book?—No.

47,963. Are the names of all the persons employed at the central committee in that book?—I believe so.

47,964. Of all the persons who were employed?—Yes; except the last day of the election when we could not do that, and I will tell you why. The last two days of the election, the nomination day, and the election day, we were compelled to form a very extensive list of names for the purpose of carrying the polling returns between the eighteen polling booths and the nine district committee rooms, and one sub-committee room. For that purpose the preparations were rather elaborate, at the same time they tended to make the result more certain in ascertaining the correctness of the returns as expeditiously as possible.

47,965. Who made those arrangements?—Mr. Joseph Walker Pease and myself, and I can give you some notion of them. It was necessary in the first instance to have two central clearing houses for the reception of the returns of every polling booth, and to have slips taken off by a number of clerks to be sent from those two clearing houses to the central committee room, and corresponding slips sent to the other committee rooms, so that the proper officers and committee men at each place should have the fullest opportunity of knowing how fast the voting went on, and what voters had to be brought up.

47,966. How many men were employed?—I cannot tell you how many men were employed. I can tell you how many were engaged; the employment required upwards of 300 to do it.

47,967. And there were 300 so employed?—There were upwards of that. I made a calculation that it would take 432 to do it properly.

47,968. You are talking of the polling day?—The nomination day and the polling day.

47,969. You did not want the clearing houses for the nomination day?—They had to to be drilled into their work for the purpose; otherwise, they would not be ready for the work at 8 o'clock in the morning.

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47,970. A kind of rehearsal?—As events turned out, a very unnecessary one.

47,971. Who discovered this process, or this scheme for giving this tremendous employment?—I did.

47,972. How many did you say?—432. I will give you the way in which it was done. We had cards printed for every one of these clearing houses with the names of the messengers put upon them, and the names of the places they had to go to, and the name of the place they had to run from.

47,973. And that required a great deal of printing, as well?—Of course it did.

47,974. You seem to draw some distinction between those that were required, and those that were employed; you say 432 would be required?—Yes; more were required than were employed.

47,975. How many were employed?—The next morning, of those men that had been retained on the Wednesday, and drilled for the purpose, there were 300 of them minus; at 8 o'clock in the morning I had the staff to organize as I could.

47,976. Had they been paid?—No, of course not, not by us; not by the blues.

47,977. Did your plan require besides that number of men, a large quantity of printing?—Yes.

47,978. Did it require anything else?—Yes, it required a staff of clerks and a superintendent at each clearing house.

47,979. How many clerks do you think would be necessary for such a purpose?—I can tell you, at the Sculcoates clearing house there were two superintendents and six clerks.

47,980. 432 were required?—432 altogether.

47,981. Messsengers?—No runners.

47,982. Do you mean 432 including the clerks?—No, for this scheme.

47,983. And how many clerks?—First, I must tell you there were two central clearing houses.

47,984. About how many clerks?—At the Sculcoates clearing house there were 2 superintendents and 6 clerks, at the Hull and Myton clearing house 3 superintendents and 18 clerks; 6 clerks to each superintendent.

47,985. Were there separate rooms engaged for the purpose?—Yes; there were two supernumerary clerks at the central committee. And now let me explain why this was required.

47,986. We have got 432 and 31?—Yes; and I can give the particulars of the 432.

47,987. Give the gross number first?—463 and 14. There were 2 doorkeepers at each of the two clearing houses, that is 4; an additional doorkeeper at each of the district committee rooms, that is 9; and one doorkeeper at the out-voters' room.

47,988. Were there any more persons required of any sort?—No, except a solicitor, who undertook the charge of one of these rooms—Mr. Saxelbie; he consented to take the charge of the clearing house in Castle Street, and manage the 18 clerks.

47,989. It required a solicitor?—Mr. Pease and Mr. Saxelbie undertook the management of that, and another solicitor was employed for that time.

47,990. Did it require anything more?—No.

47,991. That would occasion an expenditure of money?—No; nothing, except the engagement of the room, and the refreshments for the men, while they were at work the whole time.

47,992. Then I make it out that it required an increase of force of 478?—Yes, that is it.

47,993. Besides that, there were the extra expenses; there would be the printing?—Yes; there were cards for the purpose of getting and securing admission to each of the rooms, which had to be printed.

47,994. Of the 478, how many were forthcoming upon the polling day?—Upwards of 300 were not to be found at the time—at half past seven in the morning, when these men were to be at their posts.

47,995. How many were at their posts on the nomination day, for drilling?—That I cannot tell you, because I was not there, nor have I heard, but they were engaged by each of the district committees for that purpose; the district committees had orders to provide a certain number for this special purpose.

47,996. Each district committee had to furnish a certain quota?—Yes, for this affair.

47,977. What have you heard was the number which actually underwent the drill?—That I do not know; I only had the returns made.

47,998. What was the quota of the central committee room?—I cannot answer that question; I only know the district committee rooms were called upon to provide some. I do not suppose we were to find any ourselves.

47,999. How many were each district committee to provide?—I cannot tell now; they would be divided among them.

48,000. A part of the plan was, that they were to be drilled on the nomination day for service on the polling day?—A part of the plan was that they were to be engaged on the nomination day.

48,001. To be drilled?—They were to be told what their duties would be; they were to be told you are to go at a certain time in the morning, and have a certain card given you, and that will tell you to go from a certain post, to a certain post as fast as you can run, and bring returns; and when you have left your return, you will have to take

another return from that point to another point. The whole plan was arranged by cards.

48,002. And they received their instructions upon the nomination day?—Those were the instructions given to the committees to give them.

48,003. Did you hear any complaints that they did not give the instructions?—No; the door keepers did not do their duty. If they had all been encamped until the next morning, I dare say they would have been safe against the attacks of the enemy.

48,004. That was a weak part of the plan?—That plan we had no authority to do in law.

48,005. We have heard of a blue supper?—I have never heard of any blue supper during the election. I heard of a blue supper some six weeks before the election; I read it in the paper.

48,006. You heard no complaints of their not having attended to receive their instructions?—No.

48,007. But the next morning they were minus?—Yes.

48,008. There were not a hundred to be found?—No; and then I had to organize a staff from whatever source I could, for the purpose of carrying the messages backwards and forwards.

48,009. How many did you succeed in getting?—I could only tell you by reference to what was paid. I have got a list here.

48,010. How did you act? was there a person on horseback?—There was a person on horseback going about. I saw a minute which led me to suppose so. I do not know who made the observation, but there has been a gentleman spoken of as being a flying courier; instructions were sent off instantly at 8 o'clock in the morning, as soon as we found that no messenger came, and we had not got our runners,—messages were sent off. You must organize a force from whatever source you can; we must have the messages backwards and forwards and the committees had to set to work and find a force in their own neighbourhood as they could.

48,011. You had to organize them?—There was no organization, it was at an end then.

48,012. Your expression was just now that the next day you had to organize a force as well you could?—We had to form one as well as we could.

48,013. How many did yot get together?—I cannot tell you, because my business laid at the central committee room. Instructions were sent to the district to get as many as they could.

48,014. How many did you succeed in getting?—Of the original number not a hundred.

48,015. And then you had to get others?—Yes.

48,016. How many more beyond the hundred did you get?—I do not know.

48,017. Did you succeed in making up the whole, in getting the 300 more?—I cannot tell you; I will tell you why. I was not at the district committee rooms; I had enough to do to attend to the polling booths.

48,018. You did not go to make yourself acquainted with it?—Certainly not. I sent instructions to them, and said they must get up their own force as they could, it would be too late to have any particular attention on my part; they could only have the orders.

48,019. You thought the result of the election hinged on the successful carrying of it out?—Yes; supposing that force had been properly retained, and supposing they acted up to their work it would have made a great difference; it would have changed the election entirely.

48,020. It would have made a difference of 300 votes?—It might have done if they were all voters, certainly; one night changed the aspect of affairs, by some talismanic process.

48,021. When did you communicate this plan to the central committee?—I will hand in these cards which will show the system. (*A bundle of printed cards was handed in.*)

48,022. These are the cards the men received?—Yes, for going from room to room; and unless they possessed one of these cards after the election was over, they would not be paid. It answered two purposes; one as an admission card to the booths, or places to receive the lists or returns, and another for production to the committee at last, for the purpose of being paid for their services.

48,023. One card says, Mr. Bramley Moore, and Mr. Butler, messenger, number (blank), of 61 Wincolmlee. Then the man's name, the number (blank), "polling booth central." What does that mean?—To go from polling booth such a number, to the central committee.

48,024. Those furnished with a card in that form?—Yes.

48,025. And another to the deputy sheriff?—That is for admission to the deputy sheriff's booth.

48,026. Admit Mr. (blank), being a blank for the messenger's name, as attendant or runner for J. B. Moore and C. L. Butler; signed, John Crowther Metcalfe Harrison, Esq., Sheriff?—Yes; so that by that means, we could ensure the admission of our attendants there, and the other card was to prove that they had been engaged in this service.

48,027. And when were those cards given to the men?—Those cards were given to the men on the nomination day, or the day before; I do not know which. Those are cards only to the central committee room.

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48,028. But they are all of a similar form. Each messenger, or attendant, had two cards like each of those I have now read with his own name upon it?—Precisely.

48,029. One card for the purpose of getting into the sheriff's booth, the production of the other to get payment?—Yes; and those cards would not be delivered until the election day morning in the rooms; when the parties came they would be given those cards to go out with; they were ordered to be there at half seven o'clock.

48,030. Who filled them in?—They were filled in by the clerks in the committee rooms, or by my clerks at the time.

48,031. Upon what information?—Upon the information received from the district committees. My notion is that all these cards would be filled in at each district committee room.

48,032. So that the cards would be ready for the purpose, on that information?—Precisely; they were all prepared at the central committee or each district committee room for delivery on the morning of the day, half an hour before hand, for them to go to their work.

48,033. Each district committee, then, had a list from which they made these cards?—Doubtless they would have for their own guidance; we must have so many more ready to perform certain work, and to be in certain districts at a certain time.

48,034. Each of these men were to get their instructions upon the nomination day or the day before?—From the committee that appointed them.

48,035. Would he not get a card then?—No, he would not.

48,036. You said they were given on the nomination day?—The instructions were given to them, and cards would be given the morning of the election to the parties; it would not do to have the cards out two days before they were wanted.

48,037. It would take some hours, as the men were to be on duty at half-past seven?—They would not be wanted until eight; we dared not entrust those cards the night before to any persons, because if we did so they could be distributed indiscriminately, and we should not know whether distributed or not, and they were to be handed over in the morning as a card or passport to receive admission to the different booths or stations to perform their work.

48,038. Then they were to be paid of course for the two days?—That is 10s.

48,039. 5*s.* each day after the election?—Yes; but many were done so, especially those who assisted at the central committee room, because we had not a staff, because we had to organize a fresh staff in the morning, and they were paid only one day; in consequence of the defection of those parties engaged, we were obliged to organize a fresh staff in the morning.

48,040. How did you get a staff?—By the most extraordinary exertions.

48,041. What were the exertions?—The committees being ordered to get as many hands as they could to take care that they were running from this post to that. I need not describe to you that it creates an immense amount of confusion, but we had no alternative.

48,042. Were the cards that were distributed already prepared?—I do not know that they were; I gave the orders myself to the parties that were at the central committee room.

48,043. These were the cards that were made?—Yes; I have a bundle here that have been made as those cards.

48,044. How many have you there?—There are about fifty of them here, I think; these are all of the central committee room, if I mistake not.

48,045. These are all that have been made?—These are all that have been made that I know of.

48,046. At the central committee room?—Yes.

48,047. Were the cards prepared at the different committee rooms or all at the centra committee room?—The cards for the central room would be prepared at the central room; the cards for the other committee rooms were not prepared there. I have none of those. I have no doubt at all that they were handed in to the parties who had to pay them for their services, when they got the amount of money from the chairman to pay the different runners engaged at each district committee; those are the only cards I have, and those I produce to show the system.

48,048. Before the cards were distributed to the men, were they prepared at the central committee room, or at each district committee?—At the central for the central, and at the district for the district, because they were engaged.

48,049. Were they sent to the district?—No; we never saw them afterwards; we got these all printed to begin with by the central committee.

48,050. And sent them in blank?—Yes; to the district committee rooms.

48,051. How many were there printed?—I do not know; I cannot tell.

48,052. Who printed them?—I cannot tell you that; there were several printers engaged in the town, I do not know who printed them.

48,053. Are you sure those at the central committee room were not issued until the morning?—Those at the central room were not, because they were filled in the morning, and the staff organized in the morning so far as I may use the term organization under such circumstances.

48,054. Who were employed at the central room to run in the quest of persons to supply the vacancies caused by the defaulters?—Several parties.

48,055. Can you tell us any of them?—I cannot.

48,056. Surely you can tell us some one?—I cannot.

48,057. Were they members of the committee?—They were partly members of the committee, and some were not; for instance at the central committee they would have to endeavour to collect them from their own set; at that time I had too much to attend to, finding myself entirely deprived of the services of so many who had been engaged for that purpose; I had too much to do for the purpose of getting it done as fast as I could, without paying particular attention to who did it, but I cannot remember the names now.

48,058. Are you sure you cannot remember any names?—Yes; George Steeple was one; he was an active man; he would be sure to be engaged in getting up the forces.

48,059. As to Ransom?—Ransom was my clerk. I do not know whether he was or was not.

48,060. Steeple?—I have no doubt Steeple would book for a great many.

48,061. Where is the book from which these cards were made, or the paper?—I do not know that there is any.

48,062. You told us it could not be made without it?—Yes; I will tell you why: I remember when those cards were issued from the central committee room, there were persons engaged as they came into the room, and these were filled up, and sent up to their posts.

48,063. Those are the persons who supplied the places of the defaulters?—Precisely.

48,064. I want to know where is the book from which the parties originally attended to the duty were taken?—I do not know.

48,065. You have already told us they were made from the book?—I have said that each committee would make it from some list, or a book

48,066. I am speaking of the central committee?—They would make it from their own lists, but where those lists are I do not know, nor do I know that I ever saw it.

48,067. You were the principal party engaged in it; it was a pet project of your own?—Yes, so far as the project was carried through it was so; but I have no notion of where the book is, if there was such a thing, any more than a stranger.

48,068. Who kept the application book of the central committee?—It was left on the table for any person to fill in the name of any member of the committee who did send.

48,069. It was not made from that book?—I cannot say whether it was or not.

48,070. Would the person be appointed from that book?—I cannot tell you.

48,071. Unless there was some check, how would you know who the persons were who were there?—I know those cards were pink on that morning.

48,072. I am not talking of those particular pieces of card; I am now going back to the time when the original cards were prepared for the purpose of being issued. You did not postpone it until the last possible moment, who you should employ? you carefully considered the names of the persons you should employ?—I cannot say that.

48,073. Have you any doubt of it?—Oh no; we had to appoint a large force.

48,074. You did not leave it until the last moment, until half past seven in the morning?—It was done the day before.

48,075. Who did it?—I would take time; it was done by my clerks, and partly by the district clerks.

48,076. From what materials?—Only by getting the information of such persons as were willing to be engaged as runners.

48,077. That would appear from some book?—Yes; but I have not any book.

48,078. Were there any such books?—I have not such a book; I never saw it.

48,079. How could it be done without?—You ask me to account for that which I do not know.

48,080. I ask you to account for the absence of a book which you said you could not have gone on without; you began by saying it was impossible to carry it intoeffect without that book?—I began by saying you could not do this without having the list made of the persons to be filled in, so and so; still I have not that list, and I do not know where it is, nor do I know I ever saw it.

48,081. Where was the list taken from?—I cannot tell you.

48,082. You knew the course of the business?—The course of business was that each district committee was requested to furnish——

48,083. Not the district, but I ask as to the central committee?—We had to get information from the district committees for the purpose.

48,084. The men that were employed from the central committee, where did their names appear?—I do not know; we had to procure them.

48,085. Do you not know how they were prepared? what was the course?—It was in this way: the returns would come in from different committee rooms to say that certain parties would be wanted for the district committee rooms, for the purpose of being engaged by them for the district committee rooms, and the central. I had under me two active intelligent clerks who carried the matter through.

48,086. Who were they?—M. Rossindale was one, and Mr. Fowler was the other.

48,087. How did they proceed?—I cannot tell you; they received the orders to get it

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done along with the others, and all they had to do was to see that the matter was going on right.

48,088. How many different persons were employed in making out these?—I cannot tell you.

48,089. Were there 10,000?—Not to my knowledge. I can tell you how many clerks I had in my own establishment, and the central committee room.

48,090. Many were employed in the morning; there are nine before me in nine different handwritings?—I have no doubt all the clerks engaged would be employed filling up them at the time when told to do it; we had only half an hour to fill them all up, and get it done as well as we could.

48,091. They would take these names out of some book or paper?—No; they were brought by Mr. Steeple or some person or other; they were put down in a book.

48,092. I want to know this; when this plan was resolved upon?—A few days before.

48,093. How many do you call a few?—I cannot say to a week.

48,094. It might have been a fortnight?—My impression was that the whole plan, I am satisfied it was arranged after the dissolution of Parliament, and therefore there were only ten days for the whole concern, I think, to the best of my recollection.

48,095. When was it resolved upon? I understand you to say the plan was invented by you about the time of the dissolution?—Yes; I had some conversation with a very active electioneerer, Mr. Turnbull, on the best mode of preventing the confusion consequent upon the getting the progress of the voting; one object was to keep the central committee room as clear from the rest of all the communications as possible, by having a limited number, but we had to have eighteen sets of messengers coming to us every half hour with the returns.

48,096. That is not an answer to my question exactly. I want to know simply the question of date—when it was that this was invented by you?—I should say it would be about a week before the election, as far as I can remember.

42,097. When was it resolved upon?—I cannot fix the date of it.

48,098. Was it resolved upon the same time you suggested it?—I think it was or within a day or two afterwards.

48,099. Was the suggestion submitted in writing to the committee?—I believe the message was sent in writing to the committee, requesting them to furnish the names of such persons.

48,100. At the central committee?—I do not know that it was in writing; I think the probability is it would not be so.

48,101. Was there a discussion about it?—Yes.

48,102. Were you present?—Yes; Joseph Walker Pease and I had an arrangement.

48,103. What was said about it in the discussion? was any observation made by the committee, or any member of it?—I cannot remember that there was; the question of arrangement was left to them to carry through, and I think Mr. Turnbull spoke upon it as being a very desirable plan; that is the gentleman who first spoke to me upon the subject.

48,104. Did anybody see that this was very early applied?—I cannot remember; it must have been within the last week, because the polling booths were not fixed until after the 30th of June.

48,105. Then it was in the last week?—Yes.

48,106. And then it was discussed?—Yes.

48,107. Was it resolved upon immediately?—It was resolved that it should be done, and Mr. Pease and I had to arrange the plan, and we did so.

48,108. Was that the first commencement of any increase of the staff?—No; I think not.

48,109. When was the staff first increased?—After the dissolution of Parliament.

48,110. Immediately on the dissolution of Parliament?—Immediately upon the dissolution of Parliament I think we increased our staff either one or two for the purpose of carrying messages.

48,111. Were they all increased?—Throughout the whole of the books, I believe they were all increased by one.

48,112. By one messenger?—By one messenger.

48,113. Are you sure it was not more than two?—I cannot say; they may have done so without my knowledge.

48,114. How many were there at your own?—I think we had four originally, and then we had six, that is, at the general committee room. Now I have got the names of the messengers in the Castle Street clearing house; those are they who were engaged in the morning, and who, I believed, were paid for their services (*handing a list in*).

48,115. Where?—They were paid at the room itself.

48,116. Where were these engaged?—They were engaged for the South Myton; I think you will find the heading upon it.

48,117. How much were they paid? 10*s.* each?—I believe so.

48,118. Who paid them?—They would be paid at the room, most likely I think, by Mr. Robert Ash, who was one of the sub-committee appointed to look after that; he and Mr. Pease were together at the same place. I will tell you how they were paid. Mr. Robert Ash presented to me his account, stating the amount of money owing to these

parties, and I sent that to the chairman ; the chairman sent the money to Mr. Ash, and Mr. Ash paid them.

48,119. Is this the South Myton?—It is called the Hull and Myton clearing house ; there were two clearing houses at the time.

48,120. There would be similar lists at the general clearing house?—I believe so, but I never saw it.

48,121. Who would have to pay them?—Mr. Turnbull.

48,122. Who would have had the management of the other clearing house?—You asked me a question what they were paid. I do not know the amount paid to them ; whatever amount was paid, it was paid by Mr. Ash.

48,123. You understood it was 10*s.*?—I understood just now it was only 5*s.*, for that particular purpose.

48,124. That is, the persons only employed that day?—Yes.

48,125. The others were to have 10*s.*?—Yes, for the two days if employed ; therefore, I only give the information second hand.

48,126. I understood you to say that the original people, had they attended, would have got 10*s.*—those that attended and were originally got at, but the people who were fetched in from the high ways and bye ways only got 5*s.*?—Yes, those that enlisted that morning at the central committee room were paid 5*s.*

48,127. Were they all defaulters?—We had scarcely any ; the cards you see there were filled up that morning by the clerks.

48,128. Had you the cards filled up ready for the other persons?—I do not know ; I believe they were.

48,129. Have you any doubt about it?—I have no moral doubt ; I do not know it as a certainty ; they were filling up cards for the purpose.

48,130. Can there be the least doubt the cards were filled up in the evening of the nomination day, ready for the morning?—I have no doubt.

48,131. What would become of those cards?—They would be sent to the different district rooms, but where they are I do not know.

48,132. I ask of the cards for your own committee room?—I do not know ; there were a great number of cards that were distributed that were useless ; those that were useful were made and kept ; all those cards of course would be used and paid upon, and the others would be useless.

48,133. What would be done with the cards of the people who became defaulters that were ready filled up?—They never got them.

48,134. That is hardly the reason ; I ask where they are now?—They would be destroyed, I presume. I have not got them ; they were returned to me, and would be utterly useless.

48,135. Did you send them in blank in to the different district committee rooms to fill up, or were they filled up?—I cannot tell you.

48,136. You have told us this, that they were distributed at each district committee room and filled up there?—And my belief is this, that all the cards were sent to them in the first instance, and then the district committees would have to fill up those for their own district ; that is my impression, and that is my belief.

48,137. Attend to me. Did you send to each district committee sufficient for the number that they were to furnish?—I have no doubt that that would be the case.

48,138. Where would they get cards in the places of those which had become useless by the persons who had defaulted?—If they were in blank they would fill them up themselves.

48,139. You have already told us these were filled up the night before ready for delivery the following morning?—Yes.

48,140. As the people defaulted, consequently the cards were useless?—Yes.

48,141. Where did they get the fresh cards?—I do not know that they got fresh cards.

48,142. There is not an erasure upon any one of these?—Those are for the central committee rooms ; those are the cards we paid upon ourselves.

48,143. How many were there printed?—I do not know.

48,144. Did you supply more cards to the district committees, or an equivalent?—My impression is, that we should send to them a certain proportion for each district committee room, with a request that they should get them filled up.

48,145. You knew how many each district would require?—We knew we should want a certain number altogether.

48,146. Your system was such, that you knew the day before the nomination day precisely how many each district committee would furnish to make up the exact number of 478?—I believe the plan was this,—the cards are only filled up with the names and the numbers of the votes, and the places they had to go to would be filled up in the central committee room, and the name of the person to be left blank ; I sent to the district committee and they would fill in the names of the persons after they receive them, but what became of the cards, I do not know ; I have never seen them.

48,147. The committees would have the cards filled up with the people's names?—They ought to have had.

48,148. And no doubt they had?—I presume they had.

48,149. Those cards became useless by the men's not attending?—Certainly.

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48,150. Because you would not deliver Mr. Smith Mr. Jones' card, where did they get the other cards in the hurry of the moment at about half past seven, when they found themselves without cards?—I do not know that they got any more cards.

48,151. Did you send them new cards on the polling day?—I do not know that I did.

48,152. Where did they get them?—They would have to pay the runners by entries upon the lists.

48,153. Do you mean to say they had no cards?—I do not say so.

48,154. You practically do say that?—I do not, excuse me.

48,155. I want to know had they separate pieces of card supplied to them for the purpose of making use of them?—I cannot say, because I did not see them.

48,156. Who settled the quota?—Mr. Pease and I went through them, and settled the quota.

48,157. And surely you can tell us what each district would furnish?—We should have to divide by the number of committee rooms there were in the district.

48,158. And give each an equal number?—Yes.

48,159. Would that be by dividing 478 by eight or nine, whatever it was?—By nine; they may have had a surplus sent to them for anything I know, in order to fill in the surplus for anything I know, or can tell; we prepared them according to our plan so far as the names of these clearing houses were concerned.

48,160. You expected that the plans would work well?—Yes.

48,161, The result is that it broke down?—Yes, for want of men.

48,162. You anticipated the breaking down, and had double the number of cards that were necessary?—You are asking that which I cannot answer.

48,163. If I understand you, at the central committee room the cards were all completed ready for distribution at half past seven?—Yes, and we had blank cards in our place, and we filled them up with the names of persons as they came in, and sent them out.

48,164. Now go back a little. Did you receive occasional applications in writing from an influential class of voters, desiring people to be employed as runners, and the like at the election?—I believe applications were made from persons, but they were always invariably referred to the several districts to which they belonged.

48,165. I ask as to your own?—I cannot say we had many; but doubtless, we had some.

48,166. A great many?—I cannot say that.

48,167. What was the course of business with respect to them?—The persons that generally applied were persons that came themselves and said, "Will you put us down as runners?" Our answer is, "We don't want any more at present, but we will enter your names in the book." And so we entered them in the book until Parliament was dissolved.

48,168. Did you enter all who applied?—All who applied we put down; we either put them down, or said what district do you belong to; and if we had required any we should have referred them to that district; all that belonged to our district we put down.

48,169. Were there others who sent to the several districts?—Yes.

48,170. Did you make memorandums of the applications made by gentlemen of influence, supposed to be able to influence voters, for such a purpose as that?—I cannot say without reference to the memorandum which I have here. Here is Thomas Richardson, recommended by John Chapman; and Thomas Glowerwood, Scale Lane, recommended by Mr. Oldfield; doubtless, that was so.

48,171. Would those be brought before the committee?—I do not know that they would.

48,172. Who would they be brought before?—No one that I am aware of because the book is laid before the committee for examination, whenever they chose.

48,173. Be so good as to look at that letter, and tell me what was the course of business taken on that letter (*handing the letter*). Who is that gentleman?—He is a solicitor in this town, employed by me to look after a certain class of voters.

48,174. Which class of voters was he to look after?—The pilots.

48,175. He is the son of a pilot, I understand, himself?—I do not know that he is the son of a pilot, he is a relation.

48,176. Read it out.—

"DEAR SIR,

"Stray, the tailor, corner of Salthouse Lane, a client of mine, has, he tells me, five voters at his disposal, and I can see that he is evidently wavering. I have spoken to our client, Mr. Cutt, in the Market Place, who is a large creditor of Stray's, on the subject, and he has seen him, but it will be as well for you to ascertain who else knows him, with a view to bring further influences to bear. My partner's father is very likely to go with us this election. He is at present from home, but on his return, which will be in a day or two, it will be desirable to secure his co-operation as he has some influence in Myton, where I understand you are weak at present.

"Yours truly,

"Parliament Street, Tuesday afternoon. "ROBERT BELL."

48,177. What would be the course of proceeding upon receiving such a communication as that?—I should make a communication to some of the committee.

48,178. Have you any recollection of that letter?—No, it is one of many.

48,179. What would be the course of proceeding on the receipt of such a letter, written by a gentleman who has got five votes at his disposal?—That letter would be referred to the Lowgate Ward committee where Stray, the tailor, resided.

48,180. That would be the course of proceeding?—Yes.

48,181. What would be the course of proceeding with reference to where it was alluded to that the man was in difficulties?—We should leave it to the discretion of the chairman or deputy chairman of the committee of the ward to which the letter referred.

48,182. Look at that letter, and tell me whether you can tell me what was done upon that letter?—It is from Mr. Edwin Davis; I do not know who it is to.

48,183. It comes from you, out of your custody?—Yes, all the correspondence I sent en masse without selection. "I beg to call your attention to the meeting of several freemen voters in the neighbourhood of Edgar Street and Alfred Street, who meet for the purpose of making a stand for fees to vote; Huttons, Hessle Road, and at the Crown in Wincolmlee, appear to be the places they hold such meetings. Your kind attention will oblige yours, &c., Edwin Davis." This is the first time I have seen this letter.

48,184. What would be the course of proceeding upon the receipt of such a letter as that?—It would be referred to the chairman of the committee of the South Myton ward to attend to.

48,185. What do you mean by attend to it?—They would have to see the person, and see what it was he meant; and either the management referred to the general committee, or to adopt such course as they thought fit to adopt.

48,186. What committee would it go to?—To the southern division of the Myton district, the committee of which Dr. Bell is the chairman at present.

48,187. We have heard a little about that party,—one was here yesterday. Do you know the people who met at the Crown, headed by a man of the name of William Jefferson?—I did not know there was such a place as the Crown, or there was such a person.

48,188. Do you not know the party that met there?—Certainly not.

48,189. Do you know anything of Jefferson?—I did not know his name.

48,190. You never heard of his name—William Jefferson?—No, I never saw that letter before; I have no recollection of seeing it before.

48,191. During the election you heard there were a good many parties, such as described in that letter?—I have heard of reports.

48,192. A great number of them?—No, I did not.

48,193. Not of people, but of numbers of "lots," as they have been sometimes called—of people meeting at different public houses for the purpose of selling themselves?—Not during the election, I did not hear it.

48,194. But during the contest?—No, not during the contest.

48,195. Had not you heard of them?—I had heard of such things, but not often.

48,196. Was it discussed in the committee what was to be done with these?—I have no recollection of matters not mentiond in committee; I know very well what would be the course of procedure, and I am sure it would be referred invariably to the several committees of the districts.

48,197. I suppose what occurred in your own district?—We did not interfere; the central committee is not a district, but it has the superintendence of the whole.

48,198. It would be sent to its own district?—Yes, it would.

48,199. Do you know what their course of proceeding was?—I do not.

48,200. Did you never attend the district committees?—Every night I used to go there to see what was going on.

48,201. There is a gentleman, whose name has been mentioned, who knows something more than you do about that, Mr. Croft; would it be any part of his duty?—There were two Crofts, William and Henry Croft.

48,202. Either of them?—I have no doubt in the world if a communication was made to him, it would be part of his duty to attend to it, that is, if it was in his beat; and he divided the district into canvassing districts.

48,203. What I want to know is, was your attention, up to the close of the election, ever called to meetings of that kind of persons such as those who are referred to in that letter? do you recollect that?—I have no recollection of having my attention called to any meeting of the kind.

48,204. You answer the question in the very words that I make use of: Did your attention ever fall upon it without being called to it?—I was once stopped by a person in the street, who told me there was a number of persons prepared to vote; he told me that there were 120 men. The man had the appearance of a sailor—I do not know who he was—he stopped me near the central committee room. And I said, I have nothing to say to you, I cannot attend to you.

48,205. That is one instance; now I want to know whether you ever heard of these meetings of parties during the contest?—I have an impression that I have heard of such meetings on one occasion or more, but I never paid any attention to them, and I never attended to them.

48,206. Were they discussed at the committee?—No, not at the central committee.

48,207. Did you hear of such parties having been engaged by your party?—Never.

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48,208. Or having been purchased?—No, I did not, never.

48,209. Have you heard of Nicholson?—No, I do no remember the name.

48,210. You never heard of him? do you mean that you never heard up to this time, of anybody of the name of Nicholson. You do not know William Henry Nicholson?—I know a person of the name of Nicholson a voter; he is a sailmaker, a respectable man.

48,211–2. I say nothing against his respectability?—I never heard of any person of the name of Nicholson purchasing votes.

48,213. A man of the name of William Henry Nicholson?—I have not the least notion to whom you refer; I know a Mr. Nicholson a sailmaker, he is Robert Nicholson.

48,214. The man I mean is a sailmaker, and a dealer in votes?—Where does he live? The person I mean lives at the corner of Myton Gate, and keeps a shop.

48,215. The person I mean is as notorious as the mayor of the town, he lives in English Street?—I do not know such a person; I never heard of the name that I know of before now.

48,216. Did you ever hear of Wharam's party by report?—Since the election, but not previous.

48,217. You never hear of it before?—No.

48,218. Did you ever hear during the election, among other modes of obtaining peoples votes, that of obtaining them the means to emigrate?—Yes, I have.

48,219. Was that the subject of discussion during the committees?—It was discussed before me, but not before the general committee.

48,220. Do you remember receiving a letter from Mr. James Pease on the the subject?—Will you all you allow me to look at it, if you please?

48,221. Yes; read it (*handing it*).

"SIR, "East Sculcoates Ward.

"In the absence of Mr. Turnbull, I write for information on the following:—What answer is be given to voters who are desirous of being sent out by government to Australia; we have several cases, and we hear that the orange men are promising to have them sent out. Now the government are in want of men to send out, can we not forward the interests of these men?

"I remain, Sir,

"Yours truly,

"JAMES R. PEASE."

I do not know to whom this letter is addressed; I remember the subject being discussed.

48,222. Can you tell me what was the answer that would be gived to that?—That it could not be done; that is the answer that I would advise, under the circumstances.

48,223. Now do you mean to say that it was not done?—I do not know.

48,224. Can you pledge your oath that it was not done?—I pledge my oath that I do not know that it was done.

48,225. I do not ask that; I observe that whenever pressed you shrink into that word?—Yes, and I intend to do so, as far as my oath is concerned.

48,226. I ask to your belief?—If you ask me as to my belief, I answer I have no belief; I cannot have the least belief upon the subject.

48,227. Have you not heard that it was?—I have not heard that it was.

48,228. Have you not heard it proposed to be done in the committee room?—No.

48,229. And you pledge your oath that at no meeting in the committee room was that subject, I will not say resolved upon by the committee, but was that singular project not entertained?—I have said it was discussed, and I gave my opinion upon it.

48,230. Look and see if you can find any minute in the committee upon it.—I will look through; I have no recollection of any decision being come to and entered upon the proceedings at all. I know perfectly well what my opinion upon the point was, and that was expressed.

48,231. Do you think there is any entry of it?—I should think there is not.

48,232. That brings me to this question, I want to know why not?—We made no minutes; these are minutes of proceedings and discussions at the central committee when all the committees met.

48,233. You have just told us it was the subject of discussion at the central committee?—True; but it does not necessarily follow that it should be the subject of entry. I do not say that this book contains an account of all the proceedings of the committee.

48,234. Of your own committee?—Certainly not. I am aware there is a great deal; this contains the result of resolutions passed when the district committees assembled with the central committee.

48,235. Was there another minute book?—No; this was the only one.

48,236. Was there no minute made then, of what took place when the district committees were not present?—I do not know that there was.

48,237. Do you know that there was not?—I do not know that there was not.

48,238. And you do not know that there was?—I do not indeed; my impression was that the central committee was sitting from morning till night discussing all sorts of subjects. We made no formal minutes of our proceedings as to what we did, and when the district committees assembled we made the minutes and the resolution passed there

and entered in here; but as to what passed at the central committee from morning to night minutes were not made; we should never have got through the business if it was so.

48,239. Was there any decision upon this discussion?—I have not the least recollection upon the point; I only know the matter was discussed, and I gave my opinion upon it.

48,240. You do not know whether they decided to do it or not?—No.

48,241. Can you recollect what the amount of printing was?—I never knew the amount, I never saw it.

48,242. Was it considerable?—It was a large amount.

48,243. Did it include the advertisements, hand bills, and so on?—I should presume that the printing bills would be separate from the advertising bills.

48,244. Did you advertise the addresses in all the newspapers?—I think they are advertised in one; I do not think they were advertised in both. I do not know the addresses were advertised in all the newspapers; I know they were advertised in the "Hull Packet."

48,245. Is the Hull Packet a newspaper?—Yes.

48,246. That is what I asked you?—I do not know that they were advertised in all the newspapers.

48,247. Were there more then one?—I do not know that.

48,248. Was it for the purpose of economy?—I cannot tell.

48,249. The Hull Packet is a paper in your own interest?—It is.

48,250. I presume you would want to make your opponents converts by the admirable addresses that were published. Did you advertise them in only one newspaper?—I do not know whether we advertised in one or more; there was a sub-committee appointed to attend to all the printing matters, with which I did not interfere.

48,251. Do you remember whether there was any application made on behalf of the large printing establishments?—I have some recollection of an application being made for the insertion of addresses in the "Hull Advertiser" newspaper.

48,252. Look if that is it (*handing a letter*)?—This is the one.

48,253. The "Hull Advertiser" is a newspaper, I believe, having extensive circulation in this town?—It has, very; my impression is that it has the most extensive circulation.

48,254. Now read it.—

"On behalf of Mr. Collins, allow me to solicit an order for the insertion of the addresses of Messrs. Moore and Butler, and as you favoured the "Herald" last week, Mr. C. thinks you can have no objection to give him the alternate week.

"Your favourable reply will oblige,

"Your obedient servant,

"THOMAS STOW."

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Addressed to myself.

48,255. Was that application granted?—I will not pledge my memory as to that, to say whether it was or was not; I think it was not to the best of my recollection. I mentioned this to the committee.

48,256. Look at the top.—There is "No" on it; I thought it was number.

48,257. Whose writing is that?—I think it is my own writing.

48,258. Why should you not advertise in the paper of the larger circulation in Hull?—Because I obeyed the orders of the committee I received on the subject, when I spoke to them.

48,259. What did you tell the committee?—I should write a letter and present it to them.

48,260. Why would they not advertise in the paper that had the largest circulation?—They gave no reason to me.

48,261. I should like your reason?—So far as I was personally concerned, I would have advertised in all the papers freely.

48,262. Did you advise the committee to do that?—I would have done it.

48,263. Did you?—I did not.

48,264. Why not?—I can give no reason why I did not; I would have done so if I had asked for directions.

48,265. You say you would have done it, and therefore you invite me to ask the question if you did?—I say so far as I was personally concerned, I should have had no objection.

48,266. Why did you not?—For the plain reason, I handed it over to the printing committee and they said, "No."

48,267. That is not an answer to my question; you said you would have done it yourself?—I said that I would.

48,268. You would have advised it?—I have not said I would advise it, but I would so far as I was personally concerned; I should have no personal objection to do so.

48,269. No personal objection to do it?—There was no compulsion upon me to do it, I was not bound to advertise in this paper or that; I handed it over to the gentlemen who had the power to give the directions.

48,270. I want to know why you did not advise them?—Because it was no part of my duty to advise them.

48,271. Was the reason because it was a paper of different politics?—Not so far as I was concerned.

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48,272. You said if you had had a voice in it, you would have advised the insertion?—Yes.

48,273. Did you advise it?—No.

48,274. You did not mention what your opinion was?—Certainly not; I handed it over to the committee.

48,275. Who were the printing committee?—Thomas Wood, Gleadow, and another gentleman. Mr. Thomas Wood himself was generally in the chair at the general meetings.

48,276. Who else was?—Here is a resolution here of who they were to be:—"Mr. Harris, Mr. Gleadow, and Mr. Henry Barkworth, be a sub-committee to decide upon orders for printing.

48,277. You simply write the word "No" against your own judgment?—Yes, that is my writing.

48,278. Thinking it ought to be done, you wrote "No?"—I should write "No" when I received the order; it is my business to do so.

48,279. Was there any separate account kept of the ordinary, as distinguished from the extraordinary expenses of the election?—I do not know; I did not keep any accounts of the election.

48,280. That is not an answer to my question?—I cannot answer the question any further.

48,281. Have you heard whether there was?—I never heard. Mr. Wood kept all the accounts of the expenses of the election, and how he kept them I do not know.

48,282. Have you heard that there was any separate account kept of the ordinary weekly expenses from any other?—I have said that the ordinary weekly expenses were kept in lists, and handed in to the chairman, who paid upon it.

48,283. When the election was over, were they all united?—I do not know, nor did I hear; I cannot answer the question.

48,284. Just look at that letter (*handing a letter*).—This is the 9th of July.

48,285. The day after the election?—Yes; it is a letter bearing my own signature at the bottom.

48,286. Is not that the original letter?—No; this is not my signature.

48,287. This is a letter, in which you request to be furnished with the ordinary expenses?—Precisely so; and that account of the ordinary expenses was sent every week, and paid every week.

48,288. I understand you to say that you had nothing to do with the expenses?—You ask me if there was any separate account of the ordinary expenses, and the general account kept.

48,289. And you, instead of answering, said you had nothing to do with it?—No. You spoke of the accounts; I did not keep the accounts. These are papers merely sent to me as the mere instrument—the mere conduit pipe, as it were. When they came to me, they were handed over to the finance committee of the election, to deal with; and I should see no more of them, as their agent; they were placed in the proper course.

48,290. I want to know the meaning of the word "separate," distinguished from the use of the word additional?—I say here, "send the account of your ordinary weekly ex-"penditure or liability, up to, and inclusive of, to-morrow." The ordinary weekly expenditure consisted of the clerks, and doorkeepers, and runners, and pens, ink, and paper. I suppose that was brought up to the end of the week.

48,291. Now what is separate?—"And also an account of all additional expenses and liabilities, "with lists of names, of messengers, or runners, engaged up to, and inclusive "of, yesterday."

48,292. I want to know what is that additional that you wrote for?—Under the head of additional expenses, would be included, no doubt, the living of the committee rooms themselves; any flags or colours they may have had for the committee rooms, and expenses of the gentlemen engaged canvassing, which they may have charged.

48,293. Look at the words.—The words are, "additional expenses or liabilities, with "lists of names, of messengers, or runners, engaged up to, and inclusive of, yesterday."—the ordinary weekly expenditure. There are a certain number of runners every week engaged, not exceeding a certain number, but on the last two days we knew perfectly well they would have a great many more, which we required to be furnished with.

48,294. Were those accounts, which you there wrote for, furnished?—I have no doubt they were.

48,295. You are the person who writes for them?—I have no doubt they were furnished.

48,296. What has become of them?—They would be handed to the chairman.

48,297. What has become of them?—I do not know what has become of them.

48,298. Did you receive them?—They would be received, and handed over to the chairman.

48,299. Mr. Ward?—Mr. Ward.

48,300. Do you remember writing for them?—Yes; and I tell you why and when I wrote that letter. I wrote it as the representative of the committee; the returns would come in to the central committee, and be dealt with by them, examined by them, and handed over to the chairman to settle. I have none of these returns myself.

48,301. You have no doubt of it they were sent in?—I have not the least doubt that they were all sent in.

48,302. I have mentioned to you several papers we have been calling for; had you communicated to Mr. Ward or Mr. Harris, that these papers were required by us?—I have not.

48,303. You received a letter requiring you to do so?—I received a letter, requiring me to produce all such papers as that.

48,304. You were asked to supply all the papers relating to the election?—All that I had, and all that I could get.

48,305. Have you not spoken to Mr. Ward about what papers were in existence?—I told Mr. Ward he would have to produce all papers connected with the expenditure; and he said he should be prepared to produce all connected with the expenditure that he had.

48,306. Did he say he had them?—I do not know what he said.

48,307. You mentioned one additional committee room, added for the purpose of paying the out-voters?—Yes.

48,308. Can you give me the date that it was added?—I did not know there was such a one, until I heard they were getting paid; therefore, I thought they would only be appointed the last day of the election.

48,309. Was there any other additional committee room besides that one?—There was a sub-committee at the Market Place ward committee room, appointed at the request of some parties, I do not know who; and to be held in Fish Street, a few days before the election.

48,310. Are those all the additions that were made?—I know of none others; the North Myton Committee asked for leave to appoint one; and the West Sculcoates leave to appoint an additional committee room, in each of the districts, a day or two before the election; and leave was granted to appoint another committe room. They said they could not get through their work, and one was appointed at the Black Horse, in Carr Lane, and the other somewhere in Charles Street, I do not know where.

48,311. Are those the only additional committee rooms that you are aware of?—Those are the only additional committee rooms, sanctioned by the central committee.

48,312. And that were appointed, is my question?—I have heard that there was a committee room in this town not appointed by the central committee; but that, I believe, was a volunteer, of the existence of which I did not know for several days, held at the South End, near Mr. Bannisters'.

48,313. Were there any more by the authority of the central committee?—None, that I know of.

48,314. How many additional committee rooms besides? You say you heard that there was one next to Mr. Bannister's?—There was one that I heard of, but not for several days after it had been engaged, which I understood was a volunteer committee room, in which I never was.

48,315. What do you mean by a volunteer committee?—I understood there had been a party engaged at the last election for the South Myton ward, who were very anxious to carry on a committee room of their own, and had made one of their own, and would do so again. I never went into it; the committee never attended it, and the person who had the charge of this, was a person of the name of Legitt.

48,316. He organized the committee?—If there was a committee, he organized it himself.

48,317. Next door to Mr. Bannister's?—Next door but one to Mr. Bannister's. I know it was between Mr. Bannister's and Brownlow's.

48,318. When did you first hear of it?—The first time I heard of it was, to the best of my recollection, the last week in June.

48,319. Was it organized by any resolution or authority of the committee?—It was not.

48,320. Give us altogether how many there were organized by the authority of the central committee?—There were nine to begin with; one, two or three days before the election at Fish Street, that is ten; and another in Charles Street, or Worship Street, was eleven, and I do not know of any other; it was somewhere in that district, as auxiliary to the recognized committee room of the West Sculcoates district

48,321. Were those done by the district committees, or by the authority of the central committee?—They were done, I believe, by the authority of the central committee.

48,322. Give us the date of the Fish Street one; when was that?—I will see if I can find it down. I do not remember it; I remember it was done two or three days before the election.

48,323. That will do. Was the authority given for that, two or three days before the election?—It was.

48,324. And the one in Charles Street?—That would be about the same time.

48,325. Was there a sub-committee formed for the purpose of meeting there?—There was none formed by the central committee. I believe they divided themselves, to make their own sub-committee for the purpose.

48,326. It was not a sub-committee, but a divisional committee?—Yes; in Carr Lane I know there was one, and Mr. Ellerman had the care of it.

48,327. Carr Lane is one of your committee rooms?—That is an additional one.

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48,328. That makes twelve?—Yes; that is the first one I mentioned.

48,329. Which Ward is Carr Lane in?—In the Northern division of South Myton ward.

48,330. Who managed Carr Lane?—Mr. Ellerman.

48,331. Who managed Charles Street?—I do not know.

48,332. Have you ever heard?—I have not.

48,333. Have you heard the name of anybody who was at the one in Charles Street?—I have not.

48,334. You have never heard any name?—I heard it spoken of. Mr. Craven was the deputy chairman of the West Sculcoates district.

48,335. Were not those committee rooms to have a staff on the polling day, for the clearing house?—No.

48,336. They did not enter into your calculation?—No.

48,337. You mentioned that the staff was increased by the addition of one messenger immediately after the dissolution, but the central committee by two?—Yes; these are the resolutions upon the point, on the 30th of June.

48,338. Be so good as to attend to the question. You said the staff was increased by one messenger, except the central committee, which was increased from four to six?—Yes.

48,339. Read the resolution now?—After that took place, there was a meeting, I find, upon the 23rd of June, upon which the resolution was passed, that the number should not be increased.

48,340. I want you to read me the one of the 30th of June?—"Resolved that an additional committee room, for the despatch of business, be appointed in each ward and division of wards, as supplementary to the present committee room, upon the best terms, and in the most advantageous position which may be practicable; and a flag and messengers be appointed for each; but that the expense of such room shall be limited to three guineas. The number of runners or messengers, to be increased, when required for business up to a number not exceeding twelve for each district; and a letter to be sent round to the different districts accordingly. District committees are earnestly requested to send the addresses, namely, Streets or Squares, or other particulars of those voters who have removed from the town, to Leeds, Manchester, and other large towns. Mr. Joseph Pease junior, and Mr. Gleadow, be a sub-committee, to look after the voters, who have left the town; and Mr. Caswell be appoined clerk for the purpose."

48,341. Were those resolutions acted upon?—I believe so; but I never had a return to me of the additional committee rooms.

48,342. Was there a letter sent to the chairman, and deputy chairman, of each ward?—I have no doubt that there would be.

48,343. When I asked you, a little while ago, all you told me was, that they were increased from three to four, whereas, after, they were increased to twelve?—That is afterthat.

48,344. I asked you whether at any time before the election, the number was increased, and your answer was, that the number was increased from four to six in the central, and in every other one increased by one additional messenger?—Yes.

48,345. You believe that these regulations were acted upon?—I believe they were.

48,346. The dissolution of Parliament was before June 30th?—It was before that. I have the date in my own diary.

48,347. Was there any other increases of messengers?—There may have been without my knowledge, but I do not know whether there was or not.

48,348. Do you know of any?—My impression is there must have been an increase.

48,349. What is the ground of your impression?—The ground of my impression is, that a great number of applications were made for payment for runners; I should say a much greater number than that amount would have warranted.

48,350. About what number would be required to meet the demand for payment? What number of messengers would the amount of money paid produce?—I do not know the amount paid; but I have understood that above 400 persons were paid.

48,351. Who has told you that?—I have ascertained that by checking from the register book the number of applications at the time, and I know they come to above 400.

48,352. Do you call them the register books?—Yes. When the different lists of the committees were sent in, of the applications for runners, they were checked with the register books, and I know there were about 400 by that means.

48,353. Have you that register book?—No, I have not. I have handed in the whole of the register books.

48,354. And in those books you have handed in, the names of the persons applying are ticked off?—No; I cannot say that. The lists were sent from the different committees.

48,355. What became of the lists?—They were sent to the chairmen, or, at least, they were returned to the persons who brought them, and I presumed they would be returned to the chairmen, because they would not get paid without.

48,356. During the course of the contest, did you hear that the orange party were engaging an excessive number of committee rooms?—I did.

48,357. How many did you hear?—I never heard any number stated; but I heard in several streets they had many; in High Street and some of the streets in the neighbourhood especially.

48,358. Were they particularly named, the places where this took place?—They may have been, but I do not recollect them now. I know it was stated generally that there were a great many additional committee rooms taken by the orange party.

48,359. When did you hear that?—That was shortly before the election; I think some three or four days before the election. The greatest complaint that I heard was three or four days before the election, but so late as June the 29th. I had returns made of the additional rooms taken.

48,360. I want to know whether, on the 29th of June, in consequence of the letter written the 28th of June, you received the return?—I did; and several of those returns I have here. Parliament was dissolved the 2d of July.

48,361. Go back for a moment. Your resolution to employ additional messengers was before the dissolution?—It is passed on the 30th, the day before.

48,362. That was a breach of your agreement?—To that extent it was, so far as they were engaged.

48,363. You told us you had been complaining to Mr. Galloway several times, and on the 28th of June you seem to make an unlimited addition almost?—Yes.

48,364. That resolution puts on 108 at once?—Yes.

48,365. Have you got those returns relating to the sham committee rooms?—Yes; I have them here,—"Osborne Street, South Myton District, 29th of June."

48,366. A letter was written on the 28th of June requesting returns to be made, and information of the goings on of the orange party?—Yes.

48,367. Upon the 29th, I believe you received returns from all the districts?—We received returns; I cannot say from all the districts, I have several of them here. We received many. Here is one of the South Myton district, Osborne Street division.

48,368. Have you got those returns with you?—Yes; I believe those are all that I have. (*The witness handed the same letters.*)

48,369. Having got those returns in, were there not a number of additional committee rooms taken by the blue party of the same sort?—I believe that some more were taken, but I do not know what number.

48,370. Of the same sort?—That I do not know. I heard that some of the district committees had engaged additional committee rooms.

48,371. Did you hear that they took a blue one for every orange one that was opened in their district?—No; I did not hear that, certainly.

48,372. But you heard that there were a number of additional rooms engaged?—I heard in the Holderness ward they were about doing so. They wanted to engage several, and I objected to it.

48,373. Who did you hear that from?—I cannot say now, but it was mentioned.

48,374. Who did you object to?—That I cannot say; but there was a list of several rooms they wanted to appoint, and I objected to the appointing of any more.

48,375. Did you give your reason?—Yes, I gave this reason,—that I looked upon the appointment of committee rooms except for actual use, as purely colourable.

48,376. You gave as your reason that it was bribery?—I gave as my reason that it was purely colourable and to get voters; and if in that way, it was bribery.

48,377. I want to know who you gave that caution to?—I do not know.

48,378. You knew it was done?—I knew it was done.

48,379. After the caution from you that it was illegal?—I do not say they were appointed after that; I know that several were appointed.

48,380. Do you mean that they did it first and then asked your opinion afterwards?—That I do not know. My first answer was generally as to the whole town, and I remember that in the Holderness ward district a list of several additional committee rooms was suggested, and I expressed my opinion that they ought not to be appointed. Whether they were appointed I do not know.

48,381. I want to know whether the suggestion as to illegality was given before or afterwards? whether they did it with their eyes open or shut?—I do not know. I believe they were not appointed at that time.

48,382. You think they were not done until ascertained that it was illegal?—I do not know that they were done then.

48,383. Assuming that it was done?—If they were done, my impression is that it was afterwards. I said it ought not to be done.

48,384. Your opinion is that there were several?—I heard that there were.

48,385. Have you not heard, since the election took place, at all events, that there were a number of additional rooms taken in the Holderness ward?—I have.

48,386. Have you any reason to believe that to be untrue?—I believe that they were taken. I have no reason to dispute what has been stated upon that point since the election.

48,387. At the time when the resolution was passed, calling for further information respecting the orange party, I believe this resolution was passed; it is so short that I will read it myself. 28th of June. "That the messengers be paid one guinea per week instead of a sovereign as heretofore. Secondly. That in consequence of further information received by this committee, this committee deem it now desirable that the wages of the messengers of the several committees be paid in full at the end of every week, and that all the arrears be immediately discharged." What was the object of passing the first

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resolution? Why were the wages raised?—We found that our opponents were paying a guinea a week instead of a pound, and therefore we determined they should be placed upon an equality.

48,388. You considered the probability was that if yours only got a pound a week you would lose their votes?—I have no doubt of it; some of them said they would leave us unless they received the same wages as the other side.

48,389. Do you believe you would have lost a number of votes if you had not raised them to an equality with the other side?—I believe we should have lost some of those persons we engaged if we had not raised them to the same amount.

48,390. You think they would have gone over for the sake of a shilling a week?—I believe they would. I was told that they said they would.

48,391. That carried their services, that is to say, their votes?—That is the corrollary.

48,392. Listen to the next part of this resolution, it goes on thus:—"In consequence of further information received by this committee, this committee deem it now desirable that the wages of the messengers of the several committees be paid in full at the end of every week"?—Yes.

48,393. First of all, what was the information upon which that resolution was passed?—I believe it was that the payment of the wages only partially created great dissatisfaction among the runners, and the messsengers, and that dissatisfaction they had expressed very strongly. It was communicated to the several committees, and the general committee therefore determined to rescind the resolution they had made before upon the same subject which you find in that minute book, and to say they should be paid up their wages, and be paid up to the end of the week.

48,394 Were you afraid that that dissatisfaction also would go to the extent of your losing their votes?—That was the opinion of the committee, that they would do so.

48,395. An opinion which I dare say you coincided with?—No doubt.

48,396. In order to save the men's votes, it was necessary that the wages should be paid in full at the end of the week, and that all arrears should be discharged?—Yes.

48,397. Was it said that they would go over upon that account?—I do not know that it was said so, but I know that was the opinion entertained, that it would have that effect.

48,398 And was that opinion entertained in consequence of statements made by the men themselves?—I believe so.

48,399. From whom had the suggestion emanated to keep back part of the wages?—By some members of the committee; but I do not know who they were.

48,400. Was it Mr. Edwin Davis?—I do not know whether it was or not.

48,401. What was the reason of that? Was that because it was thought you would have a pull upon them?—My believe is, it was resolved at one time to pay them only a large proportion of the wages to prevent them running away. The object was to secure the continuance of their services; to have them at the time of the election. I have not the least doubt of it.

48,402. And their votes at the termination?—No doubt of it, certainly.

48,403. A resolution was first passed upon the 25th of June which is not entered here; be so good as listen while I read you the resolution upon which I have a question or two to ask you. "Upon the motion of Mr. S. West it was resolved, that the resolution passed yesterday upon the subject of the payment of the wages of the runners or messengers, and doorkeepers be rescinded." Now, the first thing I wish to call your attention to is, upon the 25th there is no such resolution?—It is very likely in draft, but it has not been copied. I have the resolutions in draft.

48,404. I have been reading the 25th of June, which rescinds one passed the day before, and that of the day before is not here?—I do not appear to have the draft of that, but I know what it was.

48,405. Why was not that resolution entered here?—All the resolutions were written in draft at first, in order to be copied by the clerk. You observe they are all in one handwriting.

48,406. You cannot tell why that is not entered?—I can give no reason.

48,407. You observe upon the 23d of June there is a resolution upon the same subject. "Resolved that the servants and messengers employed be paid weekly in full." Upon the 25th something is done, we do not know what; and upon the 26th, that which was done upon the 25th is rescinded?—I know how that was from memory; what took place as to the wages.

48,408. What passed upon the 26th is this:—"That the wages of the present week be paid in full, but that afterwards three-fourths of the wages be only paid weekly until the conclusion of the election, when the balance will be paid, and the district committees be paid accordingly. Is that the resolution you allude to that was come to for the purpose of securing the votes of the persons?—That would be one; but I think there would be more resolutions than one upon it. They changed their opinions very frequently and unnecessarily.

48,409. There are four—the 23d, the 25th, the 26th, and then the 28th?—I have no doubt the entire question depended as to whether it was politic or not to pay them in full

or only partially, and that policy being to secure their votes at the election. I have no doubt of that.

48,410. Upon a reference to your minutes, it appears that repeated discussions took place several times before the dissolution of Parliament as to the increase of the staff of messengers and runners; did that occur repeatedly?—I believe it did several times; but I cannot say how many times.

48,411. And that no actual resolution one way or the other was come to?—Not until that; it is mentioned in the book.

48,412. How it is done is another matter; because on the 23d of June the resolution is passed, that the increase should not take place without the consent of the central committee?—Yes; and there was a strong desire upon the part of the district committees to put down runners, and increase the staff; they urging as the reason that it was done upon the other side, and I opposed it strongly.

48,413. Before the dissolution, you did increase the number of messengers materially?—I see the resolution is passed two days before.

48,414. Is not that quite as much a breach of the engagement as any breach which you charged against the orange?—It was quite as much.

48,415. Then, from the beginning of the election you set down, the names of all persons who applied?—As applicants.

48,416. And that was in order that you might not make them angry?—That was in order to make use of them afterwards if we wanted them for their services; but we told them, point blank, we did not require them then.

48,417. That setting down was to bind them and to bind you?—I do not consider that, and I will tell you why: the man who applied to have his name set down, if he thought proper, might have gone anywhere else; we were not bound to anything, nor was he when we set his name down; at the same time, supposing we wanted any further assistance, and that man came and said, "You put my name down," I should think we would have his assistance.

48,418. You set his name down to satisfy him?—Yes.

48,419. And to prevent him going to the orange?—I do not know that; it was his own application; he came to us.

48,420. Supposing you had heard a man was already set down in an orange list, would you have set him down in yours?—I would not.

48,421. Your party I mean?—I have no reason to suppose that they would, so far as I know.

48,422. Were not the names of the applicants set down in order to satisfy them, and prevent them going over and voting for the orange, or promising the orange?—I cannot go to that extent.

48,423. If you had refused to set them down, what would have been the consequence, in your judgment?—If they were men wishing to vote for political motives, and wishing to have employment, they would not have gone to the other side, but if they were men who wanted to obtain money they would.

48,424. Which was the majority?—I would not like to offer an opinion of the majority.

48,425. Would you have thought it safe to refuse to set them down?—I should not have hesitated to do so.

48,426. Would you have thought it safe to do so?—The probability is, I should have put them down rather than otherwise.

48,427. Would you not consider that a pledge to give them something after the election?—Not unless they were engaged upon actual service I should not; I told them so distinctly, all the parties that came to me.

48,428. You were aware, according to the established custom of Hull, that it was the practice to pay everybody whose name was set down, whether employed or not?—I was aware that that had been done.

48,429. Were you not aware, as a man living in Hull, that that was the system?—I am quite aware there was a system of setting down and paying everybody who was down, and I am aware that I made up my mind that I would be no party to it this time.

48,430. Did you tell the people that you would not?—Whenever they applied to me I said, "We will take your name down, and as soon as we want persons for actual service we will employ you."

48,431. Tell us who you told that to?—To every person who applied.

48,432. Is not that the common form?—I do not know; I am not so conversant with elections as to give that opinion.

48,433. Was not that setting down of names virtually a breach of the agreement as much as anything else?—I did not consider it was, and I will tell you why; inasmuch as our arrangement was, that we should not employ any person until a certain time, and the fact of setting them down gave to them no means of claiming money until they were employed.

48,434. There is a question I omitted to put; to come back to the 12th of June, before that correspondence which is dated respectively the 15th and 16th of June, you had engaged some messengers and runners of course, who were in existence from the first?—Yes.

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48,435. Your district committees also had engaged runners?—Yes.

48,436. Did not some of them engage more than the agreement contemplated?—I do not know that they did; but they wished to do, and therefore we opposed it.

48,437. Had they not actually done it then?—I do not know it, nor have I any recollection that they had done so; there was a discussion upon that subject upon the 12th of June.

48,438. For the purpose of that I will call your attention to it; upon the 12th of June I read this minute, "That each committee return a list of runners they have or may employ, and the terms upon which they were engaged." I presume that was communicated to every district committee?—They were all there, I think, at the time, but I have no doubt, in addition to that, it would be communicated to all the district committees in the ordinary way of business.

48,439. And each committee would be conversant of the passing of that resolution?—Yes, that was our practice, to send a resolution which affects the committee to each committee.

48,440. Was there any return made in obedience to that resolution?—I believe there was.

48,441. Were there any of the district committees who had already engaged more than the number subsequently provided for in the letter of the 15th of June?—I do not remember whether there was or was not.

48,442. If I understand your statement of this arrangement it had no longer life, if I may say so, than the dissolution?—Certainly; that was expressed in writing.

48,443. On that, of course, you do not agree with Mr. Burges, whose account I read to you?—Mr. Burges says it was not till the nomination day; that is his mistake.

48,444. You do not agree with him in that?—Certainly not.

48,445. If I understand you, the interpretation I put on that would be, that that would be a mode, and was intended probably to be so, of saving each party a considerable expense, which might otherwise be incurred before the dissolution?—It was.

48,446. It could have no other effect?—No; my object was to save money, and let the burgesses who applied for employment know that we were resolved not to put on a large staff until we had absolute necessity for it.

48,447. On that understanding of the arrangement, after or at the dissolution you would be at liberty to put on as many messengers as you thought fit?—Yes.

48,448. To employ as many runners?—Yes.

48,449. Without reference at all to what the other side were doing?—Yes.

48,450. You were asked as to the accounts that were furnished to you consequent upon your letter of the 9th of July?—Yes, an account of runners employed.

48,451. Referring to the ordinary expenditure and additional expenditure?—Yes.

48,452. You have said you have no doubt those accounts were furnished to you?—I have no doubt they were.

48,453. Before you handed those accounts over did you examine them?—Yes.

48,454. You went through them?—Yes.

48,455. Before they went to the chairman, Mr. Ward, they would have passed through your hands?—They would, most of them if not all.

48,456. Should you consider yourself in a situation to express a judgment as to the payment of the charges in these accounts?—I was not in a situation to do so.

48,457. Why did you do so?—I looked to see whether or no any of the persons who were applying to be paid had been paid by any other committee applying to us, who had been engaged for us.

48,458. Do I understand you, if those accounts had contained on the face of them charges for a considerable number of runners and committee rooms, that you would have passed them on without considering you had any check on the payment?—No; if I had seen charges for a great number of runners and committee rooms which I had conceived had not been employed for any purpose connected with the election, I should have made an objection. I had no control over the accounts except to cast them up and pass them forward to the central committee, to ascertain whether or no any of the persons who had been paid in one committee were applying to be paid in another; and on that I transferred the account to the person who gave it me, and he would have to go to the chairman to have it settled.

48,459. That transfer to the person who gave it you would be in the nature of an approval of that amount by you?—An approval only to the extent that those parties had not applied to be paid elsewhere; as to whether actually employed or performed actual services, that was a matter I left entirely to be settled between the chairman or deputy chairman of the sub-committee and chairman of the whole.

48,460. If I understood you, you took no cognizance of the nature of the charges?—I did not.

48,461. None at all?—If for runners, not. I merely asked "Were all these parties engaged by you?—Yes; they had been engaged in services." Then I checked them with the other lists to ascertain that they were not to be twice paid; we found there were applications to do so sometimes, and then that was sent by the chairman of the district to the general committee.

48,462. These additional 400 names, and the rooms referred to as appointed from time to time, would appear, in some shape or other, on the face of those accounts?—They would.

48,463. You were the solicitor of Messrs. Moore and Butler; did you not think you had a control over the funds?—Not the slightest.

48,464. You had not?—No.

48,465. Was it expressly agreed that you were not to have?—It was expressly arranged. I was merely to act as solicitor for carrying through the organization of the election, the machinery of the election; but so far as the funds Mr. Ward, the chairman, managed the whole of them, and I have never interfered except at his request.

48,466. Was it arranged beforehand?—I cannot say it was arranged beforehand. I made up my mind from the beginning to have nothing to do with financial matters, and he made up his mind that he would.

48,467. Did you inform your principals of that?—My principals were the committee. I had no personal conference or engagement by Mr. Moore or Mr. Butler.

48,468. Did you not receive remuneration from them?—I received from the chairman of the committee.

48,469. I mean from the candidates?—Not from the candidates personally, except what came out of the money they subscribed of course.

48,470. You did not receive any personal payment from them in respect of your own professional charges or services?—No; it was paid by Mr. Ward on behalf of the committee.

48,471. You said you understood there had been a volunteer committee room, of which a man of the name of Legitt had the management?—I did.

48,472. When did you first hear of that?—I believe I first heard of that, to the best of my recollection, about ten days or so before the dissolution of Parliament.

48,473. I want you to explain a little more what you mean by a volunteer association, who is Mr. Legitt?—I do not know who he is. I know him when I see him, but I do not know what is occupation is.

48,474. What do you mean by a volunteer association? What did you understand was done there?—I first heard in this way: I was informed there was a committee room; some person or persons, I do not know who, came down to our general committee room, and spoke about the Minerva Terrace committee room. I asked what they meant.

48,475. That is one you are speaking of?—Yes; they said the blue committee room at the Minerva Terrace. I said I had none, I did not know of any committee room at the Minerva Terrace; and I made inquiries, and I found there was such a one under the management of Mr. Legitt.

48,476. When you say you made inquiries you went to see?—No; I never was in the room in my life.

48,477. Who did you inquire of?—I made inquiries of the chairman in the market place committee.

48,478. Who was that?—Mr. Edwin Davis; and he said he understood there was such a committee.

48,479. He was the chairman of the ward?—Yes.

48,480. What did he say was done there?—He told me there was such a committee, and that it was managed by this man. I said, "Well, we cannot recognize that, there was no committee appointed by the central committee."

48,481. That is no answer; did he tell you what was done there—did he say what was done?—I do not remember the precise conversation we had. I made inquiries, and I understood it was some voluntary committee formed by some parties, and Mr. Legitt had the management of it.

48,482. Did he tell you how many they consisted of?—He did not.

48,483. They were called blue?—They were called blues, and they were blues, no doubt about that.

48,484. Did he say he had ever been to see them?—No, he did not say it to me, nor did I ask him.

48,485. Did you ask him how he got information?—No.

48,486. Did you hear of their paying money there?—Yes, afterwards.

48,487. When did you first hear of it?—The first time I heard of them paying money was about ten days after.

48,488. After what?—After the first I heard of it.

48,489. That was before the election?—Yes; I heard there were runners appointed there, and they were paid.

48,490. Who told you that?—That is more than I can say. It is more than I have a recollection about.

48,491. Did Mr. Davis?—No; he didnot tell me that.

48,492. I dare say you can tell me who did?—I cannot, I am sure.

48,493. It seems to me to be a thing that would create an impression on the blue central committee, and a thing they would inquire into and sift out to the bottom?—It seems to me so. It may not be. I understood this was a volunteer committee, and intended to act on their own impulses and on their own management, and to have no interference with us, and we did not interfere with them.

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48,494. And to pay with its own money?—I never was told that.

48,495. Tell me what money you understood they were to pay away?—I understood there were runners appointed there for the purpose of canvassing and looking after the district they were appointed to canvass.

48,496. You say a similar association had existed in 1847?—No; I say Mr. Legitt I was informed had been a very active canvasser for Mr. Bannister in 1847, and that Mr. Legitt, who had very great influence over a large class of voters that year, was disposed to exercise it over a large class of voters this year.

48,497. Blue voters?—Yes. And that this room had been taken for the purpose of carrying on the regular committee proceedings.

48,498. And the blue party of course were to have all the benefit of it?—No doubt of it, of course.

48,499. You said, I think, you did not know whether they paid away their own money. Did you hear at any time whose money they paid the runners with?—Yes; afterwards I did hear.

48,500. When did you hear that?—On the 1st of July I heard it, because the sum of 50*l.* was sent from the central committee room to that room for the purpose of paying expenses.

48,501. That was to a certain extent a recognition of them?—A recognition as a body, but not interfering with their proceedings.

48,502. Was any other money sent to them during the election?—I believe not.

48,503. Was that 50*l.* sent in consequence, and after the matter had been submitted to the central committee for their consideration?—It was sent after it had been submitted to the chairman of the central committee, and sent by him with an express order that the money was to be applied to legitimate purposes, and that order was sent to them.

48,504. That is according to what you told us long ago that the election was to be a pure one?—I am stating the fact as to the order.

48,505. When you say the communication was made to Mr. Ward the chairman, why do you say that; how do you know it?—Because I paid it myself.

48,506, And from whom did you receive the application?—An application came to me at the central committee room for a sum of money, to be sent down to that committee room. I spoke to Mr. Ward upon the subject.

48,507. Was that the same day?—On the 1st of July, I spoke to Mr. Ward upon the subject; I said the committee room was not recognized by us. I told him I made inquiry, and understood it was carried on by a man who had the management of Mr. Bannister's election party in 1847; and they required this sum for the purpose of being paid. They wanted 75*l.*; Mr. Ward thought about the matter, and he said; "They may have 50*l.*, but it must be applied for proper purposes, and not in any way towards bribery."

48,508. Did you take it back to them?—I sent it to them with a note to that effect.

48,509. Who took it?—It was sent to my own office by my partner, or my clerk, and I sent a note with it.

48,510. Probably you kept a copy of the note?—I kept a copy of the note.

48,511. Have you got it?—I think I have. It is 40*l.* I think. "I send you 40*l.*, which please apply in payment of legitimate expenses."

48,512. Who is it addressed to?—The letter is addressed to Mr. Bannister, who is the master of Legitt; at least I understood he had been. He was not in his service at that time, but he had been his master at the time of the election, in 1847.

48,513. He still seemed to be keeping up some communication with Mr. Bannister?—Yes.

41,514. Did Mr. Bannister act at the room?—I think he did.

43,515. You have not told us how you received the communication?—Mr. Bannister's clerk brought the communication.

48,516. Was it in writing?—It was.

48,517. Have you got it?—I have not.

48,518. What was that clerk's name?—I forget his name.

48,519. Is he about now?—He is with him now, I dare say. Mr. Ride, that is the name of the person; he brought the note and I sent the money on.

48,520. Probably the note was from Mr. Bannister, as you sent the note to him?—Yes.

48,521. Did you send it the same day?—The same afternoon.

48,522. In cash?—In cash.

48,523. Sovereigns?—No, Bank of England notes.

48,524. That was 40*l.*; that was not quite enough, was it?—No.

48,525. When did you send them some more?—In a few days 25*l.* more was sent.

48,526. Have you got a note?—No; I sent no note with that.

48,527. You did not say anything about "legitimate expenses?"—No; the first warning was sufficient. I can tell you when I sent the other, it was the second of July not the first.

48,528. You sent the first sum on the second?—Yes.

48,529. That is the very day of the dissolution?—Yes; and on the 9th 20*l.*; that is all I sent them.

48,530. Do you know of more going?—No more going; but after the election Mr. Ride presented an account of the number of runners, and he was referred by me to Mr. Ward for that amount.

48,531. Perhaps you do not know personally what became of that account?—I do not.

48,532. What was the sum asked for?—I think at that time there was a balance, to the best of my recollection, of 60*l.*; but I am not certain.

48,533. You mean a balance wanted?—Yes.

48,534. Giving credit for 20*l.* or 40*l.*?—Yes; they were all put down, the persons for whom the money was wanted.

48,535. Credit appearing upon the account for the 40*l.* received, and the 20*l.*?—It left money still wanting of 60*l.*

48,536. You might know from Mr. Ward; did he tell you he paid them that money?—He has not told me so, but I have no doubt he has.

48,537. Did you see Mr. Bannister, in consequence of these notes, at any time?—I did; in consequence of the first note.

48,538. And he drew your attention, or you drew his, to this room of which you have been speaking at the Minerva Terrace?—No; he did not to me, nor I to him.

48,539. Did you inquire of him how long it had been?—No.

48,540. He did not tell you?—No.

48,541. You said you had determined not to interfere?—We made no inquiries. I understood that Mr. Legitt, who acted for them, had had the management of a large number of voters, for the purpose of procuring the votes at the former election, and he at that time had the management of this room.

48,542. The subsequent account in respect to which the 60*l.* was wanted, I think you say, was in detail, and shows for what purpose?—Yes; the names, and the figures, and the items.

48,543. Was it entirely for the purpose of messengers and runners?—I think almost entirely. I will read the whole note which I sent to Mr. Bannister. Mr. Bannister applied for 70*l.*

48,544. You have his note?—No, I have not.

48,545. What became of it?—I destroyed it immediately after I received it.

48,546. That is the first note?—I never received but one.

48,547. Why did you do that?—Because I did not feel disposed to keep it. I threw it in the fire. I kept a copy of my own letter; I can assign no reason why, but I did so. There were many letters I destroyed from time to time during the election, but as I was sending money to a party, I kept a copy of my own letter.

48,548. But you may now remember it, and we will be obliged to you to tell it?—The letter is this: Mr. Bannister asked for 79*l.* in the letter, and I said—"My dear Sir, I send you forty pounds, which please apply in payment of legitimate expenses. If more be wanted for such purposes it will be forthcoming." 70*l.* he applied for, 50*l.* the amount sent was.

48,549. Your insertion of the words "for such purposes" would make it quite unnecessary for you to put again "legitimate"?—Yes.

48,550. That letter which says "I send you 40*l.*" enclosed 50*l.*?—Yes; and I entered it in my book at the time, as 50*l.*

48,551. Did you think Mr. Bannister's letter had reference to rather a delicate subject, and is that the reason you destroyed it?—I thought it had reference to a subject in connexion with a committee room which had not been recognized by the whole committee to begin with, and as it alluded to money matters I did not wish to keep it. Mr. Bannister being the mayor at the time, and wishing to have nothing to do with the election, I put it in the fire. It was addressed "private" outside.

48,552. Prudence was the reason?—Yes, I thought so. If a gentleman writes a letter on private election matters I must destroy it and not keep it by me.

48,553. This Act of Parliament does not regard private communications. Tell us what it was?—To the best of my recollection it said—"Will you send us 70*l.* by the bearer on account of the committee room?" or something to that effect. He had spoken to me about it on the preceding day, therefore I quite understood the nature of the communication, and mentioned it to Mr. Ward.

48,554. Then you had spoken to him about it that day?—Either that day or the day before.

48,555. Did you suggest that he had better make an application in writing?—I have not the least notion that I did.

48,556. He probably mentioned to you that he would want money?—He said so.

48,557. You did not report anything, probably, to Mr. Ward till you got the letter?—This money, I presume, had to be paid the end of that week. I do not know what the day of the week was.

48,558. I dare say you knew both Mr. Bannister and Mr. Legitt were gentlemen of great experience in managing the pecuniary arrangements of an election?—I know Mr. Bannister was, and that Mr. Legitt had been a most active canvasser at former times.

48,559. He used to frequent the Blue Bell?—We hear in 1847 that he had a committee room at the Blue Bell in North Myton.

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48,560. You had been engaged for Mr. Brown, in 1847?—Yes.

48,561. Had that brought you in communication with Mr. Bannister at the election?—It had.

48,562. He was active at that election?—Yes.

48,563. He was not a stranger to you on election matters?—No.

48,564. You knew his capacity?—Yes; my belief is if he had not been the mayor of Hull he would have worked in that capacity.

48,565. Did any others apply to you for any money?—Not until after the election was over, and then the accounts I alluded to were sent to me. The only money paid was the weekly expenditure of the central committee for which I received the cash of Mr. Ward or Mr. Harris, and paid them then and there.

48,566. You received the cash?—Sometimes I, and sometimes gentlemen at the table.

48,567. And eventually paid the bills?—Yes.

48,568. You were the solicitor of Messrs. Moore and Butler?—I do not say that; I was the solicitor of the blue party.

48,569. Had you any acquaintance with those gentlemen before they came to Hull?—None.

48,570. Neither of them?—None.

48,571. You were introduced to them?—I was, when they came here.

48,572. They were quite strangers to you?—Yes.

48,573. Perfect strangers?—Yes.

48,574. Had you much personal communication with them?—Very little indeed.

48,575. Did they attend the central committee room from time to time?—They used to come in the morning for the purpose of settling the course they had to take for canvassing during the day, and then used to drive up at the close and perhaps stay five minutes and go away, scarcely any conversation took place.

48,576. In arranging how the canvass should be conducted, was a district appointed each day with the streets and persons to be called on, or a district without names?—A district without names. A street list formed, and the chairman or deputy chairman connected with the district accompanied them, for the purpose of calling on the voters.

48,577. Did you have any communication whatever with Mr. Moore or Mr. Butler or either of them, on the matters of this other committee, or matters of that kind?—Certainly not.

48,578. Or any payment?—Never spoke to them on the subject.

48,579. About money at all?—No.

48,580. Did you receive any money from them?—No.

48,581. Do you know of any money coming from them?—I do not.

48,582. To Mr. Ward or others?—Mr. Ward told me he had received money from them.

48,583. What was the course? did they pay money into one of the local banks?—I do not know how it was paid. Mr. Ward told me he received money from them.

48,584. Where did these gentlemen stay?—Mr. Butler stayed at Detesio's Hotel—The Railway Hotel, and Mr. Moore at Abbey's Vittoria Hotel, at Southend.

48,585. No money from them passed through your hands?—Not one sixpence.

48,586. Merely as a conduit pipe, or any other way?—No way at all.

48,587. Where were the payments made that were made after the election?—By Mr. Ward, at his own office.

48,588. What is Mr. Ward's business?—A merchant. When I say at his own office, the central committee room was kept up a little longer, but not the central committee; and some of the money was paid by Mr. Ward in his own counting-house, which is next door to the contral committee room.

48,589. I need hardly ask whether the resolution to which your attention has been drawn of the 30th of June, as to the additional committee rooms and runners, would not be the means of giving employment to a great many more people?—I have no doubt it would.

48,590. As many as 150 or more?—I have no doubt it would.

48,591. There is no limit put on the runners short of twelve to each?—Yes; that is the 108 to begin with.

48,592. The committee rooms I do not know whether they were ad libitum?—I do not know what restrictions were made with respect to additional committee rooms. I before said what the advice I gave on that subject was.

48,593. Was this plan of yours, which did not succeed, a plan entirely of your own?—It was a plan that was my own; but the suggestion of its necessity came from Mr. Turnbull, and I had some conversation upon the necessity of preventing the intricacy and the confusion too prevalent at elections for the purpose of getting proper returns and getting voters up—those that had not polled at the election. We determined not to have the central committee room troubled unnecessarily with the receipt of the returns from all those 18 polling booths at once, and I therefore suggested to him the plan of having two clearing houses. He at once mentioned one clearing house for his district, in the first instance. I thought it better to have two clearing houses, and that these clearing houses should be the first recipients from the polling booths in the respective districts, and these returns should be incessantly copied down by the clerks; 18 in one room, and six in

the other, and that there should be a staff of men employed to send a complete return of the whole to the central committee every half hour.

48,594. I merely asked whether the plan was entirely your own thought?—The plan was my own; but the necessity was suggested by Mr. Turnbull.

48,595. No doubt it occurred to you it would be a means of increasing the expense?—No doubt; but it appeared to me of paramount importance our getting the information speedily.

48,596. You thought, though increasing the expense, it was increasing it entirely legitimately?—Certainly I did, and I think so now.

48,597. A clever mode of increasing legal expenses?—I thought it was a good mode of increasing our means of information, and the expense must follow as a natural consequence.

48,598. Did you think it a good mode of increasing the legal expenses?—That idea never crossed my mind; the idea was solely to obtain the result, and it was to get the information as soon as I could.

48,599. No doubt it increased the expenses?—Yes.

48,600. Then you take the other part of my proposition?—No, I do not.

48,601. Do you think the expenses were illegal?—No.

48,602. My question is, whether you thought it a mode of increasing the legal expenses?—I thought it would be the best mode of effecting the object; and the expense was not so much a consideration as long as I could get the object effected. My object was to secure the return of the two gentlemen. I knew it was a very important thing to get the information most speedily of the state of the poll, and how the voting went on, and to do that without confusion, and that required arrangement, and that that arrangement created expense; but I did not consider that.

48,603. That number who happened to disappear the morning of the polling day; supposing they had been at their posts, part of them of course would have been at the poll?—Yes.

48,604. That would not have altered the election?—If all those had it would have carried the election in our favour.

48,605. I suppose you have looked through the poll since, and seen how those 400 voted?—No. I do not know their names. I have looked through the poll since, and I have compared the result of the number of promises sent to us by the different districts.

48,606. You petitioned against the return on account of bribery?—Certain of the gentlemen connected with the blue party petitioned. I had nothing to do with petitioning.

48,607. I presume your party did?—No, they did not.

48,608. It would have been a very important thing to have shown the 400 voted orange; it would have raised a suspicion?—There was a petition against these two gentlemen.

48,609. It would have been considered a material question if you could have found that these 400 men voted orange it would have raised some suspicion?—Yes; but I had nothing whatever to do with the petition or its conduct.

48,610. Not you individually?—No.

48,611. Do not you believe some of your gentlemen connected with it took a little pains to ascertain the result?—That was the petition of some gentlemen connected with the party.

48,612. I want a short answer to say how you knew the names of the persons who promised?—I could not do so without ascertaining the names of the persons in the list, and that list we have not.

48,613. That is what you are asked. It must have crossed your mind at the time that a scheme by which you paid 400 persons would have increased your influence at the election?—It may have crossed my mind, but it was not done for that purpose.

48,614. It did cross your mind?—I do not say it did.

48,615. Did it not?—I do not know it did or not.

48,616. Will you say it did not?—I will not say it did not, certainly. It is one of the most important things to be attended to in elections.

48,617. Did it occur to you to advise your party, when the election was over and your party being defeated, that it would be a prudent thing to ascertain how your defaulters voted?—I did take the trouble to ascertain how many of our promises had left us.

48,618. I want your answer to my question, because that would tell but little. There were persons who had done something more than promise; they agreed to attend on a particular day, a promise not to be misunderstood?—Yes.

48,619. Did it not occur to you that it would be a prudent thing, to ascertain how those parties, who not only promised to vote, but also promised to do a specific duty, had voted?—No; because there was no prudence in the matter. The election was over, and we could not help the matter one way or the other. I had no ulterior object in view; my business was to conduct the election up to the close of the poll.

48,620. This is what I want to know; you represented the defeated party?—Yes.

48,621. And very soon heard it was the intention of your party to petition?—I did not hear it.

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48,622. Mr. Rollit told us he commenced making inquiries immediately?—I heard it was the intention of certain parties to do so, but I do not recognize that as the act of the party.

48,623. You knew, very shortly after the election, not that the whole party, but some portion of the party, contemplated a petition?—Yes; contemplated making inquiries in cases of bribery.

48,624. Hearing a petition was contemplated, although you were not professionally engaged in it, having been engaged as you were and having reaped some little advantage from it, did it not occur to you, as a mode of advancing the cause which you took a good deal of interest in, that it would be a prudent thing to ascertain how those people that ran away from you had voted?—It did not so occur to me.

48,625. We have asked once or twice about the appointment of the quota of these persons, whether they were to be found by the district committees or to be sent to the central committee and apportioned out. I see there is a letter of yours of the 6th of July, which seems to point to it; there is one to each chairman. Does that letter bring it to your mind whether all that could be found would be sent to the central room, or whether the apportionment would be made from the district rooms?—We could not get a return made of that number properly, and therefore we prepared cards in black, and I went round to the committees the evening before, for the purpose of drawing up the number.

48,626. Did you yourself take the cards with you to fill up?—I do not know that I did.

48,627. You said you did?—No; I sent the cards.

48,628. One of your people probably took them down?—Yes.

48,629. And they were to drum them up, and the names were to be inserted at each place?—Precisely; that was my object.

48,630. It was all to be done on the close of the nomination day?—It was to be amply ready for the parties to take out the next morning. I speak to the best of my recollection as to the process.

48,631. Have you the means of telling me how many cards were sent to each district room?—I cannot tell, nor have I the means; my impression is, we should divide the number wanted.

48,632. You told us you sent some additional?—Yes; we sent some to each.

48,633. You would not fix on some certain number to be sent to each?—No.

48,634. It would be upwards of fifty?—Yes.

48,635. This plan only had its life a few days before the election?—Certainly.

48,636. Do you know whether it was mentioned to Messrs. Moore and Butler?—I do not.

48,637. Do you know whether it was, I suppose of course it was, generally communicated to the central committee and known by them?—Yes; because Mr. Joseph Walker Pease had to undertake the arrangement of the matter with me.

48,638. And he was on the central committee?—He was deputy chairman, and generally presided at the meetings of all the district committees.

48,639. And you think the time would be somewhere about the 4th or 6th of July?—About the 4th of July, I think; it might be nearly a week. It took some time in arranging.

48,640. I suppose there was no doubt that Mr. Bromley Moore and Mr. Butler would be in the town at a time so shortly before the election?—Yes. I do not think they left after they came down to canvass.

48,641. That would be about the 14th of June?—Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler were here the 11th of June and addressed the electors, and went away; and then we sent for them to come down again to canvass, and that was the first time. I have a copy of their speech here, and I find the date from that.

48,642. The scheme, or plan, was entered in some way in the general committee book, I suppose?—I do not know that it was.

48,643. Was Mr. Pulleyn, who was deputy chairman, the same gentleman who was the petitioner to the House of Commons who unseated the members?—I believe so; the deputy chairman of one of the district committees.

48,644. Deputy chairman of Lowgate?—Yes.

48,645. And as deputy chairman he would also be a member of the general committee? He was.

48,646. Who was the other petitioner?—Mr. Henry Whytal Walker.

48,647. He was a member of a district committee?—He may have been.

48,648. Did you hear he had a large party of voters shut up?—I heard it since the election, not before.

48,649. Have you heard it among your party?—No; I believe it is in the evidence of some gentleman here.

Adjourned till Monday morning at ten o'clock.

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Mr. JOHN ROLLIT recalled, sworn, and examined.

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48,650. You were the principal conducting agent on the part of the petitioners?—I was.

48,651. Pray did Mr. Wells communicate to you the fact that a large number of messengers were being engaged by your party, and that none were to be found at their post on the day of the election?—I do not think Mr. Wells did communicate that to me. I heard it from various other quarters, but Mr. Wells I had very little communication with on the subject of the election. I almost doubt if we exchanged a word except just in court the other day.

48,652. You have heard it from other quarters?—I have heard it from the chairman of the different districts, that they had sustained considerable inconvenience in consequence of the defection of parties whom they depended on to carry out the machinery in the election.

EDWIN DAVIS sworn, and examined.

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48,653. What is your business?—A draper.

48,654. Where do you live?—Market Place; I reside in Lister Street, but my place of business is in the market place.

48,655. What rent do you pay?—The house in Lister Street is my own, but the house in the market place I give 350*l.* a year for.

48,656. How long have you been entitled to vote as a householder?—I came to Hull in 1841; ever since then.

48,657. 1847 was the first time you were entitled to vote?—In 1847 was the first time I voted.

48,658. Are you a freeman?—No.

48,659. Did you take any interest in the election of 1847? Do not enter into any detail but simply, did you take any interest in it?—Yes, the slightest.

48,660. Who did you vote for then?—Brown and Baines.

48,661. And in 1852, you voted for Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler?—Yes.

48,662. And you took a good deal of interest in that election?—I did.

48,663. You were also, I believe, chairman of the Market Place ward committee?—Yes.

48,664. Which met at the Shakespeare Inn, Humber Street?—Yes.

48,665. Do you remember the day on which the committee was organized?—No, I do not.

48,666. It was early in June?—I can tell you; it would be early in June, it would be full six weeks before the election.

48,667. As much as six weeks before?—I believe so.

48,668. When all the committees were formed?—Yes, I think that was about the time; I think it was six weeks before; I can tell you better by-and-by.

48,669. Have you a memorandum there?—I have a few memorandums made by my clerk just now.

48,670. Was there a minute kept of the proceedings in the district committee?—Yes; but not a very regular one.

48,671. Have you got it?—I have not.

48,672. What has become of it?—Immediately after the election I had a circular from Mr. Wells to forward all the papers connected with the election to him. Those I had first of all removed to my own house; I packed them up in a newspaper, and I ordered them to be sent to Mr. Wells, or the central committee, and I have been looking for them very minutely, and cannot find them. I have asked all the persons at the central committee, and also at Mr. Wells office, and they are not forthcoming. I am still under the impression that one of my boys took the papers to the central committee or to Mr. Wells's office. I have asked all the parties connected with both the establishments, and I cannot find them.

48,673. You made inquiries of the boy whom you believed to have sent, and he gave you to understand that he took them?—I have a great number of boys, and I would order a little bit of string to be put round this parcel, wrapped in the newspaper, and order them to be sent, and I should not hear anything more about it.

48,674. Did you ask the young persons at your establishment whether they remembered taking such a parcel to Mr. Wells?—I have made inquiries; they took a number of parcels both to the central committee and to Mr. Wells about that time. Mr. Wells is my attorney, and they would be very frequently in communication with that office; several of my young persons.

48,675. I understand you to say you remember doing it up and giving it to one of the

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young persons in your establishment?—I remember doing it up and putting it on the table in the sitting room.

48,676. But in the ordinary course of things would that go to Mr. Wells?—Certainly.

48,677. I do not understand you to say that you remember giving it to anybody, but only doing it up?—It was merely packing it up and leaving it on the table.

48,678. In the particular stages you would do with it as any other parcel which you wished to arrive at its proper destination?—I did so.

48,679. Have you any more doubt about this going than you have of any other parcel?—Not any.

48,680. In a large business like yours you cannot speak positively to any parcel?—No; I was quite astonished when Mr. Shean wrote to me for the papers, and I found the papers were not forthcoming.

48,681. Is it your belief that that was so?—I believe it to be so sincerely.

48,682. I understand you to say you inquired of all your boys?—Yes; of all those I thought I could get the information from.

48,683. Of Mr. Ward?—I have not seen Mr. Ward; I have inquired of the principal clerks, the two head sort of men at the central committee; Mr. Rossendale and Mr. Fowler were the two principal persons, and I have inquired of them.

48,684. Have you any other papers?—There were very few, but everything I had was packed up in that parcel.

48,685. What is that memorandum?—I wanted some information, and I asked the man I employed as a clerk, to put down in a book, every thing he could remember of the election.

48,686. This is a list of the committee rooms?—The committee rooms, and a list of the runners I had, so far as he could remember, regularly employed runners, and the clerks and chairman of the committees. Mr. Shean has had this book, and he has taken a copy of it I expect.

48,687. Just hand me the book (*it was handed to the Commissioners*). When did you first hear that Mr. Moore was to be a candidate?—It was some time before the committee was formed.

48,688. We have heard that neither of the gentlemen were in any way connected with the town, that they were perfect strangers to the town?—Quite so; I never saw them before.

48,689. I ask you, generally, if you can throw any light upon it how they came down to Hull?—That I cannot. A communication was made to me, on which I went down to Mr. Ward's office; and at Mr. Ward's office, who was the chairman afterwards, there were several gentlemen; Mr. Barkworth was one, Mr. Pease was another, and several other gentlemen. A communication had been made to me somehow, that they would be glad to see me, or something of that nature. I went accordingly, and that was the first I knew of Mr. Moore's coming; Mr. Butler then was not named.

48,690. What was the date of that meeting?—I could not tell that.

48,691. Near about what time?—I should think it would be about a week before the formation, as I have mentioned, of the committees.

48,692. Have you heard since how it was that Mr. Moore was introduced to the town?—No.

48,693. You have never heard that?—No, not about Mr. Moore; about Mr. Butler, I was given to understand that Mr. Charles Bamford was instrumental in bringing him here, through the Carlton Club.

48,694. Who is he; Charles Bamford?—A gentleman residing at Cottingham.

48,695. You heard that Mr. Bamford went to London to the Carlton Club?—He was instrumental in bringing him; I did not hear any more particulars.

48,696. You heard nothing more than that?—No, nothing more than that.

48,697. Were you in attendance at the committee?—Yes, I was.

48,698. Did you attend at the general committee on meeting days?—It was requested that all the chairmen of the district committees should attend at a general hour each day at the central committee, and I was a frequent attendant there at first, especially; but I thought they were rather useless towards the last, and I did not attend them much.

48,699. What was the staff at your district committee?—You have got a list of them there; there is a list of the staff there.

48,700. Is this it, in the first page, "Market Place ward;" the list of names beginning with your own, Davis, and ending with the name of Ouston?—Yes.

48,701. Was Robert Todd the clerk?—Robert Todd was the clerk, and he is the person who wrote those memorandums in that book.

48,702. And Wray and Hetherington were the doorkeepers?—Yes.

48,703. And the three Smithsons and another person of the name of Todd, runners?—Yes.

48,704. Who engaged those?—They applied to have their names put down to be engaged, if any were engaged; and my clerk, Todd, engaged them, and I approved of them.

48,705. You use the ordinary expression, "applied to be set down;" I suppose you had a good many applications from persons to be set down?—Oh yes; I got that word from hearing it so much used lately in the newspapers from this examination.

48,706. What was the pay which the doorkeepers and runners got?—3*s.* 6*d.* a day; afterwards I think the doorkeepers were raised to 4*s.* a day; they grumbled.

48,707. Had you four runners in the first instance?—I had four runners in the first instance. The facts are as you have them here; I have examined them, and I find them to be correct.

48,708. And all of them were employed for three or four weeks?—All of them were employed for that time.

48,709. And two doorkeepers were employed for six weeks?—You will find the list there.

48,710. And Todd was your clerk for six weeks?—Yes. I had to change the runners very frequently, some once or twice. I made it a rule that I did not pay them till the end of the week, and unless they had attended at nine o'clock in the morning and were present all the day; when they did not attend at the proper time in the morning, we were very timid and cautioned and frightened about the new bribery act, and it had a considerable influence on our daring, and I did not pay them when they did not attend regularly. You will find a name there of a butcher who was very irregular in his attendance; I think his name is Smithson.

48,711. Is that William Henry Smithson?—A butcher, who frequently got drunk, and I stopped his wages at the end of the week.

48,712. There is a man of the name of Smithson who received money from the orange party and afterwards voted for the blue, is that the man you mean?—That is the one I am alluding to; he stated he left me because I would not pay him, or something of that kind, or that he had some difficulty in getting the money; that was the fact. Whenever he was not there there was a cross put against his name, and at the end of the week the 3*s.* 6*d.* for that day was stopped. I had a good many circulars to deliver, and he did not attend to that duty properly, and I therefore discharged him, putting him off altogether.

48,713. You mustered all your staff at nine o'clock in the morning?—Yes.

48,714. Did you see that they all attended throughout the day?—My clerk had orders from me to see to that, and to tick off the names, but if not to report it to me, and I did not pay them at the end of the week.

48,715. If they did not attend over the whole day?—If they did not attend the whole day, because at that time they were wanted the whole day.

48,716. The doorkeepers would be, but the runners would not?—Yes; we made it a point, perhaps a little more than was absolutely necessary, to send them out constantly with circulars summoning the committee, and anything else that could be found for them to do.

48,717. You made it a point?—Yes; we made it a point to do it.

48,718. That was done as a matter of caution?—It was done as a matter of caution and a matter of necessity.

48,719. But as a matter of caution?—It was done as a matter of necessity, but it was also with caution. It was done as a matter of caution. We wanted the labourers to the extent that we were employing men then.

48,720. You made work for them to do, in fact, is not that it?—That was about it.

48,721. Whatever the result may be from what had been done, of course the committee could have attended by the simple act of adjournment from day to day without a summons; you issued summonses in order to give them something to do?—That was the feeling; at the same time there was real labour to do.

48,722. There was other labour to do, but you increased the labour, in fact more than necessary, in order to employ your men?—And, as you say, as a matter of caution, to keep myself from doing that which was illegal.

48,723. Was that the general course of proceeding throughout the contest?—On my part?

48,724. Yes, on your part; was it general?—Yes; that was the plan throughout on my part. I must add to that, that I had a great number of applications to be employed, but I did not employ them; their names were put down, not with any other object at this time, save that of engaging them in case I had a necessity of parting with those that I had previously engaged.

48,725. Then did you consider the names set down in your book were set down with a view to their voting for your party?—Not at that time.

48,726. Supposing your party had been in want of a couple of hundred to discharge their business, do you mean you would have felt no objection in furnishing them?—Well, I should not have taken any steps at all about that.

48,727. You set these names down in the first instance with a view to know where you would get men to employ if you wanted them?—Yes.

48,728. Was it not also with a view to their vote that they were set down?—Not at that time.

48,729. In the first instance?—Not at the early part of the election; the names were put down, as I said, for labourers if they were required.

48,730. Did not the setting down their names comprehend a kind of tacit understanding that you would employ those persons if you had occasion for more runners?—I would answer it in my own way, if you please. At that time I had no motive of that

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sort, because I had no liberty of the kind to engage, or rather to make any half promise to persons of that sort.

48,731. You promised to employ them?—I had no power to do so, but I took the names down with a view to reporting those names to the central committee. I thought as they were the mainspring they would be able to do something with those men which I dare not do; but I felt myself cramped all the time. I was quite certain that there would be more warmth diffused into our system before the day of the election came on, when, in case that should be so, we should have a number of names to apply to to use. I felt that. Although we went very timidly and cautiously to work for a great number of weeks on or about the nomination day, it was always understood with us that there was a little elasticity to be brought to bear upon our system after the dissolution of Parliament.

48,732. It was with a view to have the materials ready for that occasion. You put these names down as materials ready in case of necessity?—Yes.

48,733. In the first instance you put them down with a view to know where to get men if a proper occasion should arise?—Yes.

48,734. In the first instance, supposing the orange party, you having got the names down, wanted a score or two of extra runners, would you have supplied them to them; would you have done that?—Under my orders I should, but if I had been acting on my own will, I should not have done it.

48,735. Would that have been an application that would have surprised you, or would you have had any difficulty in complying with it? Supposing, in the early part of the contest, you found you had more persons than you wanted, and Mr. Wilde had asked you for the names, and had said he wanted a score more runners, would you have sent them to him?—I do not think I should. Will you allow me to hand you that (*handing in a list*). Mr. Shean asked me to remember all the names that I paid, and those are the names that I remembered.

48,736. In the first instance you did not want those men, but you always anticipated there would be work for a great number?—Just so.

48,737. At first you intended to pay only those who did work?—Yes; up to that time.

48,738. But you always anticipated before the election was ended work would be made for them?—Yes; and more hands would be wanted.

48,739. And was it understood from the beginning that it was probable there would be an increase of demand for runners?—The result of every discussion was that until the dissolution arrived no more hands were to be employed than a certain number, the few that I have stated, the four.

48,740. Was it understood both in your committee and by the applicants for the work that there would be a large demand ultimately?—Not in that way.

48,741. How then?—It was always stated you must not employ more or pay more than a certain number, but take down as many names as apply; the implication was in case a different determination was come to.

48,742. And in point of fact you did take down or set down everybody who applied?—Yes; with an understanding, distinctly stated, that they would not receive anything for that, but they would be employed if we had employment for them, and not to be paid until they were definitely employed.

48,743. And if employed I need scarcely ask you whether you did not expect they would vote for your party?—Yes; I have no doubt of that.

48,744. You made use of the words "with an understanding." I suppose you mean with a statement. You stated you would pay them if they were employed, and not otherwise?—Yes.

48,745. The statement made to them, I suppose you mean, rather than an understanding?—Yes; the statement made to them.

48,746. Because an understanding made is rather an ambiguous phrase; it was stated to them?—Yes; the statement was what I meant.

48,747. Those men expected that they would be used?—Oh yes; they expected they would be used and paid.

48,748. The having their names down was a bond of union, a kind of link to connect them with your party?—I do not think that. I felt, or rather I thought, that they expected to be paid. I do not think there was any union; they would put their names down with me and with the orange party as well, and one man would have his name down at four or five committee rooms, blue and orange.

48,749. You had every reason to expect there would be work for them at some time?—Perhaps I had. I think that was an understood thing, that there would be work and payment hereafter.

48,750. Was not that in order to induce them to promise their vote, not in words, but did you not give them that expectation in order to secure them?—They would expect that without it being given to them.

48,751. They expected your work, and you expected their vote?—Yes; that was tacitly understood; quite a regular understood thing.

48,752. That was the mode of carrying on the business from time immemorial, as far as your experience goes?—As far as I know it.

48,753. You never knew it carried to so great an extent as on the last occasion?—I never mixed up with a committee before in an election at Hull.

48,754. When was it, in fact, there was an increase of the staff? I will direct your attention to a date when it first took place. It is in evidence that on the 30th of June resolutions were come to as to the increase of the staff by all the district committees. Do you remember being present?—I remember attending a central committee meeting, and I was always an advocate to be a little bolder than we were, and not coquetting quite so much with purity as we pretended to do; and I remember going from the central committee on that particular day to my branch committee room, and putting a sort of fire into it. Get all we can, that was my general instructions.

48,755. That was the understanding?—That was the understanding. We were limited to twelve; I had made up my mind to go beyond that if I could.

48,756. Was that the day when these resolutions were passed?—I left the committee room on or about then and increased the staff.

48,757. It was on the day the resolutions were passed?—On the 30th they were increased, and I might have sixteen or eighteen instead of twelve.

48,758. At that time it was generally considered, was it not, that the prospects of Moore and Butler were not very bright?—On the contrary.

48,759. At that time was not the orange party considered, to use a technical phrase, the favourites?—No, I do not think so; the canvassing seemed to be favourable.

48,760. In your judgment it was a favourable canvass?—Yes.

48,761. You mean of all classes?—Of all classes.

48,762. We know, in point of fact, you polled the majority of the householders?—Yes; we had a great run of respectable persons promised us definitely.

48,763. What do you mean by respectable persons?—I mean respectable householders.

48,764. I presume you never anticipated the majority of the householders, did you?—I could not form an opinion.

48,765. You are aware the blue party have never yet had the majority of the householders since the Reform Act?—I have been told so. I have seen the result of one election, and it has appeared that they have had a majority of freemen, I think, voting for them; that is rather out of my province.

48,766. At all events you thought it prudent not to throw away a chance?—Yes. Do you mean to say that reason was the cause of our increase?

48,767. Yes.—Well we stood in a very unpopular position by the few we were employing. Every district chairman made complaints of his being in the position that he was; it was a general complaint to the central committee at the meetings of the central committee by the district chairmen that they stood in an unpopular position by employing the few they were, and the constant rumours that the other party were employing so many more than us.

48,768. The effect would be that the more there were employed the more votes it was expected would be got?—Well that would be the natural consequence.

48,769. The complaints were made by all the district chairmen?—By all the district chairmen to the central committee.

48,770. That you were not getting on favourably with your canvass, owing to your limited means?—If I were a judge of what the others were doing by myself. My room was overrun with persons who wanted to be definitely employed, and asserting that in scores they could get employed at the other committee rooms without hesitation.

48,771. By the orange party?—Yes; I do not assert that was the case, but that is what they said.

48,772. You are merely stating that as a mode of accounting for your own proceedings?—I mentioned it to the central committee that we were bored by that sort of application.

48,773. You do not know that they could have been, you merely know that that statement was made?—I have no proof of it that it was so, but only that they said so.

48,774. Now, do you remember hearing it discussed in your committee, the plan to have clearing houses; additional houses I will call it; Mr. Wells's plan. I do not know if you happened to be in Court on Saturday?—Yes; I was in Court on Saturday.

48,775. Did you hear Mr. Wells's description of that very ingenious plan?—I did; I said at the time,—I do not know whether I said it,—I thought it was rather a complicated piece of machinery that would never work, but only confuse.

48,776. You said you thought it was extremely ingenious?—I did not attend to it; it did not belong to me.

48,777. You never thought much of it?—I thought the object was a very futile one.

48,778. At any rate it would advance the interests of the election by increasing the number?—Any way it would advance the work at the election.

48,779. The real work?—Yes.

48,780. It was very ingenious as creating work?—That never struck me; but I must tell you, that so little did I think of the plan, that I paid no attention to the tickets or cards that were sent to me.

48,781. Just explain yourself; I do not exactly understand the sense in which you use the word "futile"?—Useless for the purpose.

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48,782. Just explain that expression; do you mean that the system itself was an impracticable one?—Yes.

48,783. And that the work, supposing it to have succeeded, was quite useless as respects the election?—Some plan at an election is very necessary, to see exactly how you stand every ten minutes or every half hour, to see who has voted and who has not voted; it is very necessary, and this was the plan adopted. I thought it was a bad plan, because where so much depended on the stability and sobriety of so great a number of persons employed, and on an exciting day like that, I thought it was impracticable.

48,784. Was that the reason that the system would not work?—Yes.

48,785. That answer, as to its being for creating work, never struck you?—That never struck me.

48,786. Was it discussed at the committee?—Not much.

48,787. Was it passed unanimously? was there no division upon it?—I never had my mind sufficiently attracted to the subject.

48,788. Did you yourself, or anybody else, speak or vote against it?—I do not know—I never was present when it was brought before the committee in its fully discussed form and any division was come to on the matter at the meeting; I was not there at any time that the question was discussed nor any division took place upon it.

48,789. However the system was attempted to be carried out in your district?—I have answered that before.

48,790. It was attempted to be carried out?—It was concluded that certain tickets should be sent to all the district committee rooms.

48,791. Now just explain, "that the tickets would be sent," go on and explain how it was intended to be carried out?—My impression was, that the districts should fill up out of their surplus names parties most likely to work this system. I thought it not a good one. Tickets were upon my table in the committee room, but to the best of my recollection I paid no attention to them, and did not attempt to carry it out. I think still orders were given to send as many men as were willing to go to the central committee, to put themselves in communication with the parties, to be of any use they could.

48,792. Do you know if there were other chairmen who also took the same view as you did?—No; I do not know that.

48,793. You were to furnish a quota, I believe, of fifty men, and to fill up fifty tickets?—Yes.

48,794. Did you fill up any tickets of that sort?—I did not fill up any to the best of my recollection; my clerk might have done it; I did not, nor did I enter into the matter.

48,795. We have been told, in the morning the men were missing; did you tell the men to be in readiness? although you did not furnish them with tickets, were the men told to be in readiness?—No; I took no interest in that system.

48,796. Did you make any endeavour to carry the plan into effect?—I think I did not. I cannot charge my memory that I did.

48,797. What did you do with your surplus runners? did you send them all to the central committee?—I gave to the clerk a general order, to send any one that he thought would be of use to the central committee, to send them there.

48,798. Did you desire your clerk to send all the surplus runners that you had to the central committee on that day?—No; I should tell him what was wanted, and my remark would be this: you must send any that you think will be useful to them that we have here.

48,799. How many men had you set down at your committee room altogether?—I should not know, because they would be applying day by day, and as they applied for engagements at my rooms, the clerk would say, you can go to the central committee.

48,800. How many did you set down at your committee?—That I could not tell. If I had my memorandums I should be able. I shall be able to let you know all this. There is a gentleman whose name I will mention, that assisted me in paying them immediately after the election,—a Mr. Aitkins,—a very straightforward person.

48,801. Can you furnish us with the list of the names that were set down, out of which number were selected those that you employed?—Yes; I gave you in a list of names.

48,802. This is a list of the names?—And that would form the quantity. I should not have more than that, scarcely those,—they are put down from memory; we might have forgotten some of the names, but that will be the bulk of them,—if there are four or five others, it is as much as there are.

48,803. Did you find employment for all that are put down here?—No.

48,804. How many do you think you did find employment for?—At a given day it was ruled that we might add to our committee rooms, or have an additional committee room.

48,805. Give us the number of men?—I was going to explain the number of men we engaged through that, on account of additional committee rooms.

48,806. Just furnish the date, about the date, when you began "increasing" the number of committee rooms?—I think it was on the day the tidings came down of the dissolution of Parliament.

48,807. Did it come down on the 2d or 3d of July? Parliament was dissolved on the

2d?—From my own memory, I could not say; I heard it on Saturday in this Court, but I could not say.

48,808. Probably you heard it on the same day?—It would come by electric telegraph.

48,809. On that day you determined on increasing the committee rooms?—I could not say that day, but about that time.

48,810. It was about that time?—About that time.

48,811. Do you know whether you did increase, in fact, your number of committee rooms before that day?—I did in my district, one, and I got a blowing-up for it.

48,812. Which was that?—It was in High Street; I gave 6*l.* for it.

48,813. Were you blowed-up for its being too dear?—Yes; as well as for having engaged it.

48,814. Which was it; because it was too dear, or that you had engaged it?—The engaging it. It was said that I did wrong, and that I had jeopardized the election by it.

48,815. Was it because you had given too much?—No; because I had engaged the room. When I took it I thought I should want it; my district is rather wide, and on canvassing that part a room to call at would have been advantageous I thought.

48,816. It was at the Lion and Key?—Yes; the Lion and Key. You have my book there.

48,817. When you did that you appointed a staff I presume?—Not at first.

48,818. How soon did you appoint it?—When it was agreed that more hands should be employed.

48,819. On the 30th?—About that time. I employed another clerk, a doorkeeper, and two runners for that room.

48,820. How soon was it that you added the staff to it after the room was engaged?—Well I think it was on the day, or about the day, that it was carried that we should increase our numbers.

48,821. On or about the 30th?—Yes; I engaged the room before.

48,822. How long before had you engaged the room?—I should think three weeks.

48,823. You engaged the room three weeks before, and the price was 6*l.*, and you sent a staff there on or about the 30th?—Yes.

48,824. What was the landlord's name?—You have it in that little book; if you give it to me I can tell you.

48,825. Is the landlord's name Pennington?—I am not certain; I think that is his name. I must tell you I was very much blamed for engaging that room by the central committee.

48,826. The proprietor of the Lion and Key, I dare say, whatever his name was, voted blue?—Yes.

48,827. You had very little doubt of that after you had engaged his room?—Well I should expect that he would.

48,828. It is considered that when additional rooms are engaged in this way, it is always expected the proprietor should vote for the party who employ him?—I am quite certain I should not have engaged a room unless I thought we should have had the vote, unless it was for some great convenience.

48,829. Is it Thomas Luke Pennington?—Yes.

48,830. Did you send a flag and a staff there?—Yes; there were actual work hours there. There was something for them to do afterwards; during the first three weeks there was nothing done, in fact; I only engaged it to have it in readiness when I wanted it.

48,831. To secure it?—To secure it.

48,832. Did you hear that the orange party were coquetting with Pennington, or was he coquetting with them?—No, I did not hear that.

48,833. Did you hear there was a good deal of coquetery going on between one side and the other in the engagement of rooms?—I was told that Pennington had always voted for the others before that.

48,834. He had always voted orange?—Yes.

48,835. Did he say he was going to vote orange then?—No, he was going to vote blue.

48,836. Before you hired the room?—No.

48,837. He did not say anything about voting blue?—No, he did not; he told me he was going to vote blue after we had got his room.

48,838. He was one of the sort of persons whom you thought it useful should have something?—I thought I should want a room in that district and I took it.

48,839. Did you think you would want Pennington?—As being the means of securing a vote. I have no doubt I should think of that. I do not know that that operated on my mind, but it really would have some weight.

48,840. What staff did you send?—I sent a Mr. Hellyer.

48,841. In what capacity?—As a clerk; and three runners.

48,842. Give us their names?—They would be on that bit of paper that you have got there.

48,843. They are included in this list?—Yes.

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48,844. Does this paper include the staff of the sub-committee ?—That includes the staff of all I had and all I paid, within two or three.

48,845. I do not know whether you paid the sub-committees ?—All the district chairmen paid every one themselves, or their deputy chairmen.

48,846. Paid not only their own staff, but paid their own sub-staff ?—Yes, exactly so ; those that were appointed and they were accountable to.

48,847. Did you send after that more than three runners ?—Three runners and one clerk.

48,848. You are asked if you sent more ?—No.

48,849. Why did you not send twelve ?—We had not the privilege; those twelve were only intended to go as far as the district committee rooms were concerned, and not to any sub-committee rooms.

48,850. What other addition did you make ?—One in Dagger Lane.

48,851. What was the name of that other ?—The Boy and Barrel is the name. I do not know the landlord's name, but I am told the landlord's name is Harvey.

48,852. Was that before or after the 30th ?—This would be the room that I did then bring into existence on that motion, on that day.

48,853. On the 30th ?—Yes, about that day ; the Boy and Barrel would be the one.

48,854. What did you pay for that ?—£ 2.

48,855. That was to secure his room and his vote ; you killed the two birds with one stone, did you not ?—Yes.

48,856. And did you appoint a staff there ?—Yes ; one clerk and three runners.

48,857. Who was the clerk ?—The landlord was the clerk also.

48,858. Was he paid also for that ?—No ; he was not paid additional.

48,859. Was he not paid for both ?—He was not paid for both.

48,860. Are you sure of that ?—Yes, quite.

48,861. Did he ask ?—I will not be positive.

48,862. It is not quite so sure that he did not ask as that he did not get it ?—I would not say that he was not paid ; besides, the fact is they were getting scarce by this time.

48,863. You were using up your list of runners in this way, the list of men you had got set down ?—Yes, but in a very small degree, because you see there were only six.

48,864. Did you add any more ?—No.

48,865. There were no others in your district ?—Not any more of my appointing, and of which I know anything. One day I was going along Fish Street, and I saw a blue flag out of a window, and out of curiosity I went in to see what was going on; it was in my district, and I knew nothing about it. I found a Mr. Sibbon there.

48,866. Sibbon's, a coffee house ?—Yes, in Fish Street.

48,867. What did you find there ?—I found a clerk writing, and some persons, two or three attending at the room in the form of runners. I asked him what brought him into existence ; he gave me some reason which was unsatisfactory, and I came away.

48,868. Have you heard since the origin of that committee room ?—No, I have not.

48,869. And do you recollect the answer which was unsatisfactory, what it was ?—Oh, we are work here, getting on famously, or something like that.

48,870. That was not unsatisfactory ?—It was not a satisfactory answer to my question.

48,871. You asked one question and he gave you some other answer ?—He gave me a cheering sort of remark, not an answer to my question, and I walked away.

48,872. Do you recollect what the answer was ?—We are going on gloriously.

48,873. You said to him, "Who appointed you ?" and the answer was, "we are going on gloriously" ?—Yes, that was it.

48,874. Did he say he was appointed by Mr. Bannister ?—No.

48,875. Did he mention his name ?—No.

48,876. Now Legitt's ?—Legitt's was a place that came into existence without my knowledge, and was existing some time before I knew anything of it.

48,877. Now what did you make inquiries about there ?—The first I heard of it was a great number of persons were applying to me to put their names down, and I refused to engage them, and they said, "we can get put down at Legitt's."

48,878. You said, "set down," just explain that ?—A number of persons called at the room to be employed, not only to be set down, but as we understood, to be employed, and I refused, and they said they could get it down elsewhere,

48,879. They could get what done elsewhere ?—Get themselves put down elsewhere.

48,880. And you refused to set them down ?—Yes.

48,881. And then they said they could get set down somewhere else ?—Yes ; and they were set down, employed, and paid.

48,882. They said they could be set down at Legitt's ?—Yes, nearly for a week before I thought it was an orange committee.

48,883. I understood you to say they said they could get set down at Legitt's ?—Yes ; that Legitt was setting down and paying, that was all.

48,884. Legitt's is in Minerva Terrace ?—Yes.

40,885. Next door but one to Mr. Bannister's ?—Yes.

48,886. Did Sibbon tell you who engaged him ?—I do not know ; I never did know.

48,887. Then did you go to Legitt's ?—I went to Legitt's. I went into the room. I

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saw a blue flag there, and I saw two or three men sitting round the room; I asked them what they were, and they said they were runners. I made no further inquiry but walked down stairs, and away I went to the central committee room.

48,888. The room at Legitt's was in Minerva Terrace?—Yes; I went from there to the central room.

48,889. You went into Legitt's, in Minerva Terrace, and there you saw two or three runners?—I saw two or three men sitting round; they looked like sailors. Legitt was not there, and therefore I did not make any inquiries; those men said they were runners.

48,890. Did you mention what you had seen?—I went to the central committee room, and I mentioned what I had seen.

48,891. Who to?—I think it was to Mr. Wells; I do not know.

48,892. What did he say?—He did not seem to know anything about it.

48,893. Did you get any information at all?—No, I did not; save this sort of thing—I am trying to remember what impression I came away with—I think it was, let it exist and do not bother yourself with it. I left with this impression, that I was to come away and not bother myself about it.

48,894. About how long was this before the election; as much as a week?—I should think a month; about a fortnight or three weeks. From the confusion of things I cannot fix dates very well.

48,895. Tell us as near as you can?—I am afraid to say that it was a month, because I do not think it is so long.

48,896. It was a fortnight or three weeks to the best of your recollection?—Yes.

48,897. Did you ever hear any particular purpose that room was devoted to?—No; I never bothered myself about it afterwards.

48,898. You were told not to trouble and you did not bother?—It was not exactly in that language; that was the impression I came away with.

48,899. You were told not to trouble yourself about it and you did not?—Legitt, after this, used to come once a week to my clerk, with a list of runners he had down, to tick the names off with my clerk, to see if the same names were down at both places.

48,900. He had a book or paper containing a list as well as you?—He had a piece of paper.

48,901. Do you know how many Legitt had down in his list?—No.

48,902. It was to strike out double entries, I suppose?—Yes.

48,903. Out of which was the second entry struck, from your list or his?—Out of mine; I wanted to reduce any number I had; I was always anxious to bring mine down to the lowest number.

48,904. The double entry was reduced by striking the name out of your list?—Yes; where it was practicable.

48,905. If it was in his also?—Unless he was a practical working man of mine.

48,906. Unless he was a man already engaged and employed by you, of course, then you struck him out of his list?—Yes.

48,907. And where they contained two of the same name, then the reduction was made by striking the name out of yours?—Yes. I might mention it is very essential in such cases to have steady men, and especially as my committee room was at a public house.

48,908. You were anxious to reduce your unemployed list?—Yes; my unemployed number of names set down.

48,909. Your unemployed list?—Yes.

48,910. Do you remember any other sub-committees in your district?—No; there was no other, I believe. I was going about. I wanted to have another room in Blanket Row, that is close against the polling booth, on the day before the election, but I happened to go into the house of the person at whose house the polling booth was to be held, which the sheriff had appointed as a polling booth, and the man said he could not take me. I understood he afterwards stated I wanted to bribe him. I did not; at that time I really wanted a room close against the polling booth, and I did not get one, and could not get one.

48,911. What were those runners at these extra committee rooms employed in; in carrying messages from one to another?—In my committee room they were really hard worked.

48,912. But in these extra sub-committee rooms?—They were not at work, I think, very hard.

48,913. They had nothing to do?—They did bring circulars occasionally to the central committee room.

48,914. I suppose you made as much work for them as you could, but still could not find enough?—Sometimes we had work to do; letters to send to voters, or to any one else. It was a rule, wherever we heard of another voter that lived in another district, we used to send to the chairman of that district all the information we could get for him, as he belonged to that district, to see after him.

48,915. Did you exchange lists of doubtful voters among the different district committees; for instance, did the chairman of one district committee communicate to another chairman if he was in another chairman's district?—Every information about a voter in his district.

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48,916. We understand from Mr. Wells that the chairmen went there themselves every day?—So they did.

48,917. They had the opportunity of exchanging at the central committee?—Yes; but when we went there it was only generally half an hour, or an hour's discussion, upon other matters, not going into detail.

48,918. You could have carried it with you; there was nothing derogatory to your dignity to have carried it with you?—These are things occurring every moment; things that you hear every moment, and we were anxious to communicate everything that did occur as it occurred.

48,919. It comes to this, that you made as much work for the men as you could?—Not in this way.

48,920. In different ways?—We were anxious to give them employment; these were essential duties to perform.

48,921. They were in some instances, of course, and you made more if you could?—Yes; as a rule, we wanted to keep ourselves perfectly pure.

48,922. The disposition was to make work, and employ them with it, to keep yourselves within the clauses of the Act of Parliament?—Yes; there was a disposition for that.

48,923. I understand you to say this paper contains a list of all you paid, not all that you set down at your room?—I say there are some names which we might have forgotten, which are not in that list.

48,924. That you paid?—Yes.

48,925. And besides those, there were a list of persons that you set down whom you did not pay?—On the day of the election we would have considerably extended our liberality, if we could have got voters, and then I should have paid any other number that were set down, if they had voted for us. I might have had a great deal longer list than that, but on looking over them a day after the election to pay them, a great number of names I had got down did not vote for us.

48,926. After the election was over you looked carefully through it, to see how the men voted, before you paid them?—Yes; on the day after the election I must tell you how I paid them. My price for those I had engaged for any length of time was 3*s.* 6*d.* a day; on the day of nomination and on the day of election the payment was to be 5*s.* per day. As they came up on the day after the election to be paid I ticked off the book to see how many days they had been in attendance, and I calculated it if it was five or six days at so many 3*s.* 6*d.*, and some were there at 5*s.*, to see what the sum was. I also saw how they voted. I then put the amount in a piece of paper, and handed it over to two gentlemen who assisted me, one to tick off and see how many were there on each day. I calculated how much it came to. I put it in a bit of paper, and handed it over to another gentleman to pay them. I think his name was Jackson.

48,927. Did you not find, after the election was over, several persons who had voted wrong?—After all, have you any doubt that the whole of this list voted for you?—They all voted for us. I was going to say I did pay one or two that voted against us, because they were such useful men to me.

48,928. In the ordinary course of business it would have been a tolerably good criterion of their usefulness if they had voted right?—Not barely so; unless there was a better excuse for paying them than simply that they would not have been paid. I must tell you that Mr. Wells every day kept frightening us fearfully by sending us quotations from the Bribery Act, and all that sort of thing, damping us most tremendously in what we were doing.

48,929. He put his own construction upon the Act of Parliament?—Yes, he did.

48,930. Did he send you any instructions; anything more than the clauses of the Act of Parliament, and leave you to find out the meaning of them?—He only sent us the clauses, but the thing was discussed at the general committee. I wanted to win the election if I could. I wanted to do what was needful, as I thought, to win the election. There was liberality on the other side, but we were not allowed to give even so much as a glass of ale.

48,931. Had you several applications, after the election was over, with reference to the poll sheets; applications from persons who had voted on the other side?—No; I do not think we had more than one or two.

48,932. Can you tell us their names. This is one of the most material things, if you can find out those names?—I am sure I could not remember myself; I will charge my memory with it, and if I can I will inform you.

48,933. You see in a moment the importance of it?—Yes, I see your motive for it.

48,934. It is the pinch of the inquiry?—I had always a very good helpmate by me, who has a good memory, the gentleman on my right.

48,935. Perhaps he will be able to answer it by-and-by?—He will be able to answer it a great deal better than I can.

48,936. To the best of your recollection there were not more than two or three?—I do not think there were more than two. I paid one or two.

48,937. Were there more than one or two that applied to you?—I am sure I should be applied to by some that had not voted, and I should turn my back upon them.

48,938. You refused to pay them?—Yes.

48,939. With regard to the one or two you paid, you say they had been very useful?—They had been useful men, and steady.

48,940. When you paid them did you know how they voted; did you know then, or did that come out afterwards?—Yes; I paid one that I knew had voted against us, and I paid one, too, who had voted half against us, and half not.

48,941. I want to know if you knew it when you paid them, or found it out afterwards?—I am quite sure I knew one who had voted against us.

48,942. I dare say you gave him a bit of a blowing up?—It is no use when it is over.

48,943. Did you not ask him how he came to turn traitor?—No; if I had made up my mind to pay I should pay, irrespective of any further bother about it.

48,944. Let me finish this one matter; had the one you paid knowingly voted one and one?—Yes; I paid that one.

48,945. The one that you paid knowingly, knowing he had voted against you, had he given you one vote and the orange party one vote?—The one or two I paid.

48,946. I say knowingly, knowing they had voted against you; the one that you knew had voted against you, had he not given you one vote and the others one vote?—No; he voted against us entirely.

48,947. But I think I understood you, you will correct me if I am wrong, that you had several applications from persons who had voted against you, and you turned your back upon them?—Some; that might include two or three.

48,948. The one you did pay you considered he had broken faith with you?—No, I did not.

48,949. Why not?—I should have liked him to have voted, but I never had from him a promise that he would, or an understanding that he would.

48,950. What was your understanding about him?—My understanding was that he was a very steady good man.

48,951. Did you not understand he was going to vote for you, and were you not surprised that he did not?—I should be surprised if he did.

48,952. Do you remember his name; being so steady a man perhaps you might?—I do not remember his name; you will find his name, perhaps, in that list.

48,953. Look and see if you can find it (*the list was handed to the witness*)?—No, I could not point it out; there is the name of Bell there.

48,954. You think it was Bell?—I think it was Bell; I do not recollect the fact; I do know in one instance that was so. I will try to find it out and let you know.

48,955. Have you had applications also after the election was over, from persons to be paid who had done you no service beyond that of voting?—Yes.

48,956. How many do you think?—All of those, and there are more that are not done there; we will endeavour to get those names; all of those, except about twelve or fourteen, would be useless.

48,957. How many are there?—I think there would be about twenty.

48,958. There are twenty-eight here?—Up to about fourteen, sixteen, or eighteen, they would not have done anything. It appears that I am rather wrong; more worked of those than what I said.

48,959. At some nominal work, not real?—Yes; some real work.

48,960. We are not talking about the nominal work, the sending the messages?—No; in that sense a great number of them really worked, and most of them worked nominal work.

48,961. How many do you think did real active work at the election?—My impression is, as I said before, from fourteen to eighteen.

48,962. Amongst other work did you send out cards that had Mr. Moore's name upon them?—Yes.

48,963. Some of the cards had nothing but the name of Mr. Moore upon them (*a card was handed to the witness*)?—We sent out something similar to this, perhaps this might be one, with a circular.

48,964. Look at that (*handing a printed circular to the witness and some printed slips*)?—I believe these were included.

48,965. Was the work you have spoken of incurred by sending out the papers you have there, to every voter I believe?—These were sent to every voter I believe.

48,966. As part of the work?—As part of the work, the circular &c.; besides.

48,967. You left the candidate's card at every voter's?—Yes, we did.

48,968. It is the visiting card without any address upon it?—Yes; for them to give us a return call; we hoped so however.

48,969. The other is principally an extract from the newspapers, and headed "Hull election, great meeting at the public rooms to receive the two Conservative candidates." Then there follows an enormous quantity of eloquence, and with that you sent another Hull election paper, headed "Central committee room, Bowl Alley Lane, Hull election, 1852." That is a circular signed Moore and Butler?—Yes.

48,970. A circular of that description, with a card and that paper, was sent to every voter?—Yes.

48,971. Of what use was that but to make work for the runners?—If I remember right, it was to put the voters in possession of the sentiments of the Conservative candidates.

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41,972. It was to meet the Conservative candidates?—Yes; I was always given to understand by Mr. Bramley Moore that he was a free trader as well as a Conservative. Though a person might go under a colour, they might have certain sentiments.

48,973. Apart from the colour, shades of opinion?—Shades of ideas, differing.

48,974. In point of fact, was the principal object of that to make work for the runners?—No; not that transaction.

48,975. Part of it?—I think that identical work you are now alluding to was done to show the courtesy necessary to the voters of the town, and to get them if possible.

48,976. Have you any knowledge of how many copies of that speech was made?—Well, if all the town was done, it would require nearly 6000 copies.

48,977. Am I correct in supposing it is an extract from the type of a newspaper?—I think it was at the time.

48,978. The newspapers here have a very extensive circulation, have they not?—Yes.

48,979. All the local press has a very fair circulation?—Yes.

48,980. For a local press it is an extensive circulation. I suppose these speeches would be published in every paper in the town?—I think so. I recollect at one time Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler, it was thought, would not be able to make a canvass personally, and there were certain plans devised to remedy that as much as possible, and that was by sending out their cards and a circular and their sentiments with it.

48,981. We merely want to know whether it was not the same thing that had already appeared in the newspapers?—Yes.

48,982. The effect of it was to make employment for your runners, and to increase the charges for printing,—that was the effect of it; was that the object of it?—I think not.

48,983. Did you anticipate some political advantage from the mere circumstance of circulating this among the people? If that was the object, it would be more important to circulate it among the orange party. It was to make political converts, in fact?—My intention was to pay the like attention to all.

48,984. I am talking of the importance of it. You intended to send it to all, but it would be of more importance, would it not, to make converts?—I am always desirous of paying greater attention to my enemies than my friends in such a case.

48,985. Can you explain why it is that you did not advertise in the orange newspaper?—I disagreed with that. I wished all publicity to be given to it.

48,986. But it seems to me infinitely more important to publish in your opponent's newspaper than your own, and you thought so too?—Yes; I did not see all things managed. Every little minute thing could not be gone into by the central committee.

48,987. Did you hear that an application was made on behalf of an orange newspaper of great circulation for an advertisement and that it was refused?—I never heard it until Saturday.

48,988. You were not aware that it had taken place at the time?—No.

48,989. Were you aware at the time, in point of fact, that the advertisements were not published in the orange newspapers?—I scarcely looked at any papers at that time; I was too much absorbed in other matters.

48,990. I do not exactly understand this list; it does not contain a list of all that were paid?—No.

48,991. How many more do you think besides those would be paid?—As I said before, I do not think there would be more than five.

48,992. Whether employed or not?—Whether employed or not; there are twenty-eight there.

48,993. There were thirty-three names set down, that would be all you paid?—That contains the names of all.

41,994. This list contains the name of only one Smithson, and you said there were three?—I think you are wrong.

48,995. There is only one?—Those names will have to be ticked off to see if they are included; one of those Smithson's I discharged.

48,996. It would assist us a good deal if you will take back this list, as all of them are very ordinary names, and put the numbers to them at another time?—Yes; I have said I shall be able to remember the residue of the names, and I hope you will have a more distinct statement.

48,997. Put the number in the register. I see there seventeen or eighteen of the names you mentioned?—If you can get the memorandum by which I got the money, the detailed account which I generally gave in weekly to Mr. Harris, I think you will get that eventually.

48,998. Now, I dare say you have heard the name of George Brown in Warham's lot?—Yes.

48,999. When did you first hear of that body of men?—I should think a week or more before the election.

49,000. I wish you would be so good as to begin at the beginning, and tell us all you know about it,—the application as to your party; I do not want to go into the other matters?—I will do that more concisely.

49,001. Merely as far as you had anything to do with it?—I think on the night prior to the election,—I have seen what has been said on that matter before which has

refreshed my memory,—on the night prior to the election one man or two came into my committee room.

49,002. George Brown?—I do not know any of their names.

49,003. Is it the person we now know to be George Brown?—I do not know any of their names. A man came in, and wished to speak to me; he was introduced to me by one of my committee men.

49,004. I will put it shortly to you; did you enter into a negotiation with him?—I will explain it. This committee room I had was a very inconvenient one. He was introduced to me by saying, "This is the person representing the lot." I went out into the lobby, and I said, inquiringly, "What do you want?" He was evidently mysterious, and I asked the landlord if I could have a private room for a moment.

49,005. We have been told you went into a double bedded room?—He said, "You can have that room upstairs, there is no one there;" and with that I was shown into a bed room. I heard what he had to say; he said there were thirty of them, and he gave me to understand that they wanted money. Interrogatingly,—not to offer it,—I said, "Would 30*s.* do for you? I have no authority to offer that." I did not offer it, and with a toss of the head, he said, "Double that," or something like that. I said "I have no authority even to put that question to you," and "good night."

49,006. Was that all?—That is all that happened. I have seen the statement about my putting 5*l.* under a candlestick; that, I beg to state, is not true.

49,007. State what it is, and your own contradiction. You have heard that stated?—I have. It has been stated that I offered 5*l.* at a house in Humber Street, each man, for a lot called Wharam's lot, and that I put it under a candlestick.

49,008. That statement is not true?—There is not a particle of truth in it. In an interrogating form I asked what they would want, would 30*s.* do.

49,009. Did you lay any sum of money, any coins, on the table, as a token of what you intended?—Not at all.

49,010. You produced no money?—I produced no money.

49,011. Did you not offer a distinct sum of 2*l.*, or 2*l.* 10*s.*?—Perhaps I might have put in the same manner, in an interrogating form, 30*s.* or 2*l.* I might have done so, but having no authority, and having no funds, I am positive that nothing transpired beyond that, as to increasing the sum. I never offered any, or promised any.

49,012. It has never been stated that you did; all that has been stated is, that a negotiation took place?—The reason that I went so closely into private communication with this man was, I had heard of them frequently, and I wished to know what the other party was doing, that I, in some definite form, should be able to represent it to the central committee.

49,013. If you said, "Will 30*s.* do for you?" they would take it as an offer; did they not understand it so?—They could not, because I said I had no authority.

49,014. When a man says, "Will 30*s.* do for you?" it is understood that 30*s.* is to be given?—Yes.

49,015. You stated that your principal anxiety was to win the election?—It was.

49,016. And until you were, as you stated, frightened a good deal by Mr. Wells, probably you intended to have recourse to all means that you thought could ensure that result?—If we could have got the means, I have no doubt every chairman's sentiments were the same.

49,017. That is the money?—Yes.

49,018. If you had got the money you intended to have resort to all the means that you thought could ensure that result?—Yes.

49,019. Then, if I understand you, you made that your leading principle; to secure the election, only you have, from time to time, been frightened by Mr. Wells referring you to the Bribery Act?—Yes.

49,020. Did he commence that very early?—Yes.

49,021. I do not quite understand what particular Bribery Act he referred to?—Nor I.

49,022. If I understand you, the result of your reading, or of his interpretation of that Act, whatever it was, was this; that some employment must be given to the persons paid?—Yes.

49,023. That was the result you arrived at, either from his information, or your own reading of the clauses?—From his information.

49,024. Then after that, as I understand you, your system was carried to this extent, that you made employment?—We made employment, as I stated, by agreement with the other party, but we still continued to make further employment; all we could to save ourselves.

49,025. In other words, if I understand you, you thought that that employment would make you safe, within the clauses you have referred to?—That was it.

49,026. With regard to the agreement, as you have spoken about it, you seem t have broken it from the commencement, because you employed at the beginning four runners, when the agreement was to have only three?—Yes, I did; but at the time I employed four, the number of three was not definitively impressed upon my mind.

49,027. At the time you first employed four, you mistook it for three, because Mr. Wells has told us that the number agreed on between the two solicitors was three, and you have told us at the commencement you had four?—I never properly understood,

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for a long time, whether three was the number or four; whether it was with a doorkeeper, or four without a door keeper.

49,028. But you had two doorkeepers instead of one doorkeeper, and three runners. You had two door keepers, three runners, and one clerk; so that from the beginning that was a breach of the agreement to the extent of the door keepers?—I must tell you I never was hearty in the matter; the thing was arranged for us.

49,029. You were still pointing your attention to some employment, whether real or colourable; that was what you were looking to under the bribery clauses; to some employment, whether real or colourable, rather than to the agreement which was to employ a certain number?—Yes; just as I remember, Mr. Wells stated this; unless there was an actual necessity there was no more.

49,030. But the necessity was not to arise, according to Mr. Wells's view, until the dissolution; and, according to Mr. Galloway's view, not until the nomination day?—An actual necessity of labour required, at the district room employing it. For instance, if the number agreed on was not sufficient to do the actual labour required, of course the chairman must have another or two, if actually necessary.

49,031. You seem to have created the necessity, according to your own evidence. You stated that at first you had no liberty to engage, but you did engage, beyond the resolution, from the very first?—It was never objected to.

49,032. Not objected to by whom?—By the central committee; as to that additional man.

49,033. It was a breach as regards the other party. Then you also said that you took down the names at first, to report them to the central committee, "as I thought they might do as I dared not do." What did you mean by that, that they might do what you dared not do?—As they had to pay them, they might engage them if they liked. Had I engaged them I should not have got the money from the central committee to pay them.

49,034. But eventually you did pay those whom you employed, and some few others?—Yes.

49,035. You thought you would not have the means to pay them, and you did not therefore dare to employ them, but that the central committee would venture and would pay them?—The additional persons that were paid, were only taken on under payment about, perhaps, the day before the nomination day, but principally for the nomination day, and the election day. The increased number to which I paid a salary came into existence about the day before the nomination day, and only then.

49,036. You stated, I think, that the number, as I understand, was about thirty-two or thirty-three, that you paid eventually; that was twenty-eight on the list, and you said there were four or five more?—I wish I could get the exact number for you.

49,037. That is about the number?—Yes, about the number.

49,038. Did you, in addition to this number that you paid, set down a good many more?—There were a great number more set down.

49,039. At your place?—Yes.

49,040. Who was it actually entered those names?—The clerk, as they applied.

49,041. I do not know if you have given us his name?—Yes; you have his name.

49,042. Robert Todd; he was the person that actually put them into a book, or on a paper?—Yes; upon a paper.

49,043. You saw that list from time to time?—I did.

49,044. What should you say would be the total number of those set down, to the best of your remembrance?—Well, I should think not more than fifty or sixty.

49,045. They did not exceed sixty, you think?—Including the whole.

49,046. Then would the others of them, beyond the thirty-three, be transferred to the central committee list?—There would be some, on the day prior to the election, sent by my clerk in reference to this application about the tickets, which I took no note of at my room. I said to the clerk, "Send what will be useful to the central committee, in reply to their requirement," and of course he would do so. How many he did send, I could not tell you.

49,047. You seem to have paid some more than you actually employed, why did you not pay the whole sixty?—I should not have got the money, and hence my anxiety to reduce the amount required.

49,048. How was the money furnished to you from time to time?—The account I made out for labour and what little expenses were incurred during the week were sent in on the Saturday morning to the committee room. I always looked upon Mr. Harris as the treasurer. It was left there for examination by somebody, I do not know by who, and the money was forwarded to us at our separate committee rooms at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon for payment of the men.

49,049. Did you send in their names?—Yes.

49,050. Suppose you said you had sixty, would you get the money?—I should not have got the money; I had difficulty in getting the money as it was; in one or two instances I felt so annoyed that I threatened to pay it out of my own pocket and have done with it, and not see them again.

49,051. The six guineas, did you pay that out of your own pocket?—I got them eventually to accept that transaction

49,052. Before the money was paid?—Before the money was paid, and that committee

room and the district committee room were paid by the central committee, not by the chairman of the committees.

49,053. If they had furnished you with the funds you would have paid all the sixty?—Yes.

49,054. How was it they kept you so short?—Poverty they said.

49,055. Their poverty, but not their will, consented?—Their will consented, but their peverty would not let them.

49,056. Did they all get paid, those fifty or sixty?—No.

49,057. Did you send in the names?—I had nothing to do with the surplus lot; I have reason to believe that none of them went in to the central committee, but they went elsewhere.

49,058. To your own party?—Not to our party; my impression is that I have no data.

49,059. Where?—I say I have no data, my impression is so.

49,060. You seem to have found several means of employment which you mentioned to us, as far as you could; did you, in the end, pay all that you had sufficient money to pay, who had voted right?—I should tell you I keep a shop, and therefore it would be very inconvenient to me to have a lot of claims boring me in our shop when our shop was full of customers, and the very day following I told the clerk to get every figure ready to pay them at once, and the central committee stated they were going to pay some portion of the regular weekly expenses immediately, and the residue at some future period, perhaps a week; that would be equally inconvenient to me, and I proceeded then to have all the figures made out by my own clerk, to see what I had to pay, resolving that they should all be paid, if I paid it out of my own pocket; and I went to the committee room with money in my pocket to pay all that had any claims, whether I got the money or not previously, to avoid the inconvenience of callers; and I could not say now whether I paid the money before I got it, or whether I got the money before I paid it; I know that I had a sovereign and a half, or two sovereigns, perhaps three; I had some small sum of money to return to the central committee.

49,061. Did you include in those payments all of those you still retained in your list and who had voted right?—Yes. Some time after this I had an application for a sovereign or 30*s.* by a woman, stating that her husband was upon our list as a runner, and that he was gone to sea, but he had deputed her to get the money; I referred her to Mr. Wells, stating that any little balance I had had been paid over to him.

49,062. What was her name?—I am very sorry to say I cannot tell you; I have a sad memory of names. Well, she came again and again, and I referred her to Mr. Wells, and I think some one told me that Mr. Wells refused to pay her. The woman came again; she came so frequently, and stated such a pitiful tale, that I did give her a sovereign or 30*s.*, and I should have done the same because she annoyed me so much, but I believe her husband voted for us.

49,063. You mentioned some employment that you gave in this way; do you know a party who were at the hustings to shout?—I am obliged to you for mentioning it; I did employ a party.

49,064. Did you know of a party who were employed at the hustings to shout?—It was not at the hustings, it was at a room I engaged in the Market Place for Moore and Butler to speak from; there would be a crowd, especially as it was going to be opposite the dining room of Lord Goderich and Mr. Clay.

49,065. At the Cross Keys?—Opposite the Cross Keys; I saw some gentlemen there that I see here now sitting in the bow window.

49,066. What day was this? what time about the election I mean?—It was a week, I should think, before the election

49,067. When the candidates had arrived?—Yes; and when they were going about the different wards.

49,068. Then you hired a room at Dean's in the Market Place for those gentlemen to speak from?—Yes. The crowd I knew would be very great, and half the credit of the management of the thing would depend upon me, being in that district. A man of the name of Dry, I think R. Dry, and T. Tadman, came to me and said they could get 100 or 120 men for 6*d.* each, to do what I wanted them to do, to keep a hearing for the candidates on our behalf in the centre of the crowd.

49,069. You did not send them up into the bow window opposite?—No; that would have been the better plan, I think.

49,070. What did they do?—There was an enormous crowd, and there was squalling and hallooing, and I hired these men in the morning for the purpose being there to keep a hearing for the two candidates. Those two men said they could get more than a hundred, and I asked them how much a man they could get them at, and they said sixpence a man; they could get any number at sixpence a man. I had thirty half-crowns by me, and I gave those thirty half-crowns to Tadman and Dray to get those men to shout, halloo, and applaud.

49,071. While your candidates were speaking?—Yes.

49,072. Do you know how many they got?—I do not.

49,073. Did you hear their names at that time?—No, I did not.

49,074. Did they not furnish you with the names?—I cannot say; I think not.

49,075. Did you have their names at any time?—No, I think not.

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49,076. Do you know whether they were voters any of them?—No; they were below voters even.

49,077. Freemen, would they be of that class?—Yes; but they were not employed by me; they would be of that class alone.

49,078. It was not another mode of employment?—No, it was not at all; it was to get a hearing.

49,079. Were Dry and Tadman voters?—Tadman is a voter, but Dry is not I think.

49,080. I suppose you do not know how they distributed the thirty half crowns?—No; I was told afterwards that they did not apply the money to the purpose that they told me of.

49,081. Still there was a good noise made?—There was.

42,082. A good deal of shouting?—Yes, but it was all of no use; the other lot apparently had got possession, and whatever number we had for the purpose we were outdone in the same sort of way.

49,083. Did they meet you in the same way?—Well, we seemed to be outdone by them.

49,084. You spoke of some committee room that you engaged, did you apply to a man of the name of the name of Dewick for his room; Dewick, a wood turner?—I mentioned the name of Dewick.

49,085. Did you offer him 3*l.* for a room?—No doubt; that was the limit we had to go to.

49,086. And you said he was to vote for Moore and Butler?—I heard that he said so, but I never mentioned such a thing, inasmuch as I knew that he was on the committee on the other side, to the best of my remembrance.

49,087. Was the room of which you spoke next to the polling booth?—Yes, it was next the polling booth; but at the time I did not know it, for the under sheriff called on me afterwards to say it was so.

49,088. There was a man of the name of Tadman, whose name I have mentioned, did you pay him 10*s.* 6*d.* for a certain number of days employment?—I dare say I should if he had been at work three days up to the Saturday night, for we paid 3*s.* 6*d.* a day.

49,089. Do you recollect also whether you paid him 30*s.* for a former election?—No.

49,090. You do not?—No.

49,091. You say you do not recollect it, or did you not do it?—I say I do not recollect it; I believe I can also add I did not do it; I do not think I, myself, can have forgotten it if I had.

49,092. Do you mean you did not pay any money on the late occasion as for a previous election?—Never.

49,093. Not to any one?—Not to any one.

49,094. With regard to this scheme of Mr. Wells', you did not much approve of it, I understand you to say?—I did not enter into it.

49,095. Did you consider it was rather a plan by which employment might be made, than that would advance the election?—I never gave it that consideration.

49,096. What did you think?—That it was to advance the work of the election.

49,097. To advance the work of it?—Yes.

40,098. Did you think it would advance the result?—No; that idea, as I said before, never entered my thoughts.

40,099. I understand you to have said that; did you think it was a plan that would advance the result of the contest?—Oh yes; if voters had been engaged, or if it had been the intention.

49,100. Advance the result in that way, by means of employment?—If it had been intended to engage voters to carry it out, but I never heard that it was.

49,101. Why did you offer so much money as six guineas at the Lion and Key; you told us just now the usual price was three guineas or 3*l.*?—I was giving, I think it was, two guineas a week for my own central committee room, I think it was 30*s.*, some sum like that for the central committee room. I was engaging them very early in the affair; calculating it at the rate of 1*l.* a week I thought would not have been too much at the time, not knowing what I should want; I made that calculation and gave that round sum 6*l.*

49,102, You did not do that with anybody else?—No.

49,103. I want to know why you did it in this case and not to others?—From no reason except with regard to many. I thought afterwards——

49,104. Was not your reason that the man was an orange voter?—No, it was not; for he would have let me the room for 3*l.*

49,105. You did not know?—No.

49,106. Did you give him six guineas without knowing whether he would take a lesser sum?—There was no reason given.

49,107. Was it the first that you took?—The first beyond the number specified in the book; the first I have taken except the central principal committee room.

49,108. The first additional room?—Yes.

49,109. Beyond the central and district room?—No; beyond the district committee room; the first I had taken besides the Shakespeare.

49,110. Did you make your own bargain for your own room?—At the Shakespeare?

49,111. Yes.—Yes.

49,112. What did you pay for that?—I asked the man what he wanted, and he told me some small sum.

49,113. I do not want the detail of the amount?—I asked what he wanted and he asked a small sum; I took him at his word and engaged it. Afterwards we heard that others got more, and we were obliged to raise the price from 15*s.* to 2*l.* a week, to the final sum, whatever it was.

49,114. Do you know of the Boy and Barrel, that you only engaged for 2*l.*?—No.

49,115. I cannot understand why you gave six guineas to others?—One was only a colourable price, and the other was for use.

49,116. You stated that there were some persons who came up to you to be paid, and you adopted the form of the question as we put it to you, that you turned your back upon those persons who did not vote for you; what applications did they make, and what did you say; they applied to be paid and what did you say; what did you give as your reason for not paying them?—Scarcely a reason at all, except to tell them to go about their business.

49,117. They were on your list?—Yes; but they had not voted.

49,118. I want to know what you said, "I shall not pay you because you have not voted for us"?—I should not be so impudent as that.

49,119. Turning your back on people coming to ask for 30*s.* or 40*s.* is not considered a payment or an equivalent to it; what did you say to them, I want to know?—I cannot remember what I should do or say.

49,120. These were men you could hardly say "go about your business" to; in the first place it would not be a very civil and proper manner to answer their request. I want to know what passed?—I should not hesitate much about the sort of civility; I should be as quick as I could, and have done with it.

49,121. Had you got the poll book before you when you were paying?—It was not there; none of those men came into the room the day I was paying, scarcely.

49,122 This was after the election?—It would be on meeting me in the street that these applications would be made.

49,123. Do I understand you to say, persons came to you who had voted against you, in your shop, or the place you attended to pay them at?—The men that came to the room; I was paying at the room.

49,124. When these persons came to you at the room who you found, had voted against you, I want to know what you said to them?—I do not think any more than one applied at the room that had not voted for us.

49,125. You said, "I turned my back on some who had voted against us, and did not pay them"?—If you will just listen,—while I was sitting at the table it would not be very easy to turn my back on them.

49.126. In the room?—It was not in the room, as I have said.

49,127. Was it in the street?—In the street, as I was promiscuously about; some stranger would meet me in the street and ask for them.

49,128. Only one applied in the room?—Only one.

49,129. And the others in the street; what did you say to them?—I should have said, "Go about your business," and walk away from them.

49,130. You thought it rather an impudent thing?—I thought they had no right to ask me.

49,131. I can understand what was passing in your mind; I want to know what you said to them; you must have given some answer?—I cannot tell you.

49,132. Some reason?—What could I say but "Go about your business."

49,133. You could say this: "You are down on my list; you were down to be employed, and you were down on the understanding that you were to be paid; as you did notv ote I shall not pay you"?—I should not stop to go into so much particularity as that.

49,134. I want to know whether you gave any reason?—I did not.

49,135. You did not give any reason?—Not such a reason.

49,136. What reason?—Why, no reason at all.

49,137. Then could each party understand the other without a word?—Exactly so.

49,138. They came and asked for money, and of course you would know how they voted?—Some of them would ask anybody for money, and try to get it too. This Tadman voted against us.

49,139. These people were on your list?—So was Tadman on my list.

49,140. Was he the one you paid?—I paid him before.

49,141. Before he voted?—Before the election, a week.

49,142. His case has no application to what I am asking about; why do you tell me about Tadman who you paid afterwards? do I understand you to say, you said nothing but "Go about your business"?—I should say that, and imply it by my actions.

49,143. That is by not putting your hands in your pockets and giving 10*s.*, I suppose?—Yes.

49,144. You thought that they, knowing how they had voted, would easily guess the reason?—It would be a piece of bold effrontery.

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49,145. You state when you saw the party of thirty, Brown's lot, you thought it was properly a matter of inquiry?—Yes.

49,146. You said also you had no authority to bargain with them?—No.

49,147. Suppose they had said, "We will take the 30*s.*," what would you have said then?—I could not have offered it.

49,148. You did offer it?—I did not.

49,149. Suppose they had said, "That will do"?—I should have said, "Very well; I will lay the facts before the central committee, and you shall have an answer."

49,150. Do you mean to say you would not have taken their names at once?—No.

49,151. You would not?—No; because they were well known; it would not have been necessary.

49,152. You mean you had not authority to complete the bargain with them?—No authority.

49,153. You were the chairman?—I had neither authority nor courage to do such a thing.

49,154. I do not mean authority to do this individually; you said you would have reported?—Yes.

49,155. Is there anything else upon which you wish to give information to the Commissioners?—There is one thing I will tell you gratuitously, lest it should come hereafter. On the day of the election, when I was very warm upon the subject, and I was very hopelessly pressed, nine men presented themselves to me; I could not tell you their names. They wanted to vote for us, and pointed out some of the orange party who were at their elbows ready to give them 30*s.* if I did not give them the same. I had had some of them in my employment before. I said, I dare not do so. I still went to another gentleman, an utter stranger to me, and gave him a handful of money, and I said, "Get those men if you can," and he did so. That is all I consider as decidedly bad that I did.

42,156. Did he get them?—He did, I believe.

49,157. Who was the gentleman?—I would ask as a favour not to mention his name; he is not here,—he is not to be found in England,—he was not a resident in Hull at the time. I have made inquiry for him since, and he has left the town where he lived; and if you would excuse his name I should be glad, as he is a stranger.

48,158. Is he in the United Kingdom?—I do not know.

49,159. We must have his name; we cannot omit one. We are liable to a penalty of 500*l.* a name?—Not if you do not know his name.

49,160. He is liable to it if he should be discovered; he is therefore entitled to come here, and to have the opportunity to get relieved of these penalties,—it is fair to him to give his name?—I will let you know it through Mr. Shaw.

49,161. I think you must mention it in Court; we want to know how much you gave him?—I gave him 18*l.* When he was away from the town,—it is more than 100 miles from here,—he remitted to me 4*l.* 10*s.* as the balance of that transaction.

49,162. What o'clock was it?—Twelve o'clock on the day of the election.

49,163. When he remitted the balance, was it in writing,—by a note?—By letter.

49,164. With the names of the parties that he had paid?—I think he did.

49,165. Perhaps you will let us have them?—The transaction was altogether over. I should put the money in my pocket and tear up the letter immediately.

49,166. Did you tear up the letter?—Yes; I am sure I did.

49,167. He might come to you again; it was rather important to keep the paper?—I did not.

49,168. Did you enter it on some paper?—No; nowhere.

49,169. Were you repaid by the central committee?—I put it down in a lump as sundries.

49,170. Did you never make any return of those names?—Yes; I think you will find a return of those names; I communicated them.

49,171. To the central committee?—Yes.

49,172. Where was this done?—I gave the money in the street.

49,173. Where were these nine people?—At a little public house nearly opposite my committee room; and by the bye, I recollect now, I fancy this public house I had previously taken and given a sovereign for the use of it for a day.

49,174. What was the name of the public house?—I could not tell you; it is just opposite my commiteee.

49,175. Is it the Sir John Falstaff?—Mr. Wilde will be able to tell you all these things.

49,176. There are not several public houses opposite?—I do not think so; I will get it, but I really did not notice sufficient to know.

49,177. What did you take the public house for?—I thought we should want a quiet room.

49,178. What did you take it for?—I thought we should want a quiet room to do any correspondence in, to tick off the names as they voted; and really to have a room for all the general purposes as well as the ticking off the names would produce such confusion, the ticking of the persons who had voted and fetching up the persons who bad promised would produce such confusion that a committee room would be needed.

49,179. To tick off the names as they voted?—Yes; to know who to fetch up.

49,180. Was there any other transaction of this kind?—No, not any; this is the only transaction that I know of that was not done straightforwardly.

49,181. We think you must tell us the name?—I cannot.

49,182. The name of the gentleman to whom you gave the money?—If I must I will. The name is Ouston—I cannot tell the Christian name—and he resided at Nottingham.

49,183. What is his business?—I do not know.

49,184. In what rank of life is he?—A very respectable young man.

49,185. Is he a commercial traveller?—I believe he is, now I am reminded of it.

49,186. Is he brother of the grocer in Hull?—Yes.

49,187. Is his name David Ouston?—No; I think not.

49,188. Is there anything else you can tell us, because you must tell us all?—I have told you all.

49,189. Is there not the name of John Smith amongst those persons paid? do you remember whether you set down that person's name, "John Smith"? Read that entry (*handing a paper*). "John Smith, 2, Owen Square," did that paper come to your hand with the name of John Smith upon it, or something written upon it?—I could not say "Yes," or "No."

49,190. After this paper came to you was this written upon it, "Is this man a runner on your committee?" signed "R. Todd," your clerk? that must have been written on it after it came?—Yes.

49,191. And this answer is written upon it by Charles Wells: "He resides at 26, High Street, and will be all right if employed," signed Charles Wells?—It would go through my clerk's hands.

49,192. I want to know whether this is not an answer to the question put to your clerk; the red ink is the question and the black is the answer to it?—I should think my clerk would tell you better about that; it did not come through my hands.

49,193. Did you not afterwards set him down after you had got the answer from Charles Wells?—I should think that he would be set down, very possibly he would be, but I do not think he would be set down at my committee.

49,194. There is one other person about whom I want you to give some information. Just see whether that is a note written by you to Mr. Ward and Mr. Moore (*handing a letter*): is that addressed to Mr. Ward the chairman of the committee?—Yes.

49,195. Who is the other gentleman to whom it was addressed?—Richard Bramley Moore.

49,196. The candidate?—Yes; this person I recollect came to me.

49,197. Read it?—"Dear Sir,—The bearer comes to me four, votes, to know if I will let him have handkerchiefs and ribbons, he says, to Mr. Moore's order; please say what I am to do. If such is the case countersign this. Yours, Edwin Davis."

49,198. Did you give any answer to that?—No; this man came to me in this way; in the first place, I did not believe him; he came and said Mr. Bramley Moore had ordered him to do so; I did not believe him, and tried to get rid of the matter in that way, and I wrote that letter.

49,199. Nothing was done on it?—Nothing was done.

49,200. Had you many applications of that sort?—No; that is the only one. That man Dry stated he had been with Mr. Bramley Moore all the morning, which I knew to be untrue; and he said that Mr. Bramley Moore had sent him to me to give him some handkerchiefs. I did not believe him, and so I got rid of him that way.

49,201. I believe you had a considerable bill at the last election for silk and ribbons?—No; I think only 1*l.* 18*s.*

49,202. What was your account against the candidates or their committee?—£1 18*s.*; at the former election, Brown's election, I received 200*l.*

49,203. I think you said you made peyments on the day of the election?—Not quite so soon, because the figures were not ready.

49,204. Was it in the week?—It was in the week, either on the Saturday, or before the Saturday of the same week.

49,205. Be good enough to furnish us with some additional names?—You shall have everything I have got.

49,206. Did you not pay some after that?—I think all were paid that week that came to the place to get paid; there was one left out that called on me at the shop afterwards.

49,207. Do you recollect paying William Watson, junior, a sum of 30*s.*?—I had some Watsons on my list; I think that must have been one.

49,208. A freeman?—Yes.

49,209. I am told it was on a Monday you paid him?—I should say if it was owing to him he would have been paid on the Saturday if he applied.

49,210. I want to be sure if you have got him on the list?—There was one Watson or two Watsons I paid.

49,211. You put their names down?—Yes.

49,212. We were told you paid Watson on the Monday, at the time you had a book with you making payments?—I should not have had a book for the purpose of making payments, because I had washed my hands of it on the Saturday, as far as I could.

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49,213. You have been asked about this interview in the bedroom of the Shakspeare, respecting Brown's party?—Yes; Wharam's party.

49,214. Did you not, in addition, pay some people in a bedroom, at the Shakspeare, at another time?—Never, to my remembrance.

49,215. Do you recollect a man of the name of Porrell and Blyth?—No.

49,216. Fox; do you remember paying that man, or producing some money in a bedroom at the Shakspeare?—To the best of my remembrance, that night going into the bedroom was the first night I had been in that room.

49,217. There might be other bedrooms?—Not that were comeatable at all.

49,218. Do you recollect paying any money in a bedroom?—Not that I remember.

49,219. Or making promises in a bedroom?—I cannot remember; I think not.

49,220. These are the names: Porrell, Blyth, Fox, and Oglesby?—Porrell is a name that I remember on one.

49,221. Perhaps he would be on your list—Porrell, Blyth, Fox, and Oglesby?—Oglesby was one of the nine; one of the names, very probably, on the list I have handed in.

49,222. Did you hear. on the morning of the election, that there was a considerable defection, at other committee rooms, of persons who were expected to have met at the different sub-committee rooms, for the purpose of carrying out Mr. Wells's scheme?—I did not hear that; I heard that there had been a great defection; that the parties that were our runners were going from us on the morning of the election; but, as connected with Mr. Wells's plan, I did not know.

49,223. Not as connected with it, but you heard generally there was a defection of runners?—Yes, as well as from myself.

49,224. Did you find it at your committee rooms?—Not so many; there must have been some.

49,225. You did not have any money from Messrs. Moore and Butler, or any of them?—No.

49,226. At any time?—No.

49,227. In any way?—No.

49,228. Exept in the way of payment?—All the money I got was from Mr. Harris, from the central committee.

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WILLIAM GEORGE TURNBULL sworn, and examined.

49,229. What business are you in?—A stock and share broker.

49,230. Where do you reside?—In Dock Street.

49,231. What rent do you pay, or what are you rated at?—£12 or £13 pay rent.

49,232. Are you qualified as a householder?—Yes.

49,233. How long have you been entitled to vote as an occupier?—I think from the second election after the passing of the Reform Bill, but I am not quite sure.

49,234. You were qualified in 1837?—Oh yes, certainly; I should think so.

49,235. Are you a freeman?—No.

49,236. Who did you vote for in the year 1841?—Hanmer and James, I believe; they were the Conservative candidates.

49,237. Did you take any interest in the election?—Yes.

49,238. For them?—For them.

49,239. Were you a member of the committee?—I was a member of the committee.

49,240. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I did not vote at all.

49,241. Or take any interest?—Or take any interest; all the parties were orange.

49,242. In 1852 you voted Moore and Butler?—Yes.

49,243. And was chairman of the East Sculcoates Ward committee?—South Sculcoates.

49,244. East Sculcoates, the South Division?—It comprised part of the West Sculcoates as well as the East. I call it South Sculcoates. I think that a better mode of distinction.

49,245. East Sculcoates, South District?—Yes.

49,246. Were you appointed in the same way as the chairman; as we have heard other chairmen were appointed? Perhaps you can tell us whether you were in court and hear the evidence of Mr. Davis this morning?—Yes.

49,247. Were you made a chairman in the same way that he was?—I do not remember how he was appointed.

49,248. How were you appointed?—There was a meeting in Sculcoates, and I was voted chairman.

49,249. When did the meeting take place, as nearly as you can tell?—Perhaps five weeks before the election.

49,250. At the beginning of June or the end of May?—About five weeks previous to the election; it would be about the end of May or the beginning of June.

49,251. When did you first hear of Mr. Moore being a candidate; had you heard it at that time?—I should think two months before the election; about that, or perhaps more.

49,252. Had you anything to do with his introduction to the town?—I believe two gentlemen proceeded to London, or proceeded to Normanton, and had some conversation with him, and his name was then submitted to a committee.

49,253. Were those Mr. Harris and Mr. Barkworth?—No; I think Mr. Joseph Walker Pease and Mr. Barkworth.

49,254. They proceeded to Normanton, you say?—Yes.

49,255. To meet Mr. Moore?—Yes, to meet Mr. Moore.

49,256. And from that time he was a candidate?—Yes.

49,257. Can you give me any information as to how Mr. Butler became a candidate?—I believe that some gentlemen proceeded to London, and brought Mr. Butler at once down, which was submitted, and approved of.

49,258. They went in quest of a candidate?—They went in quest of a candidate.

49,259. About what time?—Some little time after Mr. Moore became a candidate.

49,260. Can you throw any light on how it came that there was a second blue candidate; we have been told, in the first instance, there was a desire to avoid a contest?—There was a very sincere desire.

49,261. Did you share it?—Yes; but I must candidly acknowledge I was always afraid that it would not be carried out, the opposite party having split into two sections, and there was no person to bind to any compromise.

49,262. Nobody to bind the orange?—Nobody to bind the orange.

49,263. Do you attribute to that circumstance the fact that the late contest took place?—Yes, I do.

49,264. What was your reason for not having one and one?—The peace of the town, and a very nearly equally divided constituency.

49,265. Had the expense anything to do with it?—I do not know; in my own mind it had not.

49,266. You, having taken no interest in the election in 1847, I dare say you know the fact that there was a union of both parties to create a contest at all hazards?—There was, I believe, and universally by the blue party.

49,267. There was a union of a number on both sides who compromised everything for the sake of a row or a contest?—Perhaps some of the party might have preferred one candidate and some another; I cannot at all enter into their reasons.

49,268. The reason I am coming to is this: is there, as far as you can tell, a party, consisting of both blues and orange, always anxious to have a contest?—I believe so.

49,269. That in order that money should be spent?—I believe so.

49,270. The desire prevails on both sides, does it not?—I believe so.

49,271. Do you attribute to that fact also the difficulty of effecting anything like a contest in order to avoid a contest, to the circumstance of a large number of persons, blues and orange, being desirous that a contest should take place?—I believe the blue party could control their friends, and would have consented to a compromise that would have been fairly and honestly carried out.

49,272. As a party?—As a party.

49,273. Are you not aware that both parties contain names of persons desirous always to have a contest?—I believe so.

49,274. I ask whether you attribute, in some degree, the contest of 1852 to that circumstance?—Yes.

49,275. I dare say you are aware, Mr. Turnbull, that there has been a contest here at every election since the Reform Bill, except one in 1839, when Mr. Baines came down with the writ in his pocket, and took everybody by surprise?—Yes.

49,276. In 1852, you kept a minute book, did you not?—I did.

49,277. Did you preserve the minutes?—I did.

49,278. Had you a large number of applicants to be set down?—Yes.

49,279. I dare say you found, as everybody has told us, that the words "setting down names" was perfectly intelligible?—No.

49,280. The words "set down," was a common form used by the applicants,—"set my name down"?—I find it has been from the proceedings of this Court, but it was not so in the committee of which I was the chairman.

49,281. What is the distinction you drew; what did they say to you; what language did they use? I am asking, not the result but what they said when they came in?—"Will you put my name down," or "will you employ me as a runner."

49,282. That is the form, is it?—Or, in some instances, "can you employ me as a runner."

49,283. Those were the two common forms of application; "will you put my name "down?"—Or, "employ me as a runner," or, a "messenger."

49,284. Did they use both?—No; some one, and some the other.

49,285. Two forms were made use of in the application?—Yes.

49,286. One was "put my name down," and the other form was, "employ me as a "runner?"—Yes.

49,287. Then upon that was the excuse of business to put down these persons on a piece of paper?—They were all entered in a book.

49,288. A minute book?—In a minute book (Book I.)

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49,289. I believe you produced some papers which contain the weeks wages and cash account?—Yes.

49,290. The paper marked *a* contains a list of the wages, does it not?—Yes.

49,291. What was the staff of your own committee?—At the commencement, a clerk, a doorkeeper, and two messengers; one for the first day or two, but more the next days.

49,292. How soon were they increased?—Without referring I really cannot tell; approaching the election.

49,293. Not till the approach of the election?—I believe not. If you would permit me the use of the minute book I think I could be able to inform you better (*the book was handed*).

49,294. Did your committee meet at 17, Worship Street?—Yes; 17, Worship Street. It was increased on the 1st of July.

49,295. You have heard the minute read about increasing the number by twelve?—Yes.

49,296. When the resolution was passed on the 30th, I believe you were cognizant at the time of the increase of staff of all the district committees?—Yes.

49,297. How many was it increased to?—I think there was an increase of eight.

49,298. Why did they not go up to twelve;—I did not actually require them.

49,299. What did you require those eight for?—Plenty of work for them.

49,300. What was the work for them?—There were an immense number of removals in the district, into and out of the district; people had left the town, and it would be ascertained where they resided.

49,301. Were those people employed going from house to house to find that out?—They were employed to find it out.

49,302. Do you know how many there were of removals in your district?—I really do not know; a very large number.

49,303. Twenty?—Oh more, considerably.

49,304. Forty?—Perhaps not forty.

49,305. The messengers were employed going to the houses lately occupied by the people, and asking where Mr. so and so was gone to?—Yes. In some instance they were most difficult to be discovered.

49,306. Did you consider it absolutely necessary?—Absolutely necessary.

49,307. Besides that, were there any steps taken, and if so, what, for the purpose of creating work?—None, whatever.

49,308. What other work were they employed on?—There were communications necessary to be made to other committees with regard to voters.

49,309. What time did you require your messengers to attend?—At nine o'clock in the morning.

49,310. Were your runners selected out of the names of the persons set down?—In the first instance the people offered to be employed; I told them I would employ them when I could, or when I had an opportunity.

49,311. That is the answer you gave?—That is the answer I gave, and you observe in this book the dates at which times those people were employed (*handing the book back*).

49,312. When you appointed them did you ascertain they were voters?—Yes.

49,313. You employed none but voters, did you, if you could help it to the best of your judgment?—Yes, I did.

49,314. Who?—There is one man in the list who I knew was not a voter. I am speaking of the Worship Street committee.

49,315. Who is he?—At the committee room in Worship Street, not the clearing house. I employed a great number of men, who were not freemen or voters.

49,316. At the central committee room in Worship Street did you employ one man who was not a voter?—Yes.

49,317. What was his name?—I do not know.

49,318. Why did you employ him?—I believe I got a letter from Mr. Ward, asking me to employ that man; if I had any service for him he would be glad of it.

49,319. That was an exception to the rule?—Certainly it was.

49,320. You would not have done it but for the letter from the chairman?—Or I had known something of the man myself.

49,321. Thinking from something it was more than ordinarily expedient that he should be employed?—I believe his name was William Hasselgrave.

49,322. Do you know whether he was any relation to any voter?—No; I believe not.

49,323. With respect to the amount of business that there was to do. Supposing this had been a commercial matter, and the same work to be done for your own account, as a man of business, do you think you would have had occasion to employ half as many persons?—Certainly not; but in this instance, the slightest matter became of the greatest importance.

49,324. I am supposing that. You did not attend to my question. I am asking the matter as a matter of great importance?—You must be aware that at all elections you cannot get precisely the same quantity of work out of men that you would do at a time when there was no excitement prevailing.

49,325. No, you cannot get the same work done at elections; you never can, can you?—No.

49,326. That leads to the question I was going to put. Have you any doubt that, supposing this same work had to be done, merely by a person having a pecuniary interest in the matter, in furtherance of a mere commercial speculation, have you any doubt the same would have been done by half the same number of hands?—If it had been a mercantile affair, the staff that was appointed in the first instance would have been doubled; the doorkeepers at our committee room were sent with messages, and even the committee themselves went with messages: the men were much too hard worked. I am speaking of the original staff.

49,327. But by degrees you increased the number of the staff?—Yes.

49,328. I want to know this, whether it was not increased to an extent that would have been wholly unnecessary if they had been engaged in mere mercantile speculations?—No doubt, towards the election.

49,329. How long do you consider the men were over worked?—I should say two weeks I think, or three weeks; up to the first of the month.

49,330. June or July?—Up to the 1st of July.

49,331. When the staff was increased?—When the staff was increased.

49,332. But something is expected, is it not, Mr. Turnbull, from persons who have been engaged in furtherance of their own private wishes; it is expected they should give up some little time and attention to it?—Scarcely, from the class of people from whom the messengers were taken.

49,333. You think not?—Not many of them.

49,334. They were selected from that class of persons to whom money was a greater object than the furtherance of poli tical purposes?—I am very sorry to say I found a great deal of distress; and I should have been most happy to have employed ten times the number of people that I did.

49,335. I want to know whether these messengers were from that class of persons to whom money was a greater object than the furtherance of a political object?—I should think so.

49,336. That is the case with a large number of freemen?—Yes; and householders too.

49,337. You mean voters would be more select than those who applied, or is it the same thing?—Those who applied to me were persons of the description, generally speaking, that I have named.

49,338. Both freemen and the smaller class of householders you consider were more amenable to pecuniary interests than they are to political considerations?—Yes; there are many of them with very strong principles and opinions; but, perhaps, generally speaking, not so.

49,339. The large mass of them?—The large mass of them are, perhaps others more, perhaps others more so, pecuniary considerations.

49,340. There would be a class of persons who would be foremost in making application to you?—Yes.

49,341. Had you many applications from householders?—No; I believe it was generally in another way that they wished it.

49,342. The applications for employment were mostly from freemen?—Yes; and non-voters.

49,343. Did you set down all the applicants?—Yes; I believe so; I believe every one. They were not all employed, as you will see.

49,344. Did you set down every applicant that you had?—Yes; I believe so.

49,345. You did not refer them elsewhere?—No; not in the event of their residing in our own district; and there were a few others who I rejected altogether.

49,346. Why?—Because I was told they were employed elsewhere,

49,347. Do you mean on the other side?—No; I do not know whether they were employed. A Mr. Lake or Look called upon one; I don't know his name, but it is down in the district book.

49,348. Those who were employed were actively in employ in another district committee of your own?—I don't know whether the committee said anything about it.

49,349. You would scarcely have appointed any in the employ of the other party?—I should; they were residing in our district.

49,350. Just tell us about this Look, or whatever his name is?—Hare is the name; he called on me, and said, you should employ so many men; and he read the names over, and marked out those that resided in this district; there is a cross in the book opposite the names of all these people.

49,351. He did employ several men?—He did employ several men.

49,352. What did they do?—I did not inquire.

49,353. What did they do?—As runners.

49,354. Was it after the election?—Before the election.

49,355. As runner?—Several were.

49,356. What I understand by that observation is, I suppose, he was employing them as runners?—Yes.

49,357. Did he give any list at the time?—He gave me a list, which I had heard of, that he was ticking off the names of those who resided in the district.

49,358. You look out of that list numbers in your own district, and transferred them to your own?—No; I did not transfer them at all; I had nothing to do with them.

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Some of those men applied afterwards to be employed; those are the men that I refused employment to.

49,359. Why did you refuse them?—Because they were employed, and ought to have been employed elsewhere.

49,360. You would not put their names down?—I would not.

49,361. What did you say to them?—I made no remark to them, excepting I would decline putting their names down.

49,362. Did you give no reason?—As far as I remember to any one I gave no reason. I must say only two or three applied to me.

49,363. How came they in that book?—Because they belonged to the district; that is the district book.

49,364. Some were already down in your list I understand?—Yes; with the remarks opposite every voter's name.

49,365. Who was Mr. Hare?—I do not know.

49,366. What authority had he to set down?—I do not know.

49,367. What had he to do with the election?—That I am sure I do not know of my own knowledge. I know nothing with regard to him.

49,368. There was some question?—I inquired where his committee sat.

49,369. You understood Mr. Hare had a committee?—Yes; somewhere near the water side. I afterwards heard Mr. Bannister's name was coupled with that committee; but whether there was any foundation for it I have no means of knowing.

49,370. Did you understand where the room was?—I do not know exactly; it is in Humber Street, or near the water side.

49,371. Was it Minerva Terrace?—I am not sure; it is somewhere in the locality. I rather think it was Minerva Terrace, but I could not be positive.

49,372. Did you hear the name of Legitt mentioned in connexion with it?—No, I did not, to the best of my recollection. I know nothing at all about it. I know nothing about it except from rumour.

49,373. You never were there?—I never was there.

49,374. You know nothing about Hare?—I do not think I ever saw him before.

49,375. Did you report upon this matter to the central committee?—I do not think I did; I might have mentioned it; I am not at all sure.

49,376. Do you know what business Hare is?—I do not; there was a committee sitting in a certain street.

49,377. Who told you that?—Hare.

49,378. I suppose he gave you no information?—No information at all about it.

49,379. You merely heard Mr. Bannister's name as coupled with it?—Afterwards; I am not sure I heard Mr. Bannister's name.

49,380. Did you make any inquiries at all? did you ask Hare any questions?—No; excepting about the committee sitting in a certain place. I do not recollect any conversation. I got no information beyond that there was a committee sitting then at some place.

49,381. He would come for that special purpose?—He came for the special purpose to tell me who the people were.

49,382. Was it in consequence of a communication from you to him?—No.

49,383. How came he to you?—He said he was going round to the different committees to see if they were employing the same men in two places.

49,384. For the purpose of connecting the doubles?—Yes.

49,385. Did you hear it was prevailing to a certain extent that people had got their names down in two places?—I do not know that they did, for at the commencement of the election I strongly did urge that no man should be employed out of his own district.

49,386. During the progress of the contest did you hear that in point of fact some persons had managed to get paid twice over?—I do not recollect having heard such a thing.

49,387. Was it in consequence of such a practice having occurred that Mr- Hare came to you?—I believe, at the orange election of 1847, I had been told that some of the runners had been paid three and four times over.

49,388. What is about the date of Mr. Hare's calling upon you?—I do not know.

42,389. Did you understand that Mr. Hare called on you in consequence of some practice that had crept into the contest or something that had prevailed on former occasions?—I suppose in consequence of what had prevailed at former elections.

49,390. Now we hear that the householders were regarded differently from runners; how was that?—I have been told that committee rooms were taken by our party; I believe on the last election there were some taken in that way; but it was an entirely new system to me; the practice has never prevailed with the blue party, and was totally unknown to me before the last election.

49,391. You knew it was a practice that prevailed in Hull?—Yes.

49,392. But, as far as your knowledge is concerned, not amongst the blue party?—Excepting at the last election; I believe not till the last election.

49,393. It was an intelligible thing when a man came to ask you to take a committee room that he wanted to sell his vote?—I should suppose so, without the committee room was really required.

49,394. Had you appointments of that description?—I think one; but I am not sure.

49,395. What was that?—I think a person of the name of Boyd in New George Street applied.

49,396. Applied to you?—Yes.

49,397. What occurred? Was the room taken?—No; he wanted such a very exorbitant price for it.

49,398. How much did he want?—He wanted 5*l.* for it; he said he could get several votes. I was rather anxious to have it taken; the room was in a situation where it was at that time absolutely required.

49,399. You would have taken it, but for the price?—But for the price.

49,400. Did you take any extra committee rooms?—One.

49,401. Where was that?—Worship Street.

49,402. What number?—I do not know.

49,403. Who was the landlord?—Mr. Mayne; he is not a voter.

49,404. For what purpose was that?—It immediately adjoined or was close to the polling booth, and I had thought of a system of copying the sheets of voters, and it was, in consequence of that system, necessary to have a committee room immediately adjoining each polling booth. However, it was afterwards altered.

49,405. When did you engage it?—A week before the election, I should think, or ten days before the election.

49,406. Were any of his family voters?—None that I know of.

49,407. Was he a person of influence?—I should think not a great deal. I should say that in the first instance I had taken a room of a man named Robinson, which was close to this place.

49,408. What is his Christian name?—I do not know; it is close to this polling place; indeed it was taken as a polling place, and in consequence was not allowed to be used as a committee room.

49,409. Taken as a polling place by the sheriff?—Yes.

49,410. Was there a staff appointed to this room at Mayne's?—There was a clerk and doorkeeper or messenger; in fact he acted as both.

49,411. How many messengers were appointed to Mayne's?—Only one; he acted both as door keeper and messenger.

49,412. What did you do when you lost the room at Robinson's? Did he get a room for you? Did he get this room of Mayne's?—No; it was quite independent. Mayne happened to be in the house when Robinson came to tell me about it, and in consequence Mayne's was taken.

49,413. Was Robinson paid?—No. I perhaps should say that another room was also taken, but not as a committee room, from a person named Brumby; Mrs. Brumby; a public house.

49,414. What for?—The husband had always been a voter on the blue side. Immediately previous to the election his sloop was lost, and he was drowned, and in consequence I said, "If we do not use your house in any other way, I will give you a couple of pounds for the room."

42,415. Here is a minute, I think, which will refresh your memory. On the 1st of July is a minute in your book: "Took a room of Robinson for a second committee room this date for two guineas. On the following day notice having been given that a committee room could not be held there, in consequence of its being engaged as a room for polling, Robinson obtained a room from Mayne."—I think that is an error.

43,416. It is from your own minute book?—It is not in my writing, I think.

49,417. Some pains would be taken to keep this accurate; whose writing is it?—Purdon's, the clerk.

49,418. Would that not be taken down under your instructions?—Yes. I have no doubt Mayne and Robinson were in the room together, and left the room together. I cannot at all recollect what the conversation was, but I recollect that Mayne only was paid in the room.

49,419. And what arrangement was made between Mayne and Robinson probably you cannot tell?—I cannot tell at all about it.

49,420. Did you take Robinson's room?—Yes.

42,421. Was that in order to give him some advantage out of the election?—No; because it would be actually necessary, as I mentioned at the time, to have a room in the immediate locality.

49,422. Was Robinson a person to whom it was desirable to give some advantage?—He was a voter.

49,423. Where is this room of Robinson's?—At the corner of New George Street and Worship Street.

49,424. What is his Christian name?—I do not know.

49,425. Is that the room you wanted to take at 23, Worship Street?—If you will allow me the district book, I think I can furnish you with the name.

49,426. Are you sure it was not William Robinson, of 23, Worship Street?—It would be mentioned in the list of polling places, in one of the printed lists of booths and polling places.

49,427. In the list of booths there is no Robinson?—I may be mistaken in the room: it is the booth at the corner of New George Street.

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49,428. This is Thomas Robinson, New George Street voted Clay and Goderich?—Yes; that is the man.

49,429. Did the Robinson you mention vote against you?—Yes.

49,430. The only Robinson of any name at all in George Street voted for Clay and Goderich?—Yes; that must be the man.

49,431. I suppose Mayne can tell us in a minute who the man is?—Yes; Mayne can tell you.

49,432. Were there any other rooms taken in your district?—None whatever.

49,433. How many applicants were there to be set down altogether in your ward?—The minute book will show exactly, I believe.

42,434. Here is a book headed "List of applicants for situations." Is that it?—Yes.

49,435. There are thirty or forty; is that the list?—Yes; I believe, as far as I know, every name is down in this list, or ought to have been.

49,436. How many are there?—Forty-one.

49,437. Are those the applications that you had (*referring to book* I)?—Yes.

49,438. What does this mean; this entry here: "List of seamen returned to the central committee room, June the 18th?—Those were men that were absent in ships.

49,439. Have you heard of Mr. Wells's scheme?—I believe it was my scheme.

49,440. Perhaps you will detail what the scheme was?—At least it was improved, or perhaps not improved, but altered slightly by Mr. Wells.

49,441. Was it your scheme to have clearing houses, and employ 478 men?—It was my scheme to have a committee room, or a room taken adjoining every polling booth, and to have as many copies immediately taken as soon as it came out of the booth as there were committees in that particular district.

49,442. Was it part of your scheme that there should be 478 persons employed, the number stated by Mr. Wells?—I had no idea that number was employed.

49,443. That is not an answer to my question; the scheme was for that?—Certainly not. I employed a great number of persons, but not anything like such a number as that.

49,444. That is the scheme of Mr. Wells; I want to know how far it is yours?—I worked out the scheme in the whole of Sculcoates with much less.

49,445. You know, as it was, that the scheme required exactly 478 persons?—No, I do not indeed; that part of the scheme is not mine.

49,446. That is the very thing I want to come to. How far is it yours?—I carried that scheme out in Sculcoates; and I believe it would require about forty people to carry it out for Sculcoates.

49,447. In your ward?—No; for the whole of Sculcoates.

49,448. How many committees were there in Sculcoates?—East and West Sculcoates comprises a large portion of the town.

49,449. There are only two?—I beg your pardon, there are three there.

49,450. This is Mr. Wells's evidence, that it would take 478 persons to carry it out. He gave the exact number as applicable to you at rather more than fifty; fifty-three is the number that you would require?—Yes. In Sculcoates there are 1,500 voters, and I believe that about fifty would have carried that scheme out very well.

49,451. And fifty-three would do it better?—Yes.

49,452. Was it intended that fifty-three should be employed in your district?—Yes; approaching that number.

49,453. How many did you intend the scheme to employ altogether?—I did not calculate about it; my original idea was to have a committee room adjoining every polling booth, which would have employed perhaps a greater number of men than actually were employed or were necessary in the altered scheme.

42,454. You see it was not only to change within the ward, but also that they were to interchange between one district and another?—No.

49,455. That is Mr. Wells's project?—With regard to Sculcoates.

49,456. You agree that his system was to be the clearing system?—Yes; the clearing houses.

49,457. Was this subject discussed at the committee room?—No; it was not discussed there at all.

49,458. Why not?—It was an arrangement with the central committee.

49,459. You were a member of the central committee?—As chairman of the district I was.

49,460. The central committee communicated their demands to each district?—This was an arrangement made, I believe, principally with Mr. Wells, Mr. Joseph Walker Pease, and myself.

49,461. Just state your own view then of how it originated?—I suggested that it was not only desirable, but absolutely necessary, if possible, to have immediate notice of every man voting, and the sooner it arrived at the committee room the labour would be lightened so very much.

49,462. Did you, as the originator of this, make any calculation of the number of persons required?—Not the actual number; Mr. Wells did it, I think, in my presence.

49,463. And what did he bring it to?—I do not remember.

49,464. Was it it brought to 400?—I only tried it in the district I engaged to carry out myself.

49,465. As a man in business yourself, I dare say you knew it would merely require to multiply fifty-three by nine?—No; there are not twenty-seven committees. There was to work in Sculcoates; 1,500 voters and three committees.

49,466. There were nine district committees, as we understand?—Yes.

49,467. And the system was to be organised by each one of those nine?—No.

49,468. That is Mr. Wells' statement?—Mr. Pease managed for the whole of the other committees, and I managed for the whole of the committees in Sculcoates.

49,469. Then instead of being fifty-three, it would take 159 in Sulcoates at that rate?—I only calculated fifty for the whole of Sculcoates.

49,470. That is for the three district committees?—Yes; I only calculated fifty to carry out the whole system.

49,471. This is totally at variance with and irreconcileable with Mr. Wells. Mr. Wells has stated that there were to be in East Sculcoates 159, and that you complained on the morning of the election that there was a great deficiency from that number. Do you agree in that view of the case?—There was a great defalcation; each of the committees were to furnish so many men towards carrying out this plan; there was a great deficiency from one of the committees, a great deficiency indeed, and some deficiency in both the others.

49,472. Still, I want to know how far you agree with Mr. Wells in this: Mr. Wells stated that every district was to have fifty-three; if you had the superintendance of three that would make you require 159?—That is a mistake, I think.

49,473. You were to supply them?—I think from each there were only twelve, or fourteen, or fifteen people required, from each of the three committees; I think, as far as my memory goes, there were fourteen or fifteen required.

48,474. I see the result disagrees, but I do not see in what respect you disagree with Mr. Wells. Mr. Wells' statement is, that it was agreed between you and him that it was necessary that there should be fifty-three for each of the nine districts; in that you do not agree with him?—I do not.

49,475. He further stated, that in each of those fifty-three there was a deficiency the next morning?—There was a deficiency of the number.

49,476. The material thing is, was the deficiency short of fifty-three?—Fifty-three was for the whole of Sculcoates.

49,477. No; Mr. Wells said fifty-three for each committee room?—Fifty-three, as far as I remember, was never required for each committee room.

49,478. Then you disagree altogether with Mr. Wells' view?—I do, if that is Mr. Wells' view.

49,479. I call your attention again. Mr. Wells' statement is this, because he gave it with a most elaborate calculation: He said you merely have to divide 477 by nine; that is his statement; that gives the number to be furnished by each district. He says each district committee was to furnish its quota, and then he said, the whole number was 477, and you would merely have to divide by nine, consequently for East Sculcoates multiplied by three the number to be furnished by you would be 159?—I do not agree with that. There is a paper I have handed in, in which some of the numbers are put down and the dates.

49,480. I have it before me, and I am going to draw your attention to it in a moment. 477 persons, he says, altogether, with one solicitor, making 478. Now divide 477 by nine and you have fifty-three for each committee?—I do not agree in that.

49,481. That being so, tell me your view of it?—I conceived that about fifty men would have been able to carry out the system for the three committees.

49,482. You had only to do with one?—I had to do with three; I superintended the clearing house of both the Sculcoates.

49,483. There were only two clearing houses; that was all?—There were only two clearing houses; Mr. Pease arranged one, and I arranged the other.

49,484. Two clearing houses, one consisting of three districts, and the other consisting of the remaining six?—Yes.

49,485. What did you do towards carrying it out? Did you engage more people?—Yes, I engaged the clerks, and the necessary people.

49,486. See if that is the paper (*handing a paper to the witness*)?—This is the paper, but this is not complete. These were extra names of men from one of the districts, selected to serve at the proper time.

42,487. Go by steps. I want to know what the original arrangement was? Does that paper represent the number originally determined upon?—No, because this paper was merely as a sketch, to give the person who acted as the chief clerk in the clearing house. Do you wish to know his duties, and the manner in which it was carried out?

49,488. No; we have heard that. What I want simply to know is this, whether you have got any paper showing the names of the persons who were to have carried it on, according to the arrangement as originally proposed?—I believe not.

49,489. That paper then is only partially correct?—That paper is only partially correct, as to the names of the messengers employed.

49,490. I presume you had them on some paper?—We selected a certain number of names from each of the three districts; the chairman of the other two districts sent me in some

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names, and from the West Sculcoates, I think, there was only one man came or two men came, as I have stated before, out of fourteen or fifteen.

49,491. What we want to arrive at, in order for a very obvious purpose, is to get, if we can, the names of the persons who were originally proposed to have attended to have carried this scheme into execution, in order that we may trace what has become of them; we hear already there were defaulters?—If I had them at all they are among the papers that I have handed in.

49,492. The only paper approaching it is the document before you?—Then I have not the paper connected with it.

49,493. That is one of the most hinging parts of the inquiry. As people usually do a thing for some reason, it is our province to inquire into that. Upon the paper there are only about twenty-one?—For my scheme, about double this number would amply carry out my intention.

49,494. Have you got any paper showing the names of the persons fixed upon to carry this shceme out?—I believe there was a paper; the lists were in the papers I have handed in, or I have not got them; there were lists.

49,495. That is the only paper to be found among them?—Then I have not got it, indeed.

49,496. Then, in point of fact, when the time appointed came, there were a considerable number of defaulters?—Yes.

49,497. Had you your cards made out ready?—They came in from the polling booths to the clearing house.

49,498. They went to the polling booths first?—No; we never had them at all at the clearing house.

49,499. Where was the appointed place of rendesvous?—There were men to be stationed at the polling booths, and when the cards were filled up they were to be carried to the clearing house.

49,500. Where was to be the place of rendesvous for all the runners?—Worship Street.

49,501. Was that the morning of the nomination day?—No; the morning of the election.

49,502. But was the duty of all these runners to carry out Mr. Wills' scheme, to attend at Worship Street?—Yes, for Sculcoates.

49,503. And then to be despatched upon their duties?—Yes.

49,504. At your committee room, No. 17, Worship Street?—Yes.

49,505. All were to meet there?—Yes.

49,506. Then you say, one is to go to one place, and another is to go to another place with a ticket?—Yes.

49,507. Were the tickets made out before the polling morning?—We had no tickets made out; there were no tickets.

49,508. Did you not receive tickets from Mr. Wells from the central committee room?—No; there were some tickets, to admit, I believe, to the polling booth.

49,509. And besides that tickets containing the names of the messengers? Mr. Wells tells us, and has shown specimens of them, that each messenger was to be furnished with two tickets, one a ticket of admission to the polling booth, the other a ticket on which he was to be paid?—I do not believe that existed in our district.

49,510. If not in your district, it would be very imperfectly carried out?—I cannot conceive the advantage of the ticket, or the use of it.

49,511. Were there names entered upon the tickets?—No, I believe not; I did not see them; I did not give my whole attention to that; I was the chairman of the district, and I could, of course, only give part attention to the clearing house.

49,512. They would have tickets to get entry to the polling booths?—Yes.

49,513. What has become of those tickets?—I do not know.

49,514. It was intended to pay them?—Certainly.

49,515. And afterwards, I suppose, those who did the duty were paid?—Yes.

49,516. Were they not paid by means of tickets?—I believe not; I had the names of all the men who were employed, and who were paid.

49,517. Surely that must be wrong? You could only have the names of persons who was intended to be employed?—Yes; the chairmen of the districts sent me in the actual names; I did not pay those men at all that came in from other districts; I paid the men that belonged to my own district, and I paid also a great number of others whose names are down here, who were labourers.

49,518. What mode had you for paying them?—From this system, their names and their duties.

49,519. The system would only show that they were intended to do the business?—The clerk's business was to have called the names over.

49,520. Then you would be satisfied simply with the attendance, without taking notice of whether they did their duty or not?—They must do their duty if they come back with the cards from the polling booths.

49,521. That is what I want to know, whether you gave them the cards?—It was the polling sheets.

49,522. That is the state of the poll; it is a totally different thing from the cards?—I have no recollection of the cards at all.

49,523. You do not remember the cards?—No, I do not remember the cards.

49,524. What mode had you for paying? How could you tell who they were?—We had a list of the names of the people.

49,525. You had a list containing the names of the people, as I stated before, who were intended to do the duty; not of those who had done it?—The man must have done his duty if his name is down on that list; for instance, Worship Street, No. 1; that man, Thomas so and so, it is his next turn to go and carry the card.

49,526. That would be perfectly so if there was anybody to watch them?—There was a person there for the purpose of folding the cards up, and dispatching them to the right place, to the different stations.

49,527. Do not call them cards; call them check sheets?—Yes; check sheets.

49,528. These are the hourly check sheets?—Yes; hourly check sheets.

49,529. This tells nothing; anybody might have brought this. This does not show that John Thomas did his duty; not the least?—It was very little consequence whether it was John Thomas or anyone else, as long as they came in accurately.

49,530. You got the tickets, but they do not furnish any means of paying the men; it has no name on it. Tell us how you did identify the men?—From their being employed; the clerk took the names down, and they were numbered generally.

49,531. The work is done out of doors?—They came into the house; after they delivered the sheet they came back again, of course, for another.

49,532. That only shows that some one of the men brought the check sheet?—No, it certainly does not show more.

49,533. The object of the clearing house is to analyse these, and to distribute the results?—Yes.

49,534. Were these analysed and cleared, in fact, as it is commonly called?—Yes.

49,535. They were cleared?—In our committee room they were.

49,536. In your committee room they were cleared during the day?—Yes.

49,537. Have you got any of the clearing slips?—They were marked off on the sheets.

49,538. That is not clearing; clearing consists of entering them again on a fresh paper?—They were copied from that; I considered that was the clearing.

49,539. This is a check sheet as distinguished from a clearing sheet?—They were copied from that on to the list of voters.

49,540. Eighteen check sheets there ought to be if this is rightly done; and these 18 check sheets would have to be all put first together on one paper, and then divided?—That cross upon them is all that was done.

49,541. Then it is not a clearing sheet if they were done by marks?—Yes they were.

49,542. Then the clearing system was not perfectly carried out?—Perhaps not. I will explain it. Those sheets were brought in from the polling booth; three copies were immediately taken of them. The original one was sent to the central committee, and each of the other three were sent to three other committees.

49,543. Then in point of fact it was a copy made rather than clearing?—Copies were made of those, and sent to each of the three committees of Sculcoates.

49,544. I understand that, because throughout the expression has been used clearing, which turns out to be an incorrect expression?—Yes; I thought so from the first.

49,545. It was not carrying out the system with the minuteness which the word clearing, would imply?—In our own district it was carried out. We knew immediately the voters who had polled, because they were marked off in a few minutes after they had polled.

49,546. Then your mode of payment consisted in paying from the list taken down, the appointment as checked by the clerk, who would vouch that the persons had done their duty?—Yes.

49,547. Have you some of the list?—The lists that is here is not quite complete. There were some other names to add afterwards. I believe those men whose names were added were voters.

49,548. What I want to know is, is there any mode of our arriving at the names of the persons who were to have done their duty?—I have no means whatever of furnishing you, if the papers are not there. I imagined that they were.

49,549. That paper is a list of those who did the duty; not those who were to have done it?—But there was a paper sent in from the other committees, stating the names of persons they intended to send to the clearing house.

49,550. Did you keep a general account of all the monies paid?—No, I did not.

49,551. Did you pay yourself?—Not altogether.

49,552. Did you pay anything?—Yes.

49,553. What was it that you paid yourself? Any of these clerks and messengers?—Yes; I think I paid the whole of the clerks in the clearing house.

49,554. Mr. Wells said that Mr. Ash paid for one, and you paid for the other?—I paid for the one in Sculcoates.

49,555. Cannot you give us a list of all you paid?—I cannot without, it is there. I have no other list.

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49,556. What is the list you handed in?—I do not know; I have not seen it.

49,557. What other papers then were there beyond those that you have handed in? Were they papers sent to the central committee room?—No; I have sent you all the papers that I possessed.

49,558. That you ever possessed?—That I ever possessed, to the best of my knowledge.

49,559. Do you think that your clerk has any?—I should think not.

49,560. Because in looking through these papers they furnish no means of ascertaining the extent to which the payments were going on. They do not tally, for instance. Can you tell from memory the whole amount that was paid through your hands?—I am sure I cannot. There was an estimate made out weekly, and sent to the central committee, and I received the amount from Mr. Harris. There was a rough copy, I believe, kept of them, and I imagined that they were among the papers I handed in.

49,561. Those would be the weekly pay sheets?—Yes; those would be the weekly pay sheets.

49,562. Besides those, were there any payments made by you that were not included in those papers?—I believe not; none whatever, to the best of my knowledge. I am not sure that the papers are all there; but to the best of my knowledge I believe they are.

40,563. How soon did you pay after the election was over?—On the Saturday I paid the greater part; in fact, almost every person that came on the Saturday was paid.

49,564. When you paid, had you the check sheets to see how the people had voted?—They were not complete. I had the check sheets, but they were not closed up to the last half hour.

49,565. Amongst the messengers and runners did you pay any who had not voted for Moore and Butler?—A great number.

49,566. Can you give us a list of those?—I cannot. Of the list you have there, the greater part of those are not voters. Ten or twelve are not voters; and of the whole of the clerks, eight or nine people, not one of them had a vote.

49,567. At the clearing house?—At the clearing house.

49,568. I am speaking of the committee rooms, and the runners as they are called. The messengers at the committee rooms, were there any of those who were not voters?—I think I have stated before there was one. There may be more, but I can only now remember one.

49,569. After the election was over, did you pay any that had not voted Moore and Butler?—I do not remember; I believe not.

49,570. Do you agree it was understood when the people were engaged that they should vote for the party that employed them?—You generally suppose so.

49,571. That is a general understanding?—It is the general understanding.

49,572. Had a person come and said, "Mind, I shall vote for Clay and Goderich," it would have been considered a sufficient ground for preferring somebody else?—Certainly. I should certainly prefer a person who would vote on the same side upon an occasion of that kind.

49,573. Was it a mode adopted for securing the vote, that you gave them employment?—I suppose so. It was absolutely necessary to employ a great number of people, and we preferred those who would vote the same way as ourselves.

49,574. What I want to know is, whether that was a well understood mode of securing a man's vote to give him employment?—I should think it was very well understood; but I believe that many of those people would have voted without being employed. Some of them would, at any rate.

49,575. You have said they were a class of persons to whom money was of more conquence than political principles?—Generally speaking, they were.

49,576. Were there many persons who had removed from your district who had become non-residents?—Several had become non-residents.

49,577. What were the means taken to secure their votes?—They were applied to to come over and vote, and they were promised the railway fare.

49,578. How was that carried on? By means of letters, or was there a sub-committee appointed to arrange it?—The names were called over of those who were at a distance at the general committee meeting, and so many people took a certain number of names, and wrote to the parties. They were divided among a certain number of gentlemen, who wrote to these people.

49,579. Did you pay them?—No, I believe not.

49,580. Who did?—I think they were paid by Mr. Henry Barkworth; but I am not sure whether they were or not.

49,581. Did he pay for all the districts?—Yes; for all the districts of out voters.

49,582. Did you canvass yourself?—Yes; a little.

49,583. Did you canvass a man of the name of William Boyd, a baker?—I think William Boyd is not a baker.

49,584. He is a household voter?—Does he live in New George Street?

49,585. Yes?—I do not think I did. I do not believe I did canvass him. I saw him in our own committee room, and spoke to him there; in fact, I was sent for to say that this man Boyd wanted to speak to me.

49,586. Was that the man you mentioned before, William Boyd? The Boyd that you mentioned with respect to the committee room?—He required five guineas for his room. I believe that is the person, if it is William Boyd of New George Street.

49,587. What did you offer him?—I was persuaded, and after some time I offered him 3*l.*

49,588. At that time did he propose to vote for Moore and Butler?—He said he would vote himself, and I believe bring three or four other voters, which, by-the-by, I did not believe.

49,589. The man I mean is a man who voted a plumper for Mr. Clay?—I must say that some one suggested that this man might be put down as a runner for so many days, and that would very nearly make the amount up. I refused to do that, for I said, "It does not want so many days to the election, and we cannot get the work out of the man.'

49,590. Was his name set down?—No; not at all.

49,591. You came to no agreement at all with him?—No agreement at all.

49,592. Did you canvass a man of the name of Clarkson?—No, I believe not.

49,593. Was he one of the persons that you paid?—I believe he was.

39,594. He was set down, I believe?—I believe he was set down. You will find his name in the book.

49,595. What was he?—I really do not know. I think he is in Mr. Thomas's employ, but I am not sure.

49,596. Do you mean Mr. Thomas, the brushmaker?—Yes. I believe Clarkson's name is in the book.

49,597. Did he do any duty?—I do not remember his doing any. I saw him repeatedly in the committee room, and I believe he did canvass, but I do not believe he did any great deal of work.

49,598. Do you remember how much he was paid?—No; I do not at all, but you will find it there I believe.

49,599. He formed no part of your regular staff?—No, he did not.

49,600. What is his Christian name?—I do not know indeed.

49,601. Were there any persons paid to whom money was considered as having been due on the former occasion in your district?—No, none.

49,602. Was there any other person besides those who I have named who were paid who really did little or no service?—I should perhaps say three or four,—but I really am not very sure, or more I really cannot say.

49,603. When you were paying, did you pay persons whom you could not recognize as having been at the committee room for the purpose of doing work; for instance, George West, of Scott Street, was he not paid as for a nominal demand on the previous election?—Not by us.

49,604. It is in one of your books, the memorandum book, "George West, of Scott Street, carpenter. He is a person who has five votes at his disposal, and wants pay for two days last election"?—I never heard of it.

49,605. It is in your own memorandum book?—This is Purden, the clerk's, writing.

49,606. Was he not paid?—No; to the best of my knowledge, not anything at all.

49,607. Was any application made?—No; it would have been in the minute book if there was one. The last election would be an orange election.

49,608. We merely want the entry explained?—The last election would be an orange election with which we had nothing whatever to do.

45,609. But some of the party took a good deal of interest in that election; Mr. Bannister and Mr. Legitt, and a good many more?—I am rather surprised that they did so.

49,610. Do you know if this man West was sent to Mr. Legitt or Mr. Bannister?—I do not indeed

49,611. You had taken no interest in the previous election?—None whatever.

49,612. Would not a man like that be sent to Mr. Bannister or Mr. Legitt, or some one of your party who had taken an interest?—No, I should think not.

49,613. Do you remember what was done?—I do not. I firmly believe that no notice was taken of the communication.

46,614. Why was such a note as that made?—The clerk was in the habit of putting down everything he heard; there is a great deal there; I believe many minutes which no notice would have been taken of whatever. I should certainly take no notice of that.

49,615. This memorandum book was open I presume to all the committees?—Yes.

49,616. Can you recollect, one way or the other, whether any notice was taken of that entry?—I am pretty sure that no notice would be taken of it.

49,617. Did you send any person at at all to Mr. Bannister or to Mr. Legitt, or any of the other committees?—No, none. I sent one man with an order upon Mr. Clay's committee for 10*s.*; to our own central committee.

49,618. Did you send any money to any of the voters?—Yes; several of those people who had not appeared on the Saturday I gave the money to Purdon for, and some two or three I gave the money to a servant of our own to deliver to them.

49,619. Was that after the election?—After the election, about the beginning of the next week, in consequence of their not having appeared on the Saturday to claim the money.

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49,620. Have you any mode of identifiing those to whom you sent money by your servant?—No, I have not indeed.

49,621. It was a female servant?—Yes.

49,622. Edward Wilkinson was one, was he not?—I am sure I do not know.

49,623. He has told us he was?—Then of course it was so.

49,624. As to Edward Wilkinson, what duty did he do?—I do not remember; there was a confusion; I believe there were two Edward Wilkinsons, and I am not sure we did not make a mistake there.

49,625. Was there an Edward Wilkinson employed?—I believe so; and I think you will find two Edward Wilkinsons.

49,626. Did you pay two Edward Wilkinsons?—I believe there were two Edward Wilkinsons paid; there were two Wilkinsons paid, and I believe there were two Edward Wilkinsons.

49,627. You said that the number of persons you paid who were not employed was about three or four?—I should say I paid about eighteen or twenty people altogether who were not voters.

49,628. Who were not employed, I say?—Yes, about three or four; but I really am speaking from guess; I could not accurately tell.

49,629. Can you distinguish them?—I do not know that I could.

49,630. All that were down among the applications were not employed, were they?—I believe all that were down among the applications were not employed.

49,631. First of all, they were not all employed?—They were not all employed, I believe.

49,632. Had you other applications from persons who were not employed, whose names were merely set down?—Merely applicants for employment.

49,633. And three or four of those were paid?—Some of those were paid. I will not confine myself to one or two.

49,634. Your belief is that they were not all paid?—My belief is that they were not all paid that are set down in the list.

49,635. So I think I understood you to say?—I did say so.

49,636. Of the applicants who were employed, some were paid and some were not?—Some were paid and some were not.

49,637. Is that the nearest information that you can give us?—That is the nearest information that I can give you.

49,638. Have you any list of the persons who were paid by you?—Yes; I believe you have it there.

49,639. Upon the weekly pay sheets?—Yes.

49,640. I am talking of those paid afterwards?—No; I have no further memorandum than that; there was no entry whatever made, but they were paid from the rough copies of the list that was sent in.

49,641. Who were those persons who did not come on the Saturday night, and to whom you sent the money by your servant; how had they been employed?—That I really do not know. I said before I am not quite sure as to the names of the persons to whom I did send the money by the servant.

49,642. Those persons have been before us, and rather seem to say that they were paid for nothing but their votes?—I said I believed there were some people who had done little or no service; I believe so.

49,643. Look at this, and tell me if you can explain the pencil entries of voters (Book marked "G")?—I cannot give you any explanation of it; it is in Purdon's, the clerk's, writing.

49,644. I have endeavoured to look through these numerous papers, and I will trouble you with a few questions upon them, and see if we can get any information from them by looking at them more carefully. There is a list (marked "A") of officers employed by the chairman of the East Sculcoates ward, south district; that seems to be a pay list for the week, from the 19th to the 26th of June, of four people, and the payments amount to 5*l.* 8*s.* Now the next one is a list that should have come before the other, for it is from the 10th to the 19th of June; it contains also a list of officers employed and paid; that would be during the time of the employment of a certain number of persons?—Yes.

49,645. Then the next one, commencing July the 3d, has a great many more names for that week. Will you just look at it, and tell me why you added that great number of names to the week commencing July 3d; who are those people?—They are clerks, messengers, and doorkeepers.

49,646. For your committee room?—For the committee room.

49,647. For your own committee room?—For our own committee room.

49,648. What is the number?—Twenty-one or twenty-two, I think.

49,649. And those are all paid, I see; I suppose so, as I understand the paper?—I believe so.

49,650. That is one of your own papers?—Yes, I believe so.

49,651. You can tell me; they are all paid?—Yes.

49,652. That would commence on the day after the dissolution, the 3d of July?—Yes.

49,653. Will you tell me why that great addition was made that day of messengers and runners at your room?—We had been long in the want of additional messengers, and from that moment the arrangement ceased with the opposite party.

49,654. You date it from the dissolution?—Yes.

49,655. And then you thought yourself at liberty to put on as many as you pleased?—At liberty to put on a certain number.

49,656. There was no limit by any agreement?—No limit by any agreement.

49,657. Then having had four in the two weeks previous, you add seventeen at once?—I see this is July the 3d. I was speaking to July the 1st, when eight were added.

49,658. You said you had not so many as four, there is pay for four?—The clerk was not taken into consideration; the clerk was not counted as one.

49,659. Is it one clerk and three runners the previous week; there are four altogether?—Yes; one is a clerk; one clerk, a doorkeeper, and two runners.

49,660. On the 3d of July you add seventeen?—On the 1st of July there is an addition of eight.

49,661. What list does that eight appear upon?—It appears on the 3d of July. I see from the minute book it is from the 1st.

49,662. They are in that list; that answers my purpose; the eight added upon the 1st of July are on the paper which appears to commence on the 3d?—Yes.

49,663. Then on the 3d or 2d you would make a still further addition to the eight?—Yes, it appears so.

49,664. Does not this pay sheet appear to commence from the 3d?—It does appear to commence from the 3d.

49,665. What do you do with those you put on on the 1st;—I believe they are included in that list.

49,666. But they ought to be paid more than those put on on the 3d; they ought to be paid from the 1st? These appear to be the payments from the 3d?—I believe the minute book is correct; from the 1st, so many of them.

49,667. Those people would be two days without any pay?—I think that could not have been, very well; I do not think it is likely.

49,668. Is there any other list which has relation to the days between the 1st and the 3d?—Not that I am aware of.

49,669. I see here several red marks and several other marks; what do these several things in the margin mean? They are ticked off with red ink?—I do not know.

49,670. Tell me what those marginal entries in red ink mean?—I do not know.

49,671. Were they made by yourself?—No.

49,672. I am told, if you look at that list it will appear that they are paid for uneven days?—Then that will account for the 1st.

49,673. Look at it? You will see that is so; you will see they are paid from a different time?—Yes.

49,674. Some of them are two days more than the rest?—Yes.

49,675. That tallies therefore with the statement that they were on on the 1st?—Yes.

49,676. Do you state that all those people upon this third list were actually employed?—I cannot say that.

49,677. Were they all voters?—Is there a man of the name of Hasselgrove there?

49,678. I think not?—Then I believe they are all voters.

49,679. Could you say how many out of them were employed?—I should imagine the greater part of them.

49,680. You cannot say how many?—I cannot say positively. There was an attempt made to call the roll every morning; but there was an irregularity in the attendance; some of them rather late.

49,681. You said you had been pressed at your committee room by applicants for employment?—Yes.

49,682. Had you received any intimation at all from the central committoe room as to putting on more in consequence of such applications?—No. I always urged at the central committee room to employ more people, and pointed out to them that the opposite party had broken their engagement, and I could prove it by a committee room in our own neighbourhood; still they said that without the very strongest proof it had better not be done.

49,683. The strongest proof of the breach?—Yes; of the breach by the other party.

49,684. Your reason for wishing to put on a greater number was the alleged breach by the other party?—Not only that, but I really required more assistance; the three people I mentioned before were not sufficient to do the work.

49,685. You said you had a good many applicants at your committee room? Were they complaining of not getting employment, or not getting set down in some way, and not getting work?—Certainly.

49,686. Was not that the reason you wished to increase the number?—Partly; but I really required additional assistance.

49,687. You required some additional, but others you put down from pressure?—From pressure.

49,688. And they were not all employed?—No.

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49,689. I see here some more names, passing from these pay sheets. I do not know whether they are in your writing; but look at these small slips of paper that are included between the one marked with the letter B, and before you come to the one marked with the letter C; tell me what they are?—(*The witness examines some papers.*) Here is a paper I observe: "Carr, Lincoln Street, 2*l.* 10*s.*;" that, as I believe, was information that he had received 2*l.* 10*s.* from the opposite party.

49,690. Did you put him on or employ him?—No; he was not in the district I belong to.

49,691. Is that paper you are looking at in your writing?—Yes.

49,692. There is another name?—"Kirby, Mason Street, Harris;" that is, Harris was was to see him; he was supposed to have some influence with that voter.

49,693. Do you know whether you secured him or set him down?—No; he voted against us.

49,694. There are several persons upon the next slip; were those persons set down upon your side?—Yes; these persons were set down. You will find them in the list in the minute book, and also in the pay sheets.

49,695. Is that the same list?—I do not know.

49,696. Mow many names are there there?—Nineteen.

49,697. Is there a tick or mark against those that would denote that they were paid?—I see there are some ticks, but what they relate to I have no idea.

49,698. Were they paid without the ticks?—I cannot tell; several of them were paid, I believe.

49,699. You say they would appear as set down in some other book?—Yes.

49,700. Which book is that?—In the minute book.

49,701. Those set down in this minute book have several ticks and marks against them; they were paid, were they?—Most of those that you see the date to; that is the date from the commencement of their work or employment, or putting down.

49,702. The date that they were paid from?—No; I do not say that. They were all paid. Those were actual names put down; payments for employment; those that have the dates to the names.

49,703. Those are different people from those that I drew your attention to on the pay lists?—No; they are the same people, and those in the minute book are the same people.

48,704. All the same people?—Yes; there might be an omission of a name.

49,705. Of the twenty-one you gave me?—Yes.

49,706. There are forty-one in the book?—I have said before, all those people were not employed, and not paid, in that book. Those are applicants.

49,707. Can you tell me from those papers now before you, whether those names to which I have last drawn your attention were either employed or paid or set down; were they all either set down or employed?—I believe they were almost all of them employed. They were set down, and I believe almost all paid.

49,708. Look at C; that appears to be a list of messenger stations?—Yes.

49,709. When was that made out?—The morning of the election.

49,710. Are those the names of the persons who were to carry things from one place to another?—A portion of them. There were some more added to those.

49,711. Were those part of the scheme we have been talking about?—Yes.

49,712. Were all the persons in that list paid?—I believe so.

49,713. And they were part of the persons employed in reference to the scheme and plan we have been speaking of?—Yes.

49,714. On the polling day?—Yes.

49,715. And not on any other day?—Some of these were employed other days as well; but the greater number of them were not employed but on that day.

49,716. How much did they get?—5*s.* They were not freemen, and not voters at all, the greater part of them.

49,717. Was that the time that you were very much pressed on account of the defection?—Yes.

49,718. And were those the best that you could get?—Yes; we were obliged to take them at a minute, in consequence of the number of people not coming, and also the detention at the polling booths of the men who were employed to perform this duty; and others were obliged to be got to supply their places.

49,719. That would be the reason you had not time to stand and ask for colours and voters?—No.

49,720. Is that the reason that you employed non-voters upon that occasion?—I employed the first men I could meet with.

49,721. You had no time, I suppose, to be scrutinizing, whether they were voters or what colours they were?—I knew they were not voters.

49,722. Do you mean to say you could have got blue voters at that time, and did not do so?—No; there would have been a difficulty to get them at that moment. As I stated to you, the crowding at the polling booths delayed the men returning to their duties.

49,723. You only employed non-voters when you could not get voters?—Certainly I should have preferred voters if they had done the work equally well.

49,724. If you employed non-voters you only got half your service performed; that would be so, would it not?—No.

49,725. Be kind enough now to look at the next, marked D? Are those some payments made in respect of some expenses at the clearing houses? Some receipts for rooms, are they not, or something of that kind?—Yes.

49,726. Were those some rooms that were engaged?—No; these were the clerks.

49,727. The clerks', names?—Yes, the clerks' names.

49,728. You will see their receipts further on; they seem to have had money for a room?—Here is one: Edward Hall; that is for the clearing house room.

49,729. There are several others that appear to be paid for rooms?—I think the second appears to be a memorandum merely; it is written in the clerk's handwriting, and it was a receipt made to pay, I fancy, Mayne, it strikes me, but it has never been signed.

49,730. Are there some more?—These are some payments made, I suppose, because it is headed, "Amounts paid;" but I do not know anything about the list at all.

49,731. Do you mean you do not know whether the rooms were used or not?—It has nothing to do with rooms; they are payments of 3*s.* 6*d.*, 7*s.*, and 5*s.*

49,732. Who to and what are they?—There is James Cuttle, 2*s.*; Thomas Page, 2*s.*

49,733. It is among your papers; what does it mean?—I cannot tell; I do not know whose writing it is; it is not the clerk's; certainly.

49,734. That paper C, is not that a list of runners or persons employed, and payments made to them?—Yes; most of those people were employed about the place. Thomas Page; he was a doorkeeper. I do not know what the 2*s.* means at all.

49,735. Are not those additional payments to what you mentioned already?—They cannot be additional to what is in the pay sheets.

49,736. They can be?—There was nothing paid but what was in the pay sheets, to my knowledge. It has been suggested that those may have been advances made by some one to these men.

49,737. We want your mind?—I cannot give it you. I know nothing of the paper; I never saw it before, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

49,738. The one which you suggested was Mayne's seems to be endorsed on the back of it "Brumby"?—Yes; Mrs. Brumby; she was to get 2*l.*

49,739. Were any of the people on your committee paid for their services?—I believe none whatever, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

49,740. Here is a list of them, I observe. Can you say that none of them were paid (*handing book I to the witness*)? Can you tell whether any of those upon your committee were paid for their services?—I observe the name of Henry Cammell. The house the committee was held in belonged to him; it is his own house. You cannot call that a payment.

49,741. You met at his house?—It was at his house the committee was held; we took it from him at the time.

49,742. Were any paid for attending and serving on the committee?—No; as far as I know; as far as I believe, not one.

49,743. Will you tell me——? Here is another list, called runners for the clearing house. They may be in some of the other lists we have referred to, or are they additional? The runners from the clearing house would not be in the pay sheets?—Those I believe are the names of eight people, and were sent from one of the other committee rooms to the clearing house.

49,744. What has it to do there?—It was sent for the use of the clearing house; these people were to be employed at the clearing house.

49,745. How did they find their way among your papers?—Because the papers all got mixed together at our committee and the clearing house papers.

49,746. You paid entirely?—I paid in our own committee room the entire of the clearing house expenses.

49,747. With the exception of Mr. Ash?—He paid for the town clearing house.

49,748. You think that list would relate to the runners for some other district?—Yes; they were not paid by us.

49,749. You or Mr. Ash paid them all?—These people it appears were runners at another committee room.

49,750. No other committee room paid the clearing house runners?—They were men that had been previously employed, and they were said to be the most steady men from the other committees.

49,751. You would pay them 5*s.* each?—No.

49,752. Why not?—Because they were previously employed at their own committee, and would be paid at their own committee.

49,753. Would they be used as clearing house runners that ought to have been paid, and would they get anything extra?—No.

49,754. All the runners were paid 5*s.* for the nomination day and the polling day, as distinguished from 3*s.* 6*d.*?—I believe they were paid 5*s.* a day for that week. I paid the men 3*s.* 6*d.* for the Monday and Tuesday, and 5*s.* for the Wednesday and Thursday; the nomination and the polling day. The men were perfectly satisfied with it; but finding other districts had given 5*s.*, they came to me, and complained, and in consequence they got the 3*s.* extra.

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49,755. For which days?—On the Monday and Tuesday, I think; making the *5s.* each day.

49,756. Were they paid up to the Saturday?—I believe they were paid up to the Saturday generally.

49,757. That does make the week?—No. I thought you meant the preceding Saturday?

49,758. No; the subsequent Saturday?—No.

49,759. Not paid for the two days afterwards?—No, I think not; except the clerk was on a doorkeeper.

49,760. Here I find another list of people as voters for Worship Street district. What are those some other names set down, eight or ten of them? What does that refer to, do you know?—I am pretty sure it refers again to the clearing house.

49,761. I see Worship Street district; that is your own, is it not?—Yes.

49,762. Some eight or ten more names there; does it appear from that paper, when those were paid?—No, it does not.

49,763. Cannot you tell us?—Not one of them was paid in Worship Street.

49,764. What do those appear to be? Clearing house runners?—I presume so, from the nature of the paper. I do not remember to have seen it before. They were not paid in Worship Street.

49,765. Were they paid when you were paying the clearing house runners?—No.

49,766. Do you say then they were not paid at all?—I believe not; not one of them. At least they were not paid by the committee in Worship Street.

49,767. If you can furnish us with some information as to that it will save us a deal of trouble?—I am very sorry I have no means whatever.

49,768. They are among your own papers, and you or your clerk can explain them?—Some of those papers are new to myself. Very likely the clerk might be able to explain them.

49,769. This contains the names of applicants. It is called, "List of applicants for situations;" that is the heading of it?—Yes.

49,770. I see the 4th name "William Altass, 1, King Square, Sykes Street, application to the Hon. C. L. Butler;" what does that mean?—I believe most improperly a letter was written; he either wrote it himself or some one wrote for him, applying to be put on.

49,771. It says, "for situations;" what does that mean?—It means for a messenger or runner.

49,772. It says,—"List of applicants for situations during the election"?—Yes; that is for doorkeepers or clerks, or whatever a man was calculated for.

49,773. What was done upon that application?—Nothing.

49,774. Was he put on or put off?—He was not put on. The man had been blue before, but he went to the orange party.

49,775. After writing that letter?—After reading that letter.

49,776. Why do you consider it a very improper application?—It is a very improper application, I think, to make for any situation to a candidate.

49,777. Why, if a man goes around for a canvass, and a person says, "I should like to be employed," do you think that improper?—I think it is very improper to make it to the candidates.

49,778. If a gentleman goes around to them; Mr. Moore or Mr. Butler?—It is matter of opinion.

49,779. Do not you think it is likely the man would say he should like to have some employment?—No. His proper application was to the chairman of the ward or district.

49,780. Do you think that all employment would be tainted?—No; but it would be better to avoid such an application, because you know when a man asks for employment it might be supposed he was doing it colourably.

49,781. Is that the evidence you intended to give; is that the reason?—My idea of its impropriety arises from that. It might be supposed, if he was employed, it was done merely colourably. It was no real employment.

49,782. Will you look at those red marks at the side (*book I*); do they refer to payments?—These were the men that really were employed. It applies to the men that really were employed and taken on.

49,783. Can you say that?—I believe so.

49,784. I think you said those employed had got the date of their employment against them?—Yes.

49,785. There are also some red ticks that have not?—They may have been omitted.

49,786. The date omitted, or the employment?—The first name, Nathaniel M'Kay; that man was employed from the first, and there is no date placed opposite his name.

49,787. There are several that have the date and the red tick?—Yes.

49,788. And several that have the red tick without the date?—Yes; I can only see two or three, and two of those were employed from the first, and therefore the date was not put down.

49,789. But your general opinion as to it is, that those that have red ticks were employed, and those that have not were not?—I cannot say that; I believe so.

49,790. I think you said that those were paid who would be found in the book?—Yes; all those that were paid would be in that book.

49,791. And all in the book paid?—No, I do not say that.

49,792. You have just said you believed it?—All those that are ticked.

49,793. You said all those ticked you believed to be employed?—Yes, and paid; they were all paid. I do not say employed; more or less.

49,794. Those that were not ticked, were they paid?—I believe not at all.

49,795. Were not?—They were not employed; and never came forward.

49,796. Why were they not employed?—I will give you one reason, a man named Altass, you mentioned just now; he went to the other side, because we did not employ him.

49,797. He is struck through in pencil?—Yes; he went to the other side.

49,798. When were the payments made at the clearing house?—On the Saturday.

49,799. On the Saturday after the election?—At least the greater part of them. The clerks, I think, were not paid until the beginning of the next week, or the next week, some times.

49,800. Where was the room at which you paid?—17, Worship Street.

49,801. Your own committee room?—Yes.

49,802. Here is the name of Wilberforce: "This man will leave us if not employed." Was he employed?—I really do not know whether he was or not. I see there is run put opposite his name.

49,803. Run away?—That is he went to the other side.

49,804. The explanation of running on the other side is, that the man run, and did not do his duty; that he ran as a messenger?—I suppose it means there that the man broke his promise or word.

49,805. You can tell me whether or not the names that I have drawn your attention to in the pay sheets were all entered in that book?—I believe they are.

49,806. They all are?—I believed they are all entered in that book. In fact that book was a guide, and the dates at the side were a guide for making out the pay lists.

49,807. No doubt that must contain them all?—No doubt that contains the whole of them, to the best of my knowledge.

49,808. Do you know a person of the name of Nathaniel M'Kay?—Yes.

49,809. Is he in that book?—Yes; the very first name in it.

49,810. Did you pay that man 4*l.*?—At once? No. At different times, very probably.

49,811. Is he on your pay list?—Yes; from the first he was a messenger at 3*s.* 6*d.* a day; he was paid at that rate, excepting just previous to the election.

49,812. John Lowe; is he on your book?—Yes; I believe he is in the book.

49,813. Is he on the pay list?—I believe so.

49,814. There is no Lowe, I believe?—I remember the name.

49,815. There is a tick in red ink. Do you know what you paid these people in the book that are ticked; did they all receive the same, or different, or what?—They all received the same.

49,816. How much?—3*s.* 6*d.* a day. I do not know that every one of them were paid. They were to have been paid at the rate of 3*s.* 6*d.* a day.

49,817. You would not know how much you paid them?—No, not at all.

49,818. You have been asked about paying, by your maid servant, a person of the name of Wilkinson?—Yes.

49,819. Did you also pay, by your maid servant, a person of the name of Benjamin Clarkson?—I cannot say, positively.

49,820. Was there any name of Benjamin set down by yourself, in Worship Street?—There is no person of the name of Benjamin; Benjamin Clarkson there is.

49,821. Do you recollect sending, by your maid servant, to Benjamin Clarkson, 1*l.*?—No, I do not; but I sent some money by the servant to voters who had not come to the meeting on Saturday.

49,822. Did Clarkson do any work?—I have said before I should not suppose he had, except canvassing. I saw him repeatedly in the committee room.

49,823. You saw him in the committee room, and could not mention any work that he did?—No, I could not.

49,824. Do not you know that he was employed at that time as a brush maker?—I do not know it. I believe he was in Mr. Thomas's employment, but I did not know he was employed at that time.

49,825. Do you know a man of the name of James Hunter, of Shields Court?—I remember the name, but I do not remember him at all otherwise.

49,826. Did you pay his son 20*s.* after the election, or himself?—I really cannot say.

49,827. Shields Court, Manor Alley, he lives in. It is stated that you paid him at his own house in Dock Street 20*s.*, after the election; do you know anything about it?—No, I do not; I am certain I did not pay him myself in Dock Street.

49,828. James Hunter is one of the names in your book that is not ticked off?—I do not recollect James Hunter.

49,829. Do you recollect paying his son?—I do not recollect paying his son.

49,830. Did you at any time receive any money to make payments?—Yes.

49,831. At any time during the election?—Yes, repeatedly.

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49,832. From whom did you receive it?—From Mr. Harris.

49,833. Did you receive any money from anybody to make payments, except from Mr. Harris?—I did not.

49,834. Not at any time?—Not at any time.

49,835. Did you make any payment with your own money, and get repaid afterwards, except that you were repaid by Mr. Harris?—I never received any money from any one, except Mr. Harris.

49,836. Not from any one?—Not from any one.

49,837. Did you receive any money at any time to pay over to Mr. Harris?—No.

49,838. Do you know anything of the subscription that has been spoken of, partly to meet the expenses of the election?—No; very little. Do you mean the election, or the petition.

49,839. We have been told the sum of 1,200*l.* was to be furnished by each of the candidates. It is quite clear that that was not enough to pay the expenses. We hear that afterwards a subscription was made to meet the extra expenses?—I do not know of it.

49,840. You know nothing of it?—Of my own knowledge, I know nothing of it.

49,841. Have you anything else to disclose, or is there anything which you are enabled to disclose; not only that you have participated in yourself, but that you have reasonable ground to suppose will give us any information?—Upon our own side, I know nothing at this moment that I can call to mind.

49,842. We know of no difference of sides. For instance, I call your attention to a matter of considerable importance; we want to trace what has become of certain persons who voted against you; and, just as an illustration, suppose a person promised your side, and then voted against you, or, on the other hand, a person who had promised the orange party voted for the blues, can you give us any information as to that?—I am not aware of any parties that promised the orange and voted for the blue, but there were several promised us and voted opposite.

49,843. Can you hand in any list of them within your ward?—I cannot; but there are two or three names that I know.

49,844. Can you tell us anything else?—No, I do not know of anything.

49,845. There were no means of securing votes on your side, that we have not asked you about?—None, that I know of, whatever.

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Mr. JOHN BRODRICK sworn, and examined.

49,846. What business are you?—A wine merchant.

49,847. Where do you live, or carry on business?—My office, during the election, was on the Dock Side.

49,848. Where do you carry on your own business?—My office is No. 38, High Street, now.

49,849. What rent do you pay within the borough, or are rated at?—I scarcely know what we are rated at; I have only just got to them. The old office was rated at about 100*l.* a year.

49,850. At the time of the election?—Yes.

49,851. How long have you been a voter of the borough?—I should think about twenty years ago.

49,852. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

49,853. Then I must alter my question. Have you voted twenty years as a householder?—No.

49,854. About how long as a householder?—About nineteen years as a householder.

49,855. How long have you been a freeman?—Twenty-five years, I think.

49,856. Have you lived in Hull all your life?—Yes; I cannot exactly recollect the dates.

49,857. Have you taken a great deal of interest in the politics of the borough?—Yes, I have taken a share.

49,858. For many years?—Several years.

49,859. Whom did you vote for in 1841?—Hanmer and James.

49,860. You always voted blue?—Always voted blue.

49,861. Were you a member of any committee?—I think not, at that time.

49,862. Did you take any part in the election?—No, I did not take much.

49,863. In 1847, did you vote?—I voted for Brown and Baines.

49,864. Were you a member of either of their committees?—I think of the Holderness ward committee.

49,865. For who; Mr. Baines or Mr. Brown?—Mr. Brown.

49,866. In 1852 you voted for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

49,867. And I believe you were chairman of the Lowgate committee?—I was.

49,868. Is that the list of the runners set down? Does that book contain a list of the runners (*handing Lowgate book marked A*)?—Yes, I believe it does.

49,869. Does it contain the name of all?—I should think it will.

49,870. What is that (*a paper*)?—I do not think I ever saw this before. I should fancy they were names of applicants who applied.

49,871. That is a list of the names of applicants?—Yes, it is, as far as I can recollect. Here is one man I know.

49,872. Looking at one name, does that enable you to say it is a list of runners?—Yes.

49,873. A supplementary setting down list?—Yes.

48,874. And the other one?—This is another list of runners, with the numbers on the register.

49,875. Can you give any information with respect to the introduction of Mr. Moore or Mr. Butler into the town; had you anything to do with introducing them?—No; I had not anything to do with introducing them into the town.

49,876. With either of those gentlemen being candidates?—No; I had nothing at all to do with that.

49,877. When was your committee organized; the same date as the others?—Yes; the same date as the others.

49,878. The end of May or the beginning of June?—About the end of May; the same time as the others.

49,879. And was the course of business at your committee room the same as at most of the others?—Pretty much the same. I do not think we entered all our minutes at the different meetings.

49,880. Had you a minute book?—I think we had, but we did not enter all.

49,881. What has become of that minute book?—All the papers I had were handed over to the central committee.

49,882. Except those papers produced now?—Yes; they were all put up together.

49,883. Had you a minute book?—Yes, there was a minute book, I am aware. Where it is I do not know now. I never saw it after the election.

49,884. Do your books or paper show the amount of money paid or received?—They would be put on a slip every Saturday night, and handed in to the central committee.

49,885. Check sheets?—Pay sheets.

49,886. And they went in to the central committee?—Yes.

49,887. Did they contain the names of all the payments made?—They contained the names and the disbursements every week at our committee room.

49,888. Would it contain an entry of all the payments made, both before and after the day of election?—I think it would, so far as our committee was concerned.

49,889. When your committee was organized, what did the staff consist of?—There would be two clerks and a doorkeeper and two runners, I think, as far as I can recollect.

49,890. Were you pretty regular in your attendance at the central committee?—Yes.

49,891. We hear the chairman attended every day?—I do not think I attended every day, but I was pretty regular when I was in town.

49,892. Did you occasionally see the candidates there?—In the morning I should see them there; they were only a very short time there in the morning; they called there to make arrangements for the canvass.

49,893. How soon did you increase the number of your staff?—I should think the latter part of June.

49,894. A minute has been read showing that the central committee determined on a large increase being made on the 30th of June?—Yes; I think it was about that time.

49,895. Did you make any increase before that?—I should think there might have been one more runner.

49,896. A small increase before the 30th of June?—Yes; we could not get through the work in our district without.

49,897. Was there a large increase made on the 30th of June?—Yes, I believe there was.

49,898. How many, do you think?—Really I cannot tell you. It will be in the books that Mr. Shaw has.

49,899. We have no books of that sort?—The books were sent in, at all events, I know.

49,900. How many, do you think?—I should think from ten to twelve. The book will tell you regularly every week the number.

49,901. I am sorry to say we have not got the book?—I have not seen it since the election.

49,902. What was the name of your first clerk?—Steadman.

49,903. You had two clerks?—Yes.

49,904. What was the name of the other?—Watson was the other but I could not depend on him.

49,905. Steadman was the active man?—Yes.

49,906. What is the name of your doorkeeper?—Faulkner; he was a messenger or a doorkeeper. No; Fenwick was the doorkeeper, and Faulkner was the messenger.

49,907. You mentioned one doorkeeper and two runners?—There was a messenger we had lived in the house, of the name of Faulkner.

49,908. Watson was a canvasser; you have him down so?—He came to me as a clerk, and did he not suit me, so I took Sleadman.

49,909. They were all voters?—No; Steadman was not a voter; the principal clerk was not a voter.

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49,910. How came you to appoint him?—Because I thought he was a very clever clerk.

49,911. Could you not get a voter easily?—I knew this man to be a clever man, and I thought I would employ him; he would be more use to me than a person I could not depend upon.

49,912. Something better than the ordinary run?—Yes.

49,913. The others were voters?—I believe the others were voters.

49,914. I presume all the persons whose names were set down in that list were voters?—Yes.

49,915. Was one of the objects of your employing these runners giving them employment to secure their votes?—Yes, no doubt of it.

49,916. Part of it?—Yes.

49,917. I dare say you agree with all the rest of the witnesses; they all understood that as well as you did?—Yes.

49,918. It was understood by both sides?—Yes.

49,919. We hear it was an understanding well ascertained here, that they gave their services, and the services and vote always go together?—Of course.

49,920. Now we hear that some caution was used by your lawyer about the number of persons employed, for the sake of avoiding the appearance of its being bribery?—We generally contrived to give them some employment; those we took on our list.

49,921. It was a subject of contrivance, was it not?—Yes, I suppose so.

49,922. Have you heard of the scheme which Mr. Turnbull and Mr. Wells are rivals as to who was the inventor of?—I heard of it it in Court yesterday. I did not think it would work, so I did not adopt it.

49,923. It was not carried out, I believe, in your ward?—It was not carried out at all.

49,224. You thought it was more ingenious than useful?—I did not think it would work at all.

49,925. Did you hear any discussion about it in the central committee?—I did not hear any discussion about it in the central committee.

49,926. Do you agree it was more ingenious than useful, except as a means of finding employment?—It was certainly one way of finding employment.

49,927. Did you hear that observed during the election?—I did not.

49,928. You think now that the scheme for employing 478 persons has more ingenuity than usefulness in it?—Yes; if it could have been carried out——

49,929. The principal part is its ingenuity?—Yes; if it could have been carried out, it would be one means of employing them.

49,930. What was the system you adopted in paying, after the election?—I did not pay myself any of the men.

49,931. Who paid in your ward?—I should think my deputy chairman, Mr. Pulleyn.

49,932. Did he pay from week to week?—He would pay from week to week.

49,933. You never paid at all?—I never paid at all.

49,934. Neither before nor after the election?—No.

49,935. Did any money at all pass through your hands?—No money at all passed through my hands.

49,936. In any way at all?—Not in any way at all.

49,937. I mean connected with the election?—Not in any way connected with the election, that I know of. I do not recollect now.

49,938. Was he assisted by a clerk?—He would be assisted by a clerk.

49,939. Were you present when he was paying?—No; I was not living in the town at the time; I was living in the country.

49,940. This paper that has been handed in to us contains an erased list of cab directors; is that another mode of finding employment?—If you will let me look, I think it will.

49,941. And confidential persons. The two first lists,—cab directors; what does that mean?—They were some of the persons that we could depend upon; and we sent them to bring up voters. They knew where they lived. And here is a list of confidential persons sent from the Lowgate ward; they would be other runners that we could place confidence in; that were sent to the clearing houses as they are called, as ordered by the central committee.

49,942. What is the meaning of those names being struck through? I have just compared one or two with the poll book?—I should think they belonged to another district.

49,943. The first name struck through is a name, on looking at the poll book, who voted for Clay and Goderich?—I do not know.

49,944. Would that have anything to do with his being struck out?—Yes, I think it would.

49,945. That was struck out when pay day came?—Yes.

49,946. Can Mr. Pulleyn explain that more than you?—Yes; he had more care of it than I.

49,947. Look at the other page, "Additional committee rooms," are they sham committee rooms?—Here are eight, I think.

49,948. And have you any doubt those were sham committee rooms, or some of them?—I suppose they were. Now here is Jackson with a cross against it.

49,949. That was genuine?—Yes, that was a genuine one.

49,950. And the others were sham?—Yes; I do not think there was anything carried on there.

49,951. That, you agree with the others, was one means of obtaining votes?—Yes; that was one way, I suppose, if we had been opposite to an orange flag.

59,952. If you saw an orange flag, you would hang out a blue?—Yes.

49,953. Do you know whether a staff of runners would be sent to those, or would that also be in Mr. Pulleyn's department?—Yes.

49,954. Mr. Pulleyn was a very active man?—Yes, a very active man. I think there was a staff of clerks and doorkeepers sent to Jackson's; the Greenland Fishery.

49,955. What was his for?—They were to see that the canvass was carried on properly; it was nearer than coming across the bridge to the Lowgate ward; we wanted a committee room in that neighbourhood.

49,956. Was it necessary, or was the room taken to make work?—It was necessary that we should have something in that neighbourhood.

49,957. Where did your own committee meet?—At Lowgate, at the Conservative Rooms.

49,958. Did the same gentlemen attend at both?—Perhaps they might. Some of them would call in here occasionally to see what was going on.

49,959. Be so good as to look at that. Do you remember receiving that note relating to Henry Grant, and the memorandum by Charles Wills? Read it; it is addressed to you?—"This person will vote for the blues, if temporary employment should be attended to."

49,960. That was addressed to you?—Yes.

49,961. I believe it was not attended to immediately, and a second memorandum made upon it,—a complaint of its not being attended to?—"The above return was made some days ago, but he has not been called upon."

49,962. Whose handwriting is that?—I really do not recollect whose handwriting it is.

49,963. What was done upon that?—I should think, if he was in our district, we should put his name down among our list of runners.

49,964. It is upon receiving such documents as that that you would put a man's name down?—I think we should, and we should give him employment the first opportunity we had.

49,965. You would be sure to get employment some time or other?—Yes; we should try.

49,966. There was never any doubt that there would be some employment made at some time?—Yes; we expected we should want all we could get.

49,967. Or payment instead?—Yes.

49,968. Is that the same Henry Grant of Hewitt Square, Carr Lane?—Yes.

49,969. The result appears to be, that he voted Clay and Goderich. Is that a very remarkable result, from that memorandum not having been attended to?—I dare say there was some on our weekly list that did vote Clay and Goderich.

49,970. Is not that the result to be expected from the person not being attended to, on such a note as that?—I think so, if his name is not on our list as paid.

49,971. May we take it, that all the persons whose names are mentioned in the application book were employed and paid, or nearly all?—Nearly all; I cannot tell. The names in the first instance were put down, and their addresses, and we were to send to them when they were wanted.

49,972. Your committee, I suppose, adopted every means they could to find employment for every one that they could; did they not?—They did, the last week of the election.

49,973. I mean during the last week of the election?—Yes.

49,974. If you had but a few more gentlemen like Mr. Wells you could have employed 10,000, I dare say?—If we had only work.

49,975. Look at that memorandum signed by yourself?—"I will see Arnott, and make all right with him."

49,976. Is that your writing?—The signature is mine.

49,977. Do you remember how you did make him all right?—I suppose by putting his name down as a runner, and paying him. I cannot tell how it was done; I did not pay him myself.

49,978. That would be the natural mode?—That would be the natural mode, no doubt of it.

49,979. You have already said, you did not receive any money yourself?—No.

49,980. Jackson, I believe, was your foreman at that time? Had you a person of the name of Jackson at that time in your employment?—Yes; he is my cellarman.

49,981. Did he receive anything?—He did not receive anything from me that I know of, and he did not receive anything from our committee room that I know of.

49,982. Or from the central committee room?—I do not know where he received it from, if any.

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49,983. That man Arnott voted the other way?—It is the first time he voted that way; he always did vote for the blues.

49,984. Did you hear at all that there was a scarcity of money on your side?—I was told so by the other party.

49,985. Do you know anything of the mode by which the expenses were defrayed by subscription; where they came from?—I really do not know where they came from.

49,986. Did you hear?—I did not hear.

49,987. Was the collection of subscriptions left to a few gentlemen?—To a few gentlemen.

49,988. And you mean you were not one?—I was not one.

49,989. The Hedon voters; did they fall within your department?—I went to Hedon with the candidates.

49,990. Did you go without the candidates?—I did not.

49,991. Had you the management of the Hedon voters, and the payment of them?—That is a mistake altogether.

49,992. Had you?—I had no management of the Hedon voters, except going to solicit their votes with the candidates.

49,993. That is mere form?—We generally go there.

49,994. That has nothing to do with the vote?—No. I think the result was very favourable on our side, at all events; they all voted for us except one.

49,995. I dare say they had their expenses paid?—I had nothing to do with the expenses.

49,996. Who did manage the expenses of the Hedon voters?—I am sure I do not know who took the management; it would be at the head committee room.

49,997. Mr. Stubbing?—Yes; he would have the bringing up of the Hedon voters.

42,998. Was he intrusted with the looking after them?—He was intrusted with the care of them.

49,999. What about this bottling up business?—I know nothing at all about it. I suppose it is a fabrication of Wilde's, and some one of his friends. I fancy he must have made a mistake between my name and a Mr. Palmer, a wine merchant.

50,000. You heard of the fact that there were some voters bottled up?—So I was told.

50,001. You heard it at the time?—Yes.

50,002. You know a place called the Mile House?—Yes; I know the place.

50,003. Did you know of a party of voters there?—No. I should have nothing to do with it; it is not in my district.

50,004. Whose district is it?—In the Holderness ward.

50,005. What do you mean by Mr. Palmer? Do you mean an orange gentleman?—Yes.

50,006. Have you any ground for saying it was Mr. Palmer?—Yes; I have some ground. I mean there were a great many persons in his house the night before the election.

50,007. Did you see them?—I was told so.

50,008. You yourself knew nothing about the voters who were bottled?—I did not see them, I am quite sure.

50,009. Who did you hear had the care of them?—I did not say they remained at Mr. Palmer's house, but they were there the night before the election, a considerable number, because they were seen by the opposite neighbours.

50,010. Was there anybody told you that we can send for? Who did you hear it from?—I heard it from Mr. John Hall, who lives opposite.

50,011. Do you mean Alderman Palmer?—Yes.

50,012. Do you know the Drinkalls, voters of this borough?—No, I think not. I do not recollect their names just now.

50,013. John Drinkall, Henry Percy Drinkall, and some others; did you canvass them?—I might have canvassed. If they were in our district I should canvass them, most likely.

50,014. You have no particular recollection of the name of Drinkall?—Not at present, without you can bring it to my recollection.

50,015. John Drinkall, of Hyperion Street?—That would not be in my district. I do not think I should canvass him.

50,016. You think he did not come to you to be set down?—I think not; I will not be sure about it.

50,017. Or the other one, Henry Percy Drinkall?—I think not; I think they would not come to us. If they did I should send them back into their district.

50,018. We may possibly have occasion to ask you a question when we have looked through those papers. Have you anything else you can disclose?—Nothing; only to deny the fact that I had any men bottled up.

50,019. Can you tell us of anything else?—No, I cannot at present. I have never seen any of the books since the election, or I might have ticked the names off.

50,020. Can you furnish us in any way with any list of any persons who promised, and did not perform their promise?—They were all marked down in the books that were handed in. I do not know anything as to who has got the papers and books; they were

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all sent from our committee room to the central committee room. I know nothing more about them; I never saw them afterwards. If that book was in my possession it is very likely there are memorandums and marks against the names of the persons who voted against us.

50,021. Did you ever have any application from tradespeople for orders?—No; I think I had not personally.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

THIRTY-SIXTH DAY.—Tuesday, 19th July 1853.

JAMES BROCKLEBANK sworn, and examined.

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50,022. Where do you live?—In Collier Street.
50,023. What is your business?—A painter.
50,024. What rent do you pay there?—£8 a year.
50,025. For a house?—Yes.
50,026. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
50,027. How long have you been free?—Ever since Colonel Thompson's election, in 1837.
50,028. Was your freedom taken up for you?—Yes.
50,029. By which party?—By Mr. Clay.
50,030. The orange?—Yes.
50,031. Did you in consequence vote for Clay and Thompson, the orange candidates, in 1841?—Yes.
50,032. Were you paid for your vote by either of those gentlemen?—No.
53,033. Did you not get any money at that election?—After the election.
50,034. How much did you get?—30*s*.
50,035. Where was it paid?—In Mr. Galloway's office.
50,036. In 1847, did you vote?—Yes.
50,037. Who for?—Bulleted Clay.
50,038. What did you get for you vote then?—Nothing.
50,039. You never got paid anything for that?—Not a farthing.
50,040. You are quite sure of that?—Quite confident of it.
50,041. Neither before nor after?—Not a farthing.
50,042. You did not see Nicholson then?—No.
50,043. Were you at the Baltic Tavern?—No; I never got anything whatever.
50,044. Did you vote last year, in 1852?—Yes.
50,045. Who for?—Clay and Goderich.
50,046. Did you have your name set down?—No.
50,047. Did you say you had not your name set down at all last year?—I am confident of it. If they have it it is quite unknown to me; I am quite confident it was not set down.
50,048. As a runner, or that description?—No.
50,049. And you did not expect to get paid after the election was over?—No.

Mr. STEPHEN WEST sworn, and examined.

Mr. S. West.

50,050. I believe you are a resident in the borough?—I am.
50,051. Have you been some time liuing in the borough?—I have always lived in Hull.
50,052. Where has your residence been?—My present residence is in the Holderness Road.
50,053. You either rent or are rated for a house, I presume?—Yes.
50,054. Do you rent a house?—I do rent a house, because I have just taken one; but the house I now hold is my own.
50,055. Is that property in respect of which you vote?—No; I voted in respect of property which we rent for trading purposes.
50,056. What are you rated at?—For the house, or for the yard?
50,057. The gross amount of your rating?—I think the rental of the firm in which I am a partner will perhaps be 1,200*l*. or 1,400*l*. a year rental.
50,058. Supposing it was let?—Yes.
50,059. What business do you carry on?—That of a timber merchant.
50,060. In partnership with other gentlemen?—Yes.
50,061. Have you taken some interest in the elections that have occurred since the Reform Act?—Only as a voter.
50,062. In 1832?—No; not any, except that I voted at the election in 1847.

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50,063. I said 1832, at the time of the Reform Act?—I did not take any.

50,064. Have you voted since that time?—In 1847 I voted.

50,065. For the first time?—For the first time.

50,066. Did you not vote in 1841?—I think not.

50,067. Were you qualified?—I was not; I was then living in lodgings.

50,068. In 1847, I presume, your political side was the blue, as it was at the last election?—It was.

50,069. Did you take any interest in the election of 1847, as being on any committee or anything of that sort?—No, not any.

50,070. Whom did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.

50,071. You were not on any committee at all at that time?—Not on any committee.

50,072. Do you know anything, or could you give us any information with regard to that election of 1847, although you were not active in it?—I am not in possession of any information. I took very little interest in it, except going to record my vote.

50,073. Did you have any interviews with Mr. Baines or Mr. Brown?—None whatever.

50,074. Did you have any interference at all, or any arrangement of the financial matters?—Not any.

50,075. Did any money in any way pass through your hands in 1847?—Not the slightest.

50,076. You did not make any payments at all?—None whatever.

50,077. Did you set down, procure, or secure the names of any voters at that election?—I did not take any part whatever in it, except that of voting.

50,078. In the last election of 1852 you voted for Moore and Butler?—I did.

50,079. You were the chairman of the Holderness ward?—I was.

50,080. And you had a staff and vice-chairman, I suppose?—Yes.

50,081. And you were in the interest of Moore and Butler?—Yes.

50,082. You became aware, I suppose, of the arrangement that was made with regard to a certain number of messengers and doorkeepers at starting?—Yes.

50,083. And you extended your staff afterwards, as the rest did?—Yes; there was an extension.

50,084. I think you have furnished us with some books and lists that were in use at your committee?—No, I did not; they were not in my possession.

50,085. Who did you part with them to?—They never were in my possession; they were in possession of the man who acted as clerk.

50,086. Is that Mr. Todd?—Yes; and I believe he was arrested for debt, and sent to York Castle the day after the election.

50,087. Where did all the papers get to?—I have no knowledge whatever of them.

50,088. Where is Todd now?—I have no knowledge.

50,089. Has he been released from York Castle?—I have been told he has been seen in Hull recently.

50,090. There are a good many papers, we understand, connected with your room, which we should be glad to have?—I should be very happy to deliver them up to you if I had them at all, but I have not seen a scrap of paper from that time to this moment.

50,091. Have you seen Todd in Hull?—No, I have not.

50,092. Not until lately?—I have never seen him since the election day.

50,093. Was he here at the time of the election?—Yes.

50,094. Was that the time that he was taken away?—I think it was either the evening of that day or the following day, I am not quite sure which.

50,095. Look at that list; is it in your writing or Mr. Todd's (*the Holderness list marked* A)?—I think this would be in Mr. Todd's writing; it is not mine, certainly.

50,096. It was at the committee?—It looks like a document of that kind.

50,097. What was Todd's Christian name?—I am not quite sure about it; I think he lived in Holborn Street. He is not a voter, I think.

50,098. I will draw your attention to a note which is addressed to you, and perhaps you will be able to tell me what was done upon it:—

"Osborne Street room, June 19th, 1852.

"DEAR SIR,—One of my canvassers reports George Lowery, F. 154, of East Street, Drypool, as an applicant, and as a runner, if employed at once. He, John Lowery, of East Street, Samuel Lowery, of John Street, and Charles Lowery, of Church Street, all will promise; four votes. Will you see to this?

"Faithfully yours,

"Stephen West, Esq. CHARLES WELLS."

Do you know whether those names were put down upon your list as applicants for employment?—I think one of the Lowerys was put down.

50,099. The 19th of June is the date?—Yes.

50,100. And they were set down, you think?—I think one of the Lowerys was promised to be employed as a runner as soon as we had occupation for him, to the best of my recollection, but I could not be positive about it; I think so.

50,101. They do not seem to be on the list. Can you tell me whether those four names were added as applicants for employment?—I think not the whole of them.

50,102. Do you know which of them? Their names are Samuel, John, Charles, and George?—I do not know, indeed.

50,103. Did you know whether either of them were paid by Legitt?—That I do not know.

50,104. This is referred to you; it says, "Will you see to this?"—Yes.

50,105. I want to know what you would do upon receiving such a note as that? What would be the course at the committee room?—I saw one of the Lowerys, I think Samuel, and I asked him whether he was inclined to vote for the blue party, which I believe he had always been in the habit of supporting, and to the best of my recollection he said he was so inclined.

50,106. And did you then put his name down as an applicant for employment, or what did you do?—No; I did not put his name down.

50,107. But somebody did, I suppose? You would not carry it in your head all the time?—No; it has gone out of my head, if it ever was there.

50,108. He would be put upon some list, would he not?—Not of course; not of necessity. I saw him in the street, near to his own house, and I had some conversation with him upon the subject of the election, and at the time I saw him he spoke in rather a hasty manner.

50,109. You said he promised, I think. We do not want all the conversation?—He was disposed to vote for the blue party.

50,110. He hesitated, and you removed his doubts, and put him upon some list, I suppose?—No, I did not.

50,111. When I say, "removed his doubts," you canvassed him?—Yes.

50,112. He said he wanted to be employed by you, and you put him on some list?—No.

50,113. Do not you agree with the evidence that we have had from several gentlemen upon your side, that the usual course was where applicants came to make an application that the application was received, to the extent of putting the name down, and with the statement that employment would be given, if employment could be found; do you agree that that was the course?—That was the common practice.

50,114. It was a common practice in your ward also?—Yes.

50,115. That being the common practice, was there any difference with regard to the Lowerys?—He did not make the application.

50,116. Mr. Wells tells you to see to it; Mr. Wells directs your special attention to the Lowerys as four votes; and it says, "will all promise," with two dashes under the word "all," as a mode, I suppose, of securing four votes. Was there any exception made to what you have told me in the case of the Lowerys?—I have no certain recollection of his name being put down. He did not apply at the committee room. I saw him in the street near to his own house.

50,117. You said he hesitated?—Yes; to make any very positive promise.

50,118. Was that the reason that you did not put him down as an applicant?—No; I think that was some considerable time before the election.

50,119. The date of this is June the 19th; I suppose you saw him afterwards?—That would be three weeks. I really cannot say whether any of them were put down as runners or not. I should be inclined to think that one of the Lowerys was employed, but I cannot say positively.

50,120. Upon your staff in any way?—Yes. I wish to say I was from home a very great part of the time during the canvass, and therefore I am not so thoroughly acquainted with the transactions that took place at the Holderness ward committee room as I otherwise should have been.

50,121. Do you happen to know the names of the persons who were your staff in the first instance? How many doorkeepers had you in the first instance?—We had a clerk.

50,122. Did anybody else take the chair during your absence?—Yes; there were two gentlemen acted as vice-presidents in my absence.

50,123. What were their names?—Mr. Lambert, and I am not quite sure whether Mr. Field acted.

50,124. Who would be the active person when you were away?—Mr. Lambert was the deputy chairman.

50,125. How long were you absent?—I was absent, I think, more than once.

50,126. Do you mean for a day or two?—Yes; for a week or ten days at a time.

50,127. Was that after the committees had been formed?—Yes; it was after the committees had been formed.

50,128. And during your absence who would be the chairman principally?—Mr. Lambert, I think, was the person.

50,129. Your committee was appointed, and your staff too, I think, before you went away?—Yes, I think it was.

50,130. What number of doorkeepers and messengers had you at first?—We had one doorkeeper, and, I think, either three or four runners.

50,131. And a clerk?—We had two clerks for a day or two; but the committee's instructions were that we were only to employ one.

50,132. That was after the arrangement was first made?—Yes; and I was obliged to dismiss one.

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50,133. You put one of them by?—Yes.

50,134. Do you remember the names of the three messengers in the first instance?—We had two messengers who were not voters.

50,135. What were their names? Merely to identify them on the list.—Peacock and Wilkinson.

50,136. They were not voters?—No; not voters.

50,137. They were not extra to the three, but part of the three?—Yes; part of the three.

50,138. Who was the third in the first instance?—I think the doorkeeper's name was Wood; but I really do not recollect at this moment the names of the others.

50,139. You were instructed of the arrangement that had been made. Can you tell me whether or not you retained your staff according to that arrangement, until it was at an end, or did you enlarge the staff from time to time without much regard to the arrangement?—We confined our arrangements as near as possible to the instructions of the general committee.

50,140. That does not seem to have been always done so?—So far as I was concerned in the management of the affairs, I rigidly adhered to it, as far as practicable. I am not certain whether we might not have two additional runners. I believe the ward was the most extensive one.

50,141. I think there was some exception made in cases of absolute necessity?—There was. I think the ward was three miles in length.

50,142. Then you think you had one or two more?—I think we had; but I was obliged to offend many by declining to put them on and give them employment.

50,143. But their names were entered? That is involved in the general question put, whether all who made applications were not entered in some way with a promise of employment if it could be found. Was there not an entry made of their names?—There was no entry made of applicants.

50,144. You say some were offended; what at?—Because I could not put them into employment.

50,145. When the names were put on the list in this general way, of course it was well understood by both parties that they were persons who intended to vote blue?—That was of course expected.

50,146. Though nothing would be said in words?—Just so; a man would scarcely offer his services to the blue party if he intended to vote for the other party.

50,147. Can you tell me whose writing that is; it is a paper connected with your committee (No. 16.)? It would appear that somebody had written a note, saying that Thomas Winter, who is mentioned there, would secure those voters who were his relations?—I cannot speak to the writing.

50,148. Do not you know it, and where that came from?—I have not the slightest idea.

50,149. Are any of the ticks in it made by you? Can you tell me whether they mean that they are to be found in some other list, or what do they refer to? Does it mean that they have been entered in some book?—I do not think that I have ever seen that document before

50,150. You do not know the writing in any way?—No.

50,151. I see against all but two the letter F is put; do you know what that means?—I do not know.

50,152. "Freeman," it is suggested?—It is possible.

50,153. I see there are five Lowerys in it?—Yes; I noted that.

50,154. The paper is headed thus: "Thomas Winter;" do you know him?—No, I do not.

50,155. "Thomas Winter has seen all these men who are relations of his, and they have promised to vote for Moore and Butler;" and then follow twelve names?—I should suppose that has been a communication from some other district.

50,156. You do not know Thomas Winter, the person who says that these are all his relations?—No, I do not.

50,157. Do you know anything of the committee room which has been spoken of as Hare's?—In the Holderness ward?

50,158. Yes, I think it was?—Yes.

50,159. Where was this room of Hare's?—In Witham.

50,160. Do you know when that committee room was appointed?—I do not remember the date.

50,161. Was it one of the additional rooms that was made use of?—No; it was taken as a substitution of the first room we occupied.

50,162. You had Hare's room as a committee room?—Yes.

50,163. And you went there from your first place?—Yes.

50,164. You had Barratt's schoolroom; is that where you were at first?—Yes, we were there first.

50,165. And then you went to Hare's?—Yes.

50,166. I will draw your attention to one more, but I do not know whether you know anything about it; it is addressed to the chairman of the Holderness ward, signed Edwin Davis: "Harrison, Summergangs,—See to the above at once, there are several of them, and they are just on the tilt." I suppose that is, ready to run for either; do you recollect

what you did upon that?—I do not recollect whether this note came into my hands or not; I do not remember. I think there is a man of the name of Harrison, a voter.

50,167. Summergangs, what is that?—That is the name of the place he lives at.

50,168. Where is that?—It is in the township of Southcoates; it is a distinct township in the parish of Drypool.

50,169. Do you yourself know of anything being done upon that, or have you heard of anything being done in consequence of that note?—I do not.

50,170. Is it John Harrison?—There is no Christian name.

50,171. Do you know whether John Harrison lives in Summergangs?—I do not know his Christian name; the man I mean is a small dairy farmer. I think John Harrison of Holderness Road is likely to be the man.

50,172. Will you just look at this, if you please? 3d of July, one of your papers; that list A contains the names of a good many persons, who, I suppose, had applied at your ward; there are a certain number of days set against several of the names?—Yes; I think I should be from home those days.

50,173. The first date there is the 3d of July; was that the kind of list that was made of persons who applied in the way I have mentioned to you? Was that the sort of way in which they were entered and put down?—Yes; I should think it likely.

50,174. In that sort of way?—Yes, I should think so.

50,175. The 3d of July is the first, then we come to the 5th of July; most of them have a certain number of days put against them, and they are ticked off; does that show that they were paid?—I cannot tell.

50,176. Who could tell that?—The clerk in whose handwriting this is.

50,177. Who is he?—Mr. Todd.

50,178. He would not necessarily pay the money?—He paid all the weekly money.

50,172. But this paper, the 3d of July, and that very long list afterwards, were not persons actually employed at your committee room; there would not be so many as that; look at the next list of the 5th of July some twenty or thirty?—This would be at the time I was from home.

50,180. Keep your attention to that one of the 3d of July, then the 5th; there are a great number of names put down all over the page?—Yes, there are.

50,181. Now, you will find in the margin the letters C and G against two or three of the names?—Yes.

50,182. Those I believe are not ticked off?—They are not.

50,183. Does that mean that those were not paid?—It has the appearance of their not being employed.

50,154. I see there is C and G set against that; that to me has the appearance that they voted Clay and Goderich?—Yes; just so.

50,185. And they are not paid; not ticked off? When you say employed, do you mean to say that all the names in that paper were actually employed to do work?—I cannot say that. I was not at home at the time.

50,186. Is not in your judgment the ready solution of there being no tick, the marginal remark of C and G, that they did not vote for you, and therefore were not paid?—It has that appearance.

50,187. And I see one who split his vote; he does not seem to have been paid afterwards; he voted Moore and Goderich?—Is that the name of John Lee Moses?

50,188. I do not remember the name?—There is such a mark.

50,189. Then there is no tick carried out with him as there is with those who voted for you?—No, I think not.

50,190. Was Todd, whose name you mentioned more than once, authorized to set names down of persons who came to make applications; would it be part of his course of business?—I am not aware whether he would put down names without any of the committee being present.

50,191. I did not ask that question, but whether it would be the course of his business to enter the names of applicants?—Yes; he would write the names down as clerk.

50,192. But you think it would be done in the presence of some of the committee?—Yes, I should think so.

50,193. And applications would be made in the committee room?—Just so.

50,194. And a list made of the applicants by the clerk, I suppose?—Yes.

50,195. Was not that done sometimes in your presence?—Yes; occasionally it was.

50,196. And then the names would be inserted by Todd?—Yes.

50,197. Actually written down by Todd?—Yes.

50,198. Who were the people who generally attended the committee, or were mostly there throughout? Can you give me the names of some of your committee who were most active in attendance? We want to know the course of business, and what was done, as you seem to have been absent a good deal?—Mr. Lambert, Mr. Field, and Mr. Hallett a ship builder.

50,199. Were the names set down in your presence?—Yes, occasionally.

50,200. You do not give me much information upon these things; but there is a list of parties who have flags, who were they (*handing paper* C *to the witness*)?—These were parties who put out the blue flag.

50,201. Were they publicans, or beerhouse keepers?—Three or four of them were.

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50,202. Public houses.

50,203. And of course they would be voters of the blue party?—Generally, I think so.

50,204. Or necessarily, if they voted at all?—I think Wing divided his vote between blue and yellow, and he had yellow colours as well as blue.

50,205. Thomas Wing?—Yes.

50,206. He kept an omnibus?—Yes.

50,207. And let his omnibus, and dogcart ,and things of that kind to you?—Yes.

50,208. Were those persons' names also set down in any list?—I am not aware of that; they are merely parties who wished to hang out the blue colours.

50,209. Those names would not be in any of the lists as applicants for employment, you think?—I think not. I think I can speak to all excepting two names, and one of them I believe was not in our ward.

50,210. Is James Wing also there?—No; only Thomas.

50,211. Turn to the paper marked D; I believe that is a list of committee rooms in your ward; I see the name that I have last adverted to, Thomas Wing, gets a committee room as well as a flag; how many are there in that list that have committee rooms?—There are eighteen names in this list.

50,212. We understand that is a list of commmittee rooms; is it so?—It so states at the top; it states, "List of committee rooms."

50,213. That is not written by you; that is written by somebody in your place?—Yes.

50,214. Have you any doubt about it?—I have no doubt about this. It appears that some of the names are put down as having a flag; now I think it possible that they might not all be engaged as committee rooms.

50,215. I have shown you, just before, a list of those who had flags, the last one; you can turn to it, and see if those are the same names. I suppose a "List of committee rooms" means a list of committee rooms, does it not?—That is the natural supposition, certainly, and I cannot say it is not so.

50,216. Do you know the rooms; do you know if there be such people having houses in your place?—Some of them I do; not all of them.

50,217. Whose writing is that in?—I think it is Todd's writing.

50,218. He would be the person who would naturally make an entry of such applications, I suppose?—The reason I throw a doubt upon their all being committee rooms is this, that there are one or two names that I believe never were committee rooms, or never spoke of or designed as such; that they merely applied for a flag; and I find a flag written against the names, which makes me think the list is not exclusively a list of committee rooms.

50,219. You think it includes too many?—I think it includes parties who merely applied to have a flag to hoist out.

50,220. Can you tell me whether rooms were used at the houses of those people?—I am not aware of it.

50,221. Or whether they were applicants for them, and they were not granted; or what does it mean? It says, "List of committee rooms," and not "List of applications"?—Yes.

50,222. Of course you understand what rooms I speak of; rooms that were paid 2*l.* or 3*l.* for,—3*l.*, I think, was the sum on your side,—in which no business was really transacted; those are the rooms I speak of.—Yes; just so.

50,223. None of these are among the general committee rooms?—Yes, I think the last of them is.

50,224. Hare's, Holderness, New Inn; is that it?—Yes.

50,225. I believe, as you say, there are one or two that have got a flag carried out against them, and against those there seems to be some tick or mark?—Yes.

50,226. Can you tell me whether or not there were rooms at those places, or whether they only had flags?—I have no knowledge of that document; but if you ask me my opinion of it, I will give it.

50,227. What is your opinion?—My opinion is that that contains a list of committee rooms, and of persons who had flags sent to them, not being committee rooms; that it contains both.

50,228. It may be then that the names in the former list are also in this?—It is possible; but it might be made at another time; that list might be made on some other day. I give that as my opinion, because there are two or three names there that I have strong reason to believe never were put down as committee rooms.

50,229. Some of them were sham committee rooms?—I think it is possible they were.

50,230. You know such things were done in your ward?—Yes, but I do not know to what extent.

50,231. But rooms were taken in this way as a means of securing the person's vote, and of not making use of his room?—There were two rooms which were taken expressly for the use of the Groves' district.

50,232. And the rest of the description I have mentioned; it is not very particular as to the number of them, but you know there were such rooms taken for such purposes in your ward, as well as in others?—I believe there were some rooms engaged that were not made use of.

50,233. What was the usual pay for those rooms, do you know?—I am not quite sure.

50,234. What do you believe?—I think it would be either one or two guineas, but I do not know; I did not make any bargain for any such rooms.

50,235. There seems to be a sort of understanding for a small amount, as far as we hear generally?—I do not know.

50,236. Here are eighteen voters from Hedon charged for dinners; a bill is sent in to your committee; "The committee of Moore and Butler to George Bailey; voters eighteen, from Hedon, 2*s.* each, 4*l.* 17*s.*"; do you know when that was?—I think that would be the day of the election.

50,237. Do you recollect seeing the bill at your committee room?—No. I think it was not sent in to the Holderness committee room; I think it would be sent to the general committee; I think so; I am not certain.

50,238. Where do you mean?—The central committee.

50,239. Where Mr. Ward presided?—Yes.

50,240. How did you receive the money to make the payments in your ward; who from; or how was it?—The clerk received it, I believe, at the central committee room.

50,241. Weekly?—Weekly.

50,242. The clerk received it from them?—Yes.

50,243. Did you make any of the payments yourself?—None.

50,244. Who made them all?—Mr. Todd.

50,245. Did he make them all?—Yes; all the weekly payments; he did not make the payments after the election, because he was absent.

50,246. When were the payments that were standing over until after the election made; when were they made, and who by?—I think the payments were made by Mr. Oxtoby.

50,247. Where did he make those payments?—That I cannot tell.

50,248. Surely you can tell us that?—I cannot.

50,249. Was Mr. Oxtoby one of your committee?—Mr. Oxtoby was one of our committee.

50,250. You were all concerned in this part of the business of your ward?—When the election was over I took no more interest in the affairs.

50,251. This was a part of the business relating to the election?—Yes.

50,252. Did you not take any part in seeing your accounts wound up and settled?—None whatever.

50,253. What is Mr. Oxtoby?—He is a corn merchant.

50,254. Do you know when he made those payments?—No; I do not know the date.

50,255. Do you know the amount of them?—No, I do not.

50,256. Do you know what they were for?—They were the ordinary expenses.

50,257. Ordinary expenses, of what kind?—Such as the payments for the committee rooms, and the payments for the runners and the doorkeeper, and all the men who had been employed.

50,258. Were you in Court yesterday?—Great part of the day I was.

50,259. Did you hear us speaking considerably about that scheme which Mr. Turnbull claimed the invention of, and Mr Wells also claimed?—Yes.

50,260. That mode of getting a communication from the poll to the districts?—Yes.

50,261. Did you furnish a quota of men in furtherance of that scheme from your ward?—That I do not know; that would be arranged when I was from home; I was from home in the week previous to the election. I only arrived from London on the night before the nomitation day, and that arrangement must have been carried on in my absence. I never heard of it until I heard it in Court yesterday.

50,262. They were to be used upon the polling day?—Yes.

50,263. Was not this important matter communicated to you on your return?—I never heard of it until I heard of it here.

50,264. According to Mr. Wells, it was to employ 477?—Yes.

50,265. Mr. Turnbull does not admit quite so many? Did you never hear of it until it was mentioned here?—Never.

50,266. How do you account for that?—By its being arranged during my absence; that is all I know in connexion with it.

50,267. 477 persons were to be employed?—It seems to me to be a very extravagant calculation; I cannot understand how the figures are come at at all.

50,268. Then you have not had an opportunity of considering it in detail, and how far you think it beneficial or not?—It appears to me to be a very cumbersome piece of machinery which never could work. I cannot conceive how such a number of persons could be employed.

50,269. I ask you whether you think it is anything more than a colourable mode of employing a good many people?—I should not put that construction upon it.

50,270. What construction should you put on the employment of 477 people for the purpose suggested?—That the employment of the people was for obtaining the object that Mr. Wells thought so desirable, to have correct returns of all the men as they voted.

50,271. Should you think it a real and substantial mode of employment which was

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necessary for carrying a fair election?—I should think it a desirable thing, if it could have been accomplished.

50,272. Should you say necessary; necessary I mean in point of legal expenses; should you think it was a thing that was necessary in point of legal expenses for the carrying out of a pure election at the sum of about between 300*l.* and 400*l.*?—If I understand the object of the scheme, I should say that it was.

50,273. That it was necessary?—Yes; if I understand the object of the scheme was to send to each committee room a list of the names of the men who had voted, in order that the men who had voted might be looked after, and might be brought up to the poll, that that information would be of so much importance that it would require a considerable amount of labour and expenditure to obtain it.

50,274. And do you think as many as that number would be necessary in order to carry out the plan?—It would not strike me so.

50,275. Do you think it might as well be done with either fifty, sixty, or even twenty men?—That would depend upon the rapidity with which the returns were made.

50,276. You cannot ascertain the state of the poll every moment?—I take it it was not merely to ascertain the state of the poll, but a return of the name of every man as they are polled, so that a man comes from one committee room to another with a list of the names as they are polled, and they are struck out, so as to save any further trouble about them.

50,277. You think the number employed would be excessive?—I think it would be extravagant.

50,278. Do you know anything of some voters in Drypool and Sutton?—I know some voters there.

50,279. I think you returned to Hull on the night of the nomination day?—The night previous to the nomination day.

50,280. Do you know of some voters in Drypool and Sutton with regard to whom you were to make some arrangement?—No; I do not know to what you refer.

50,281. You know Ransome?—Yes.

50,282. Did you and Ransome make some arrangements with regard to some voters in Drypool and Sutton? They are in your district, are they not?—Yes.

50,283. I ask you whether, the night before the election, on the evening of the nomination day, you did not make some arrangement with Ransome with regard to some voters in Drypool and Sutton, who you were to look after?—No.

50,284. You do not remember anything of the kind?—Not at all.

50,285. Did you see any voters in Drypool and Sutton, do you remember, on the night of the nomination day? Had you not some conversation with Mr. Robert Wells about them?—No; I have no recollection of any distinct arrangement with reference to them.

50,286. Do you recollect seeing Mr. Robert Wells and Mr. Ransome, and being with them, about some voters in Drypool and Sutton?—No, I do not, indeed.

50,287. You said you do not recollect any distinct arrangement?—No.

50,288. Which would lead me to suppose you do remember something about them?—I do not know. I am not aware that I know Ransome; I do not know who he is.

50,289. Did you see Mr. Wells upon the subject? I wish to draw your attention particularly to this; it is the day after you came back. Ransome was a clerk of Mr. Wells at that time. I wish to draw your attention to whether, on the night of the nomination day, you did not see Mr. Wells, and make an arrangement with regard to some voters in Drypool and Sutton?—I have no recollection of having done anything of the kind. If you will tell me the nature of the arrangement I may be aware of it. I have not the slightest recollection of it now.

50,290. Do you remember any proposition or proposal by Mr. Wells with regard to securing some voters in Drypool and Sutton?—None, whatever; I do not remember anything peculiar about any voters in Drypool and Sutton.

50,291. First you say "peculiar," and then "not particular." I want to know if you recollect anything?—I have no recollection of anything of the sort.

50,292. Or any reference to them?—Not the slightest.

50,293. Did Mr. Wells ever allude to them the night of or on the nomination day?—I saw Mr. Wells several times about the time of the election, but I cannot say whether I saw him that night at all.

50,294. Did anything pass,—I do not tie you down to the particular day,—did anything pass that day, or other days, with regard to your seeing and making some arrangement with regard to Drypool and Sutton?—None whatever, that I can recollect at all.

50,295. You say you did not return until the day before the nomination day?—I did not.

50,296. Was there any arrangement that you knew of?—No; I am not aware of any.

50,297. What would be the arrangement with those voters?—I am not aware that there would be any arrangement for them distinct from the others.

50,298. Are they hamlets in Drypool and Sutton? Are they out-voters? Should you call them so, the Drypool and Sutton men?—Drypool is contiguous to the town; Sutton is three miles off.

50,299. Are they a class of men who insist upon having their travelling expenses?—Not from Drypool.

50,300. From Sutton?—If they come from the village, which is three miles off, they might.

50,301. Was not a proposition made to you by Mr. Wells, or somebody, with regard to these voters, which you refused to have anything to do with, because you said you thought it was a dangerous experiment? Did you not decline some proposition on the ground that you thought it was a dangerous experiment?—No; I do not remember it, I assure you.

50,302. Nothing of the kind?—No.

50,303. Do you recollect stating that some proposition was a dangerous experiment, or words to that effect, with regard to these men?—No, I do not.

50,304. Do you know at all what I am alluding to?—Not the slightest; I cannot bear it in mind at all I think it is something of which I am not cognizant, or if it has been mentioned to me it was mentioned in such a way as that I have at once dismissed it from my mind. I do not recollect anything to which it can refer.

50,305. Did you pay a man of the name of William Wright any money?—No.

50,306. 3*s.* 6*d.* a day, or some sum?—No.

50,307. Or Henry Wood?—There was a man of the name of Wood, employed as a doorkeeper.

50,308. You did not pay him yourself?—No, I did not.

50,309. Did any money pass through your hands at the election of 1852?—I think I gave Todd 2*l.* to pay away.

50,310. On what account was that?—I think it was for the payment of two men who were coming from a distance; boatmen or fishermen; something of that kind.

50,311. Where did they come from?—I do not recollect; Grimsby or Tetney.

50,312. What for?—Mr. Todd applied to me for some money; whether he ever gave them the money I do not know. I gave him 2*l.*

50,313. Voters, I suppose, they were?—Of course.

50,314. Was it before or after the election?—That was after the election.

50,315. Do you remember their names?—I am not sure whether it was Smith.

50,316. Both?—I made no memorandum at the time, and I spoke from memory only.

50,317. Did they get 1*l.* apiece, or 2*l.*?—£1 apiece. They were men who had been waiting. The statement to me was, that these men had been waiting with a boat for two or three days for the purpose of polling, and they were to be paid for their time.

50,318. From whom did you receive that money to make the payment?—I received it from Mr. Oxtoby.

50,319. I think the Smiths said they would not vote unless paid 1*l.* apiece? There is a memorandum here to that effect. Do you remember that being brought to your attention?—I remember a statement to this effect, that these men were boatmen or fishermen, and they would not remain and poll,—this was a day or two days before the election,—except they were paid 1*l.* each for their time. That is to the best of my recollection.

50,320. George Smith and William Smith?—I have no doubt those are the two men.

50,321. That would be, of course, before the election; you said you paid them afterwards; does that bring to your mind that you paid them before?—No; it was after the election.

50,322. They would not stop to vote unless paid 1*l.* each; the thing is not consistent?—They would have a promise of payment.

50,323. Were they satisfied with the promise? They said they would not stop?—I presume they would not.

50,324. "Want 1*l.* each to stop," I see the phrase is?—Yes.

50,325. Were they paid before or after; it is not very important?—My impression is it was after that I paid the money. I did not pay the men myself.

50,326. You gave it to Mr. Todd to pay them?—Yes.

50,327. That again you see puts us a little out in time of payment, because Mr. Todd was carried away on the election day, so that he could not have paid it afterwards?—I am not sure whether he was taken away the day of the election or the day after.

50,328. The time that Mr. Oxtoby was making the payments was some few days after?—I should say that would be a week or two days after.

50,329. Mr. Todd made these payments. Does that draw your attention to the time? You have told us that he was taken away on the election day?—I think I may be mistaken as to the day he was taken.

50,330. Or do you think the payment was made before? They say they will not stop to vote unless paid; do you not think they were paid before?—I think not; my strong conviction is they were paid after the election.

50,331. Did you put the names on the list?—No, I did not. I made no memorandum, or made no account.

50,332. Have you any reason for being clear about that; anything acting on your own mind; did you think it would not be safe to pay before they voted?—My strong conviction is, that I gave the money to Mr. Todd the day after the election, and I think I may be in error about the day on which Mr. Todd was arrested.

50,333. He voted, and therefore he would not be arrested at the soonest until the afternoon, or some time ——?—The election was on the Thursday, and, on considering,

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I think it is possible that Mr Todd was not arrested until the Saturday. I thought the day after; but it would be Saturday.

50,334. Your recollection is, that these two men, the two Smiths, were promised the money before the election, and were paid after?—Yes; that is my impression.

50,335. Who repaid you?—Mr Oxtoby.

50,336. That would be when he was making the other payments?—Yes; was clearing up the arrears.

50,337. Did you give any other money to anybody to make payments?—No, none; that is the only money that passed through my hands.

50,338. The only sum?—Yes.

50,339. The persons who asked to have their names set down were persons whom you knew were wanting money or employment?—They were generally poor men who wanted employment.

50,340. Then they would have been dissatisfied unless they had had their names set down for employment?—Yes.

50,341. You did that, and at the same time said to them, I think you say, that they would not be employed unless you had work?—Just so.

50,342. Did you not lead them to understand, at one time or another work would be given to them?—Yes; the general answer was to this effect - -—.

50,343. Attend to what I say? Did you not lead them to understand, at one time or another work would he given to them?—I do not think any promise was made.

50,344. Did you not lead them to understand that?—We told them when we could give them employment we would do so, but I do not think any promise was given to the effect, that employment should be found for them during the election.

50,345. I am aware it was not in words, but did you lead them to understand that?—I do not think it would amount to that.

50,346. Would it not be very dangerous with that class of men to let them suppose there was any doubt about it?—I do not know how that would be. Some of them, I dare say, went immediately, on finding they could not get employment, and offered their services to the other party.

50,347. You say they expressed great dissatisfaction at not being actually employed?—In several instances that was the case.

50,348. Had you any doubt in your mind that work would be found of some sort for them all?—I cannot say the idea ever occurred to me.

50,349. Was it not the understanding in your committee that work would be found at some time during the election?—I do not think it amounted to that. I think it merely amounted to this, that when we had occasion to employ a greater number of runners the men whose names were set down first should be first employed; that they must take their chance of whether we should have occasion to put in requisition so many names as we had applicants.

50,350. What I ask is, whether it was not well understood that some work or other would be found for all of them?—No; I do not think it amounted to that. It was understood, as soon as we could give them employment we should do so; and the prospect was, as the election approached, we should require a greater number of men.

50,351. You knew something of the system of Hull elections before?—I had heard a good deal about them.

50,352. Were you not convinced that it would be very dangerous to leave those men without employment at some time or another?—Yes; I was aware it was hazardous.

50,353. Did you not always intend that they should have work at some time?—Certainly not, excepting work could be found for them,

50,354. Bearing in mind that these were persons who were always paid before when set down, was not the same practice to be carried out at this last election?—It never occurred to me that they would be paid excepting they were employed.

50,355. That I assume in the question. Was it not equally certain that they would be employed?—No; I do not see that there was any certainty of their being all employed. I do not see there is any certainty of that.

50,356. Was not this statement about being employed made in consequence of the caution of Mr. Wells,—in consequence of the caution that Mr. Wells had given about the Bribery Acts?—It was.

50,357. Was it made for any other purpose but to meet Mr. Wells's case?—It was named for the reasons which Mr. Wells assigned, which we thought to be sufficient.

50,358. You still think that you intended to risk the election if there was not necessary employment found for them?—Yes. There was a meeting of the chairmen of the district committees, where the subject was discussed, and at that meeting it was resolved we should adhere to the instructions we had given, and not put on men until we had employment for them.

50,359. But after the agreement with the orange side was exhausted, you added a very large number of runners, did you not?—That increase would take place in my absence, a few days prior to the election.

50,360. You knew of it at some time or another, if not when it was done; you knew of it afterwards?—I knew the number was increased.

50,361. And you knew there was no work for these men?—I was not at home when

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they were put on, and therefore I do not know the number that were put on. The great increase in the number of runners was made a few days prior to the election, and I was from home that week.

50,362. What was that for?—I presume they found additional employment for them.

50,363. Is that what you presume really?—I cannot speak to that; it was done in my absence.

50,364. Do you know anything of the custom, at your committee, of changing runners every few days?—No.

50,365. You do not know that that was so?—I do not remember that it was.

50,366. I presume you are aware, having lived so long in Hull, that a practice had prevailed of putting down names, and then to pay all the parties, whether employed or not?—I understood that it had been the practice, at former elections, to pay the men.

50,367. At former elections, previous to 1852?—Yes.

50,368. That being so, it being perfectly notorious, would not the men be led to expect either that they would be paid for not doing work, or that work would be provided for them, one of the two? Is not that the natural conclusion that persons would come to, in a borough where such a practice had always prevailed?—Do I understand your question to be this; that all the men who applied, and had their names put down——

50,369. Assuming that in this borough a practice had always prevailed, that when a party had his name put down at a committee room he would be paid after the election, whether he had done work or not, would it not be assumed, as a matter of course, by anybody, again in 1852, that he would be paid without doing work, or that work would be provided for him?—I never heard of the system of setting down until the last election.

50,370. Assume it, because that has been proved to be a fact, too late now to be controverted? Be so good as to give the answer upon the assumption that that practice prevailed? Would it not be a natural understanding, when a person's name came to be set down in 1852, you would either find him employment, or pay him if you did not find him employment?—I do not think that is at all the understanding with us.

50,371. I am assuming the previous practice; was it not the inference to be drawn from the previous practice?—No, I do not think so.

50,372. If you think not, tell me why not. Why should it be supposed that a different practice would prevail this time from anything before? I am assuming altogether that it had prevailed. Was there anything said to them to say you intended to go on a totally new principle?—I do not understand that your assumption corresponds with that which had been the practice.

50,373. Never mind whether it did or not; take my assumption?—If that had been an established practice, it would have been a natural inference; but, so far as my information goes, it is not; on that hypothesis it would appear to be so, certainly.

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50,374. I believe you resided, until lately, in Hull?—Yes.

50,375. When did you leave Hull as your residence?—I think about a year before the election; that would be in June 1851.

50,376. I believe you received the appointment as official assignee in Nottingham?—Yes.

50,377. And was it to that place you removed?—No; I resided at Beverley for a year before I left this part.

50,378. When did you permanently leave this part?—I was appointed to the assigneeship in October last.

50,379. And since that you have gone to Nottingham, I suppose?—Yes.

50,380. What was your business in Hull?—I came to Hull in 1837, and joined a person who was a tar and turpentine distiller, and connected with that I was in the oil and wine business.

50,381. And you continued in that business?—I continued in that business until within two or three years of my leaving Hull.

50,382. What rent did you pay, or were rated at, for the premises you occupied in the borough?—I was rated, I think, at 48*l.* to 50*l.*; I am not sure which.

50,383. Are you a freeman?—No.

50,384. In 1841, at the election of that year, did you vote?—Yes.

50,385. Whom did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.

50,386. Were you on any committee at that election?—I think I was on the central committee, but I am not quite certain about that.

50,387. Where was that committee held?—In Bowl Alley Lane; the same place where the central committee was held at the last election.

50,388. At that election, in 1841, was the course which I was almost going to call customary in Hull, of putting down names, at all resorted to, in your knowledge?—I cannot say to my knowledge, but it was so in general report; I will acknowledge that was the case.

50,389. On both sides, probably?—Yes.

50,390. The application was made and entertained in that way, probably, at your

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committee room, as well as others, at that election?—No; there would not be any application made to set down at the central committee.

50,391. Where was the place they were set down at, in 1841?—I should think at the different district committees. The usual habit is, for the men to apply to the wards.

50,392. Is not the central committee supposed to have a district?—No. The central committee, you should understand, is formed of the chairmen and deputy chairmen of each ward, and to that are added perhaps a dozen who take the general superintendence.

50,393. Then the chairman and deputy chairman of each ward would nececsarily be a member of the central committee?—Yes.

50,394. And the application on that occasion would be made to the several districts in which the parties resided?—Yes; I should think so.

50,395. Do you know, at the election of 1841, whether the plan of appointing extra committee rooms was also had recourse to?—I cannot say whether it was or not.

50,396. Do you know, as a matter I was almost going to say of history, how many persons would be set down on the blue side at the election of 1841?—I have no idea. I know nothing whatever of any financial arrangements.

50,397. By that you seem to understand me; they would be set down for payment?—I have no doubt they would.

50,398. You do not know the number at all?—No, not at all.

50,399. Do you know who would be paymaster at the election of 1841?—I do not know at all.

50,400. Did you yourself, at the election of 1841, pay away any money?—No; I think not; I do not recollect having done so.

50,401. Did any pass through your hands at that election on account of Hanmer and James?—I think not.

50,402. I am directed to call your attention to one. I am told you paid some money to a man of the name of William Kirby Basket, a freeman?—I do not know; that may be the case; I certainly will not deny it.

50,403. You do not remember it?—I know the man, and I think it likely that payment might be made.

50,404. By yourself?—Yes, I think so.

50,405. Do you remember when?—No.

50,406. I understand Matthew Tate was the man who knew about it; do you know him?—I know him by name; I do not remember him by sight.

50,407. You do not know whether he handled the money?—I think not, because he was on the opposite side.

50,408. You do not remember the amount at all, or what it was connected with?—No, I do not. I have an indistinct recollection that something did transpire.

50,409. Tate can probably give us the particulars, but we would rather have them from yourself?—The amount was not large; I should think, probably, about 30*s.*

50,410. Do you recollect what it was for; for his vote?—No doubt it would be in connexion with that. He was to be put down as a runner.

50,411. Do you remember whether the payment would be before or after the election?—I should think after the election.

50,412. A little more safe, do you think?—According to the custom of the place, it would be. I do not know that it made much difference.

50,413. How came you to make the payment in a single instance? Do you remember if it was a single one? Did you pay some others at the same time?—I do not think there was any other paid.

50,414. By you?—If I had canvassed the man, and had made him a promise that he should be put down and paid, I should make a point of seeing he was paid, and probably that would be the reason I should ask at once for the money.

50,415. Do you remember whether you did so with others at that election?—I do not think I did.

50,416. Did you make any other payments that election?—I do not recollect making any other payment whatever that time.

50,417. Do you recollect who made the payments; who was treasurer at the election of 1841?—No, I do not. I think it was Mr. Barkworth; I am not sure. Not one of the present Mr. Barkworths; the father; he is dead now.

50,418. You think that he paid afterwards?—I will not say that; I got the money from him.

50,419. I do not ask that, but that he was the general treasurer and disburser of the money?—I think, as far as my recollection goes, that was the case.

50,420. Who was the chairman at that time of the central committee, do you remember?—I think Mr. Clifford Pease; he is a brother of Mr. Joseph Robinson Pease.

50,421. He is alive?—Yes; the banker.

50,422. Do you remember the secretary's name at that election?—I think Brown was the secretary; I am not sure whether he was here at the time; I think he did not leave Hull until afterwards; a person of the name of Samuel Brown.

50,423. Would Mr. Pease be an active man on the committee, or who would be the managing man?—He was the chairman of the blue committee.

50,424. Who was the solicitor at that election of the blue party?—I think Mr. Sidebottom was. I am speaking of facts that occurred twelve years ago.

50,425. Can you inform us of anything connected with the election of 1841 that I have not asked you to, that occurs to you, on either side?—No, I do not think I can.

50,426. We do not want to confine you to colours?—I do not know of anything particular on either side, one way or the other.

50,427. We hear that the payments at that election were made in many instances through doors and holes, and windows, and under screens?—Yes.

50,428. Do you know who these invisible paymasters or paymistresses were?—I have not the least idea. I never heard payments had been made that way until this inquiry took place.

50,429. You do not know who they were?—No.

50,430. Not till some time after?—No.

50,431. You have only just come from Nottingham, I believe?—Yes; I came only yesterday afternoon.

50,432. In the election of 1847, did you take a part for Mr. Baines?—Yes.

50,433. Were you on his committee?—I was; first of all, I think, the central committee; and then I was applied to to take the general superintendence of the Holderness ward.

50,434. Was that a separate committee for Mr. Baines?—That is a ward as to which you may almost say it is distinct from the rest of the town, inasmuch as it is separated from Hull, and all the parties residing in that ward poll in that district. It is different from the rest of the town.

50,435. Was it a separate committee from the other candidates?—It was for Mr. Baines only.

50,436. Were you the chairman?—No; Mr. Jubb was the chairman.

50,437. Were you the deputy chairman?—No; I was asked to take the general superintendence of that ward.

50,438. At Mr. Baines' election?—Yes.

50,439. You voted for Mr. Brown as well?—Yes; Baines and Brown.

50,440. Mr. Brown; I do not go into that particularly, but he came quite late into the field; only a few days before the election?—Yes.

50,441. Up to that time you had been acting entirely for Mr. Baines?—Yes. I never had anything to do with Mr. Brown's committee.

50,442. Where was your central committee room?—At the George.

50,443. Is that an inn in the town?—Yes.

50,444. Who was the treasurer or paymaster; the financial committee?—Mr. Bright.

50,445. Do you know his Christian name?—Henry Smith Bright.

50,446. Did you attend constantly?—Yes, I should think so; I took an active part at that time.

50,447. Was your's the central committee?—In the Holderness ward.

50,448. Where was the central committee?—At the George.

50,449. And was Mr. Jubb the chairman?—He was the chairman at the Holderness ward.

50,450. Who was the chairman at the George?—I do not know.

50,451. Mr. Tottie?—He was, but he never attended; he was merely the nominal chairman. I think Mr. Theophilus Carrick was the deputy chairman.

50,452. I believe, though the person in the shape of Mr. Brown appeared quite late, it was expected that there would be a contest at that election?—No; it was thought that there would be no contest up to within a very few days of the day of election, and he suddenly made his appearance.

50,453. When was his committee or staff established?—I do not know anything about that.

50,454. When was your own committee appointed?—That I do not know. I recollect I was away from Hull at the time, and on my return I was particularly requested to come and take a part.

50,455. Do you remember how long that would be before the election?—Perhaps a week; I do not know.

50,456. That would be before Mr. Brown came?—Yes; before Mr. Brown came.

50,457. When the committee was formed, and after it was formed, were the usual steps taken to secure voters and make arrangements for the election?—Yes; immediate steps were taken for canvassing the districts.

50,458. And was application made to have names put down in the way you have mentioned in 1841?—I think it is very likely they were.

50,459. Do you not remember that after Mr. Brown came, the few days before the election, that was done extensively?—I know that Mr. Brown's coming made a great difference.

50,460. Made you much more active?—Yes, certainly.

50,461. There was but little time before the election?—Yes.

50,462. Does not that enable you to remember that applications of the kind I have mentioned, for runners or messengers, were frequent?—I have no doubt whatever that was

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the case; the system has been so general, and I am not aware it was departed from on that occasion.

50,463. Have you any means of furnishing us at all with the applications made, or the names of the applicants, to the Holderness ward?—No; I can only tell you the total amount that was paid to me, and paid by me to Mr. Jubb, on account of the Holderness ward. I have no account whatever of the mode in which that money was disbursed.

50,464. What was the total amount?—The sum I think paid to me was 100*l.*

50,465. Who disbursed it?—It was disbursed by the committee. I made the payments to Mr. Jubb, as he required the money.

50,466. You received it from Mr. Bright?—Yes.

50,467. And you paid it to Mr. Jubb?—Yes.

50,468. Mr. Jubb would disburse it; would that be the course?—Yes. That was another of the arrangements that had been made. It was pretty generally known that the Holderness ward was a very extensive ward, and I refused to have anything to do with the superintendence of it unless there was some understanding beforehand that the payments should be limited, and not only limited, but guaranteed to a certain amount, that there should be no dispute about the payments.

50,469. To what extent did they guarantee to pay?—£100.

50,470. When was that understanding come to. How long before the election? Was it after Mr. Brown's arrival or before?—I should think it would be after Mr. Brown's arrival.

50,471. To the best of your judgment it would be after?—I should think it would be, but I do not know.

50,472. Mr. Jubb is not alive, I think?—No.

50,473. Would the payments actually have been made by him or by the clerk, do you suppose?—They would be made by his authority.

50,474. And to a certain extent have the sanction of all the committee?—Yes.

50,475. Whose hands would be the ones to pay?—That I do not know. I paid the money to Mr. Jubb in sums of 20*l.* or 30*l.* as he wanted it, and he would disburse it.

50,476. Were you not present when he made the payments?—No.

50,477. Where were the payments made, and when?—That I do not know; for although I took the general superintendence of the ward, I do not think I was often at the committee room.

50,478. What did you do yourself?—I was on the central committee, but with an understanding that I was to superintend the Holderness ward; I resided there.

50,479. You say you were not there a great deal personally?—Not at the committee room.

50,480. Do you know whether the payments of 100*l.* were made before or after the election?—I should think after the election; I do not think any of them were made before the election.

50,481. You made the payments to Mr. Jubb; you would be able to recollect?—I think it was after the election.

50,482. What was the course? Did you make some vouchers?—The money was paid to me in one sum, and afterwards paid by me to Mr. Jubb.

50,483. Did you receive it in cash, or get a cheque, and change it into cash?—I think in notes.

50,484. When Mr. Jubb said he wanted so much money, did he show you in detail?—No; I was satisfied if he said he wanted so much money; I gave it him; he knew what the arrangement was, that it should not exceed 100*l.*

50,485. You had a check in not handing any more?—Yes; it was throughly understood he was not to ask for more.

50,486. Do you know whether the payments were made at that time; did you ever see any made?—No, I do not think I did.

50,487. Do you not know, as a matter of the business of the election, where the payments were made?—They were sometimes made at the committee room.

50,488. Where do you think they would be made?—I should think most likely at their own houses, those that received the amount for committee rooms, and a good deal for cabs to bring people up to the poll.

50,489. And the runners and messengers?—Those actually employed would be paid at the committee room the Saturday evening.

50,490. There was no Saturday before?—If not, they would be paid after the election.

50,491. The messengers and those not employed,—those set down; they would hardly go from door to door and pay them; there would be some place to pay them?—I do not know; I cannot speak to that fact.

50,492. Who was acting at the committee excepting Mr. Jubb?—I can hardly recollect.

50,493. Besides Mr. Jubb; leaving him out?—I do not know who the others were; I have no recollection as to who the other members of the committee would be.

50,494. Not so long back as 1841?—I can tell you the names of the principal parties connected with the election, but I could not recollect the names of the distinct persons.

50,495. Had you books and papers and such things at your committee room?—Yes.

50,496. And the names of the persons in them?—That should be done before the books are sent from the central committee, but it does not always follow that those names entered in the books are the parties who take the most active part; others might be added afterwards.

50,497. It is partly for that reason I ask you to furnish me with the names of some of the active committee men in your ward, the Holderness ward, at the election of 1847?—I do not think I can do that.

50,498. Can you not remember them?—No; my communications were with Mr. Jubb; I do not even recollect who the deputy chairman was.

50,499. Who was the clerk?—I do not know who the clerk was.

50,500. The treasurer?—I was the treasurer, as far as the payments to Mr. Jubb went; I really have no recollection.

50,501. Cannot you remember the clerk's name?—No, I do not know who it was; there was a man of the name of Watson employed in the Holderness ward; I will not be certain he was the man.

50,502. Employed at the committee room?—I think so.

50,503. Do you know what his Christian name is?—I do not know hether he was a voter; he lived in Holborn Street.

50,504. I ask you generally after Mr. Brown's arrival, or his announcement as a candidate, whether your duties of superintending were not necessarily much more arduous during the short time of the election?—Certainly, it would be necessary after that time to see that the committee worked.

50,505. Did you, as general superintendent, visit the committee rooms at that time?—No doubt I was at the committee rooms.

50,506. At the several committee rooms?—Yes.

40,507. You were yourself at the several committee rooms from time to time, pretty near daily, I suppose?—Yes.

50,508. Do you not know that applications were made at other committee rooms as well as your own, for men to be put down for messengers, runners, and the appointment of rooms as committee rooms?—I know nothing whatever of the other districts.

50,509. Remember, if you please, whether, after Mr. Brown came so suddenly into the field so shortly before the election, there was not a good deal done, to your knowledge, at the other committee rooms, with regard to setting down names and securing votes by that mode?—I do not know that there was.

50,510. Were not your general instructions to be active?—I do not think there was so much done on Mr. Baines' behalf in the way of setting down as at the other elections.

50,511. I think I understood you to say you were at several of the committee rooms?—Not several committee rooms.

50,512. Only that one in your ward?—I might have been at some other, but I have no distinct recollection of being at any other.

50,513. There was only one general committee room in Holderness ward?—Yes.

50,514. Do you know at all what number of committee rooms of the other kind,—rooms engaged in that way,—would be taken in the Holderness ward at that election?—No, I do not.

50,515. Would the payments be made in that respect also by Mr. Jubb?—Yes; all the payments were made, I believe, by him, as far as I can recollect.

50,516. Did you have much personal intercourse with Mr. Baines during the canvass and the election?—Not a great deal.

50,517. Do you remember that any matters passed between you and him respecting the probable expense that he would be put to?—No; I never mentioned the subject to him.

50,518. Did he to you?—Never.

50,519. Did it never pass between you what was the ordinary expense of a Hull election?—No; I do not think he ever asked a single question about the expenses.

50,520. Do you remember the matter of expense being talked of in your presence by Mr. Baines?—I never heard it mentioned.

50,521. Do you remember when Mr. Baines came to Hull, as connected with the election?—Specially on that business?

50,522. Yes?—No; as I mentioned before, I was away from Hull.

50,523. We know he had been recorder of the borough?—I was away from Hull about a week before the election, and I am sure he had come down before that time, because I was here on the day I was first applied to personally to come and take an active interest in the election.

50,524. Do you remember when that was?—That would be about the day before the election.

50,525. Where did he stay?—That I do not know; I think it was the Vittoria.

50,526. Did you not see him on your coming?—No; the only time I saw him was at the George Inn.

50,527. That was the central committee?—Yes.

50,528. Did you join in the requisition to Mr. Baines?—I believe so; I cannot say for certain whether I did.

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50,529. I should like you to remember that; did you sign a requisition to him?—If I was in town I signed it; I should have no hesitation about signing, but whether the requisition was got up while I was away from Hull, or whether I was here, I do not know.

50,530. Did you hear it contained a clear majority of the whole voters in Hull?—No, I did not hear that; I should not think it did.

50,531. You saw him, you think, at the George?—I think it was at the George.

50,532. Do you know whether the matter of the expenses of the election were mentioned at all?—I do not think it was ever mentioned in my presence when I was there; indeed I am certain it never was.

50,533. You received the money in this way, and handed it over to Mr. Jubb? Did you ever go through any accounts with Mr. Baines afterwards?—No.

50,534. Did you ever see him on any matter of account?—No; I never mentioned the subject to him.

50,535. I believe in the making up of the accounts of the Holderness ward there was a balance due from you?—I suppose there must have been, because I understand that the sum of 95*l.* is put down as having been spent, and certainly 100*l.* was paid to me, therefore I suppose I must have paid 5*l.*, but I do not know. That is the only way I can account for the difference.

50,536. You mean you find in the account you were charged with 5*l.*?—No; the other way.

50,537. The account shows as against you 95*l.*?—Yes; and I have a distinct recollection that I received 100*l.*

50,538. You do not know exactly how that would be?—No; I merely suppose so from that difference.

50,539. You must have returned 5*l.*?—Yes.

50,540. As not handed over to Mr. Jubb, and not employed?—Yes.

50,541. With regard to that election, can you tell us anything, on either side, that will assist us in our inquiry?—No; I know very little. I think I have told you nearly all I know of either side; the other side I know nothing about.

50,542. What did you generally do in the election of 1847? You say you had a kind of superintendence of the Holderness ward, and was not much at the committee. You do not seem to have made the payments. What did you do?—I think I attended occasionally at the central committee room, and helped at what work was going on in the committee room.

50,543. Did you go about and make personal canvass of the ward?—I should think it is most likely I did.

50,544. You have told us you were to superintend the Holderness ward, and the only thing you have told us you did was to pay sums of money to Mr. Jubb without asking him for any vouchers?—My general superintendence of that, what in addition to the payments, would be to see that the ward was properly canvassed; when I went to the committee room I should look at the books, with the returns of the voters, and I saw in the book a large number put down as not having promised, I should certainly request that the person who had charge of the book would see those voters; that is what I mean by a general superintendence of the ward. Every time I went I should do that.

50,545. To some extent you were rather assisting the secretary?—The secretary on those occasions of a ward committee is not a very efficient officer.

50,546. Did you yourself canvass?—I should think so; I have no doubt I did.

50,547. Do you know whether you yourself put down the names of applicants for employment?—I have no recollection of having done so. I think I did not canvass much. I did see some parties reported to be doubtful, and I believe there were some half dozen people I saw with Mr. Baines in that ward.

50,548. Did you engage rooms?—No, I do not think that I did.

50,549. Did you keep any accounts of any kind yourself?—Of the payments?

50,550. Of any kind, of the election of 1847?—I do not know; I should most likely make a memorandum of the money paid to Mr. Jubb, if paid at all; or if there was anything particular that he told me he had paid, I should note that.

50,551. What would become of the books and papers connected with your room, after the election?—That I do not know; the canvassing books are still in existence, and those are the only things that are.

50,552. Why are not the others?—The others can be satisfactorily accounted for; there were some papers of that election put by with those books, and were left in my office; and after I left the office the gentleman who succeeded me in the office put all the papers that he thought were useless into the fire, and I was asking him when I came here yesterday if he knew anything about some papers and canvassing books that were there. I knew where they were put.

50,553. Those papers that were destroyed, would they contain the lists of names?—I cannot say what they contained, but it would be a general summary of the payments.

50,554. Is the only book remaining the general canvassing book?—The canvassing books used by the canvassers of the different districts; half a dozen of them.

50,555. Where were they put so as to be preserved?—They were put in a cupboard with some other papers, and there they have remained since the election.

50,556. Some other papers connected with the election?—Yes, I believe so. I have never looked at the papers since that time. I believe they were all put together.

50,557. Those other papers put with the general canvassing books, were they destroyed?—Yes.

50,558. Some taken out of the cupboard, and some left?—The books were not destroyed, but the papers were.

50,559. How came they to be left there?—I do not know. It was a cupboard not used for any particular purpose.

50,560. Who informed you they had destroyed them?—The clerk, yesterday.

50,561. Was he a clerk who was in the business when you were in it?—Yes.

50,562. What is his name?—Scaling

50,563. What was his information about?—I asked him yesterday, in consequence of the request Mr. Shaen made to me, about the papers connected with Mr. Baines' election, if he had seen the books and papers which had been left in this cupboard. He said he had done so; that he thought they were old papers connected with an old election, and they had all been burnt along with a great many others.

50,564. When were they destroyed?—I should think it would be about Jenuary, most likely; I cleared everything out.

50,565. January of the present year?—Yes.

50,566. When did you leave?—I did not leave finally until January of the present year.

50,567. Was Scaling living with you at the time of the 1847 election, as one of your clerks?—No; he has only been there a very short time.

50,568. He was a clerk of yours at the time you left?—Yes.

50,569. Did he take on himself to destroy any other papers you left behind?—I do not know what other papers there were.

50,570. Did you hear he had destroyed any others, or only those particular sheets?—I left those papers there, thinking, possibly, they might be wanted, without saying they were to be kept.

50,571. There was very little public excitement at the election of 1847?—Little, compared with what there had been previously.

50,572. Comparatively speaking, very little?—Yes; they were all thought to be on one side.

50,573. They were all thought to be shades of orange; Mr. Clay genuine orange, and the other two more or less so?—Yes.

50,574. At the election of 1852, I believe you were one of the vice-chairmen of the central committee?—Yes.

50,575. You were then in the interest of Messrs. Moore and Butler, and we were told that you were one of the parties who went to London for a second candidate?—Yes.

50,576. When was it you went to London with Mr. Barkworth for that purpose?—I think it was in the month of June. It was in consequence of a general meeting of the Conservative Association which had been held at the George Inn that we were requested to go as a deputation, to look out.

50,577. Do you remember if that meeting was in June?—I do not remember whether it was in June; it was in June we went.

50,578. Do you remember the time of the month?—No.

50,579. Who went with you?—Mr. John Balderson Barkworth.

50,580. And yourself?—Yes.

50,581. Mr. Moore was in the field at that time, I believe?—It was known he would take the field, but he had not made his appearance in Hull.

50,582. Do you know it had been talked of in the early time, that there would not be a contest?—I know it had been talked if possible to avoid a contest.

50,583. Did you have anything to do with Mr. Bramley Moore's coming here?—I signed a requisition to him.

50,584. You did not go to see him or bring him?—I never saw him until the day we met in coming down here altogether in the railway train.

50,585. Was that when you returned with Mr. Butler?—No; not with Mr Butler; he came down direct.

50,586. But when you returned from London on the occasion you went to see Mr. Butler?—Yes.

50,587. When you went to London with Mr. Barkworth, where did you go to for a second candidate?—We went to the Carlton.

50,588. Did you go to Kilwick?—That was before going to London.

50,589. Where is Kilwick?—The seat of Captain Duncombe, one of the members for the East Riding.

50,590. Did you go to communicate with him upon the subject of getting a candidate?—We did.

50,591. Did he recommend you to go to the Carlton?—He had been in communication with the Carlton, and recommended we should go up.

50,592. Did he mention any name to you as a probable candidate; as a person to see when you got to the Carlton?—I do not think he mentioned the names of any candidates, but he recommended us to see Colonel Forrester when we got there.

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50,593. Did he also give you the names of some two or three people, whom, if you did not see Colonel Forrester, you might apply for?—I do not think he did. The name of Lord Greenock was mentioned, but whether by Captain Duncombe or after we got to London I do not know.

50,594. Did you make any stay at Kilwick?—We were there perhaps an hour, and then returned to London.

50,595. Did you take an introduction from Captain Duncombe to Colonel Forrester?—I do not think we took an introduction; he wrote to Colonel Forrester to say we were coming.

50,596. You did not take it with you?—No.

50,597. You went to the Carlton?—Yes.

50,598. Cannot you fix the day?—I cannot.

50,599. The beginning, or the middle, or the end of the month?—I think before the middle; about the 10th; but I really cannot say.

50,600. Somewhere about the 18th the minutes rather point to?—I am not certain as to the time.

50,601. Did you see Colonel Forrester?—Yes.

50,602. And at that intervew you stated, of course, what you had come for?—Yes.

50,603. What did you state to Colonel Forrester?—That it was found it was impossible to avoid a contest at Hull, and therefore we had come to ask him if he knew of a gentleman who would stand in conjunction with Mr. Bramley Moore; we mentioned also to him what the expenses would be.

50,604. What did you mention that at?—£1,200; and what the probable chances of success were.

50,605. Did you state those as good?—Yes.

50,606. As pretty nearly certain, in your judgment?—We thought there were many circumstances that were favourable at that time.

50,607. Do I understand you you represented to Colonel Forrester that a second candidate would only be at the expense of 1,200*l.*?—Yes; he was to be guaranteed against any further expenses.

50,608. Who by?—By the party generally. He was only to be called on to pay that sum. Both were put on the same footing.

50,609. That the party in Hull would guarantee that it should be no more?—Would guarantee that he should not be called on to pay more.

50,610. Can you state the rest that passed?—No; the details having been gone pretty fully into as to the amount of money required, and the probable chance of success.

50,611. Tell us the whole of that?—We were asked upon what grounds we thought there was a fair chance of success, and it was said that there were two questions in particular in which the electors of Hull felt considerable interest, and which would be favourable to the return of a Conservative candidate.

50,612. Those are political reasons?—Yes.

50,613. What was said as to the expense?—That each candidate should be called on to pay 1,200*l.*, and that no further sum should be required.

50,614. Was anything said about the mode of spending 1,200*l.*, how it would be applied?—No.

50,615. No question was asked as to the mode of spending it?—No; it was thought rather a reasonable sum.

50,616. Was anything said as to the voters; did he say, or how was it signified, that it was thought to be a reasonable sum; did the colonel say so?—No objection was made, and on the sum being mentioned there was no hesitation.

50,617. Did he say he thought it was reasonable?—No; but he did not say it was such a sum as would prevent people standing.

50,618. Did he appear to acquiesce at once?—He made no objection to the sum.

50,619. Did you understand from his manner that he appeared to think it was a reasonable sum?—He made no objection whatever.

50,620. Did you state at all as to the certainty or probability of success?—We did state we thought there was a very good chance of success.

50,621. Did you state that the result at all depended upon a certain class of freemen who generally expected employ or anything of that kind; that there were a certain number of persons whose votes had to be secured; was anything said about that?—I think that all circumstances connected with Hull elections were quite as well known in London as they were here.

50,622. Did you think that the Colonel seemed au fait at them?—I think he seemed not to have a very good opinion of the place.

50,623. In that respect?—Yes.

50,624. Did he say, "Is Hull worse than another place, or better than this particular place"?—We always felt there was a difficulty in getting a good man to stand for Hull, because it was not in very good odour.

50,625. And that people who handled it would be dirtied?—Yes.

50,626. And that there was a difficulty of getting a candidate upon that ground, that it had a bad chracter?—No, it did not amount to that; that it was in bad odour; something to that effect.

50,627. Was the kind of system that had prevailed alluded to by Colonel Forrester?—I think not.

50,628. You say he seemed to understand it, and you think it was not alluded to in detail?—I do not think it was; I do not think there was anything said about that.

50,629. Did Colonel Forrester mention some names?—Yes.

50,630. What followed next?—We were asked, on hearing something about them whom we thought likely, and we were asked to select one.

50,631. How many names did the Colonel give you?—A dozen, perhaps.

50,632. In writing?—No; he alluded to them.

50,633. Were they put down on paper—set down, to use a Hull term?—They were willing to contest the borough.

50,634. Were they set down?—I dare say he had them down; he paid them off.

50,635. Did you make a selection at once, or consider, and look them over?—We at once, when Mr. Butler's name was mentioned, agreed to see him.

50,636. I suppose you had full authority to act on the part of those who sent you?—Yes.

50,637. And to conclude?—Yes. We then went to Mr. Butler's house, and when we got there we found he was at the Carlton, and we went back there.

50,638. When the names were submitted to you, did you make any inquiry as to their having money?—We asked, certainly, if they were parties who would be willing to pay the sum.

50,639. When the Hon. Mr. Butler's name was presented, do you remember that you asked it?—No; I should not ask that, because I knew him very well by name; I knew that he had money.

50,640. You heard, I dare say, that he married a lady with a large fortune?—He lives close to Rugby, which I know.

50,641. You thought, as regarded Mr. Butler, there would be no doubt as regarded the 1,200*l.*?—I knew, if he was willing to stand for Hull, that 1,200*l.* was not an object with him.

50,642. I think you said you found he had returned to the Carlton?—Yes.

50,643. Did you find him at the Carlton?—We found him at the Carlton on our return.

50,644. Did you and Mr. Barkworth have an interview with him?—Yes.

50,645. State how you opened it?—We said we came up from Hull as a deputation, to look out for a second candidate, and with full power to conclude an arrangement with any one willing to come; and we mentioned the sum Mr. Bramley Moore was to advance for the purposes of the election, and it was advisable a second candidate should come on equal terms; in fact, that he should pay 1,200*l.* also, and beyond that sum no demand whatever should be made.

50,646. Upon your mentioning the sum of 1,200*l.*, did Mr. Butler at once agree to it?—Yes; there was not another word said about it. He said, "Very well." We certainly had some conversation with him as to his opinions, and he said, directly the sum of 1,200*l.* was mentioned, he had no objection to that.

50,647. Did he say anything as to the way in which the 1,200*l.* would be employed?—No; nothing was said about that.

50,648. He asked no questions?—No, I think not.

50,649. Did he not inquire a little as to the general mode of conducting elections in Hull?—If we had any conversation on that point, it was after he had agreed; but I recollect perfectly well, as soon as the sum was mentioned to him, he said that he should not object to it.

50,650. Was anything said at the time as to what was to be done if the sum exceeded that?—That was to be made up by my party; that they were not to be responsible for that.

50,651. That was agreed to and said at the time?—Yes.

50,652. Did you make any minute in writing of this interview?—No.

50,653. Did Mr. Butler?—No; nothing was put down in writing.

50,654. When you said something was said about anything beyond the 1,200*l.* being paid by the party, do you mean the party in Hull or in London?—The party in Hull.

50,655. I suppose you never seriously thought that an election for Hull could be carried with 2,400*l.*?—We thought certainly the expenses could not much exceed that sum. We did not expect, in consequence of the strict Act against bribery, that either party would have recourse to it.

50,656. You did not think the expenses would much exceed that?—No.

50,657. Did you know what had been spent in 1847?—No.

50,658. In a three day contest for Mr. Baines?—No; I never heard what sum had been spent by him.

50,659. What the total sum of his expenses was?—No; it was generally reported that his election cost him 1,000*l.*

50,660. And Mr. Brown?—I do not know; there were many rumours as to the money spent by him.

50,661. What was the report?—Generally some 3,000*l.* or 4,000*l.*

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50,662. Do you recollect whether you mentioned to Mr. Butler the expenses of these previous elections?—I do not think they were mentioned.

50,663. Do you recollect if Mr. Butler said, on the sum of 1,200*l.* being mentioned, that he thought it a small sum, or something to that effect?—No, I do not think he would; he would not be likely to do that, or probably he might have thought we should ask him for more.

50,664. He was secured against that?—He was very well satisfied.

50,665. What did he say?—It was by his very ready acquiescence in the offer.

50,666. Did he say he thought it could not be done with that?—If you conclude a bargain with a man, you can generally tell whether he thinks he has made a good bargain with you or not.

50,667. You thought he had?—I thought he was perfectly satisfied.

50,668. You judged by his manner, that you thought he had made a good bargain?—By his manner altogether, that it was not an exorbitant sum for a man to pay.

50,669. You stated at the same interview, though afterwards at a later time some conversation passed as to the mode of carrying on Hull elections?—As to the mode in which they had been carried on.

50,670. State as well as you remember what passed as to that?—I believe both Mr. Barkworth and I told Mr. Butler that we did not think anything like the same expense would be resorted to on that occasion as had been on previous ones, in consequence of the more stringent Acts that were in force against bribery.

50,671. Did you in some terms convey to him that bribery had been prevalent at those two elections?—That there had been a great deal of money spent.

50,672. And that the system I have drawn your attention to had prevailed?—Yes.

50,673. Did you tell him the system?—No special reference was made to the system, but that there had been money spent on previous elections; that he was aware of.

50,674. Did you understand from Mr. Butler that he had seen Colonel Forrester before he saw you?—Yes.

50,675. And that Colonel Forrester had of course intimated to him the interview you had had with Colonel Forrester?—Yes.

50,676. And you said the colonel seemed perfectly well aware of the mode of carrying on elections at Hull? Do you think Mr. Butler seemed to know something of it?—He was not entirely ignorant.

50,677. Did he know as much as the colonel?—I do not think so.

50,678. About Hull, I mean?—I do not think he did. What he knew about Hull he got from Colonel Forrester.

50,679. You collected from what Mr. Butler said, that he had been informed by Colonel Forrester that Hull was not the safest place in the world?—I think he knew there was a safer place.

50,680. You informed him generally of the mode of conducting elections in 1841 and 1847?—No special reference was made to any particular election, but that there had been such practices.

50,681. And you said, in consequence of the stringent Act against bribery, you thought it would not be carried on?—Yes; to the same extent.

50,682. So that the matter of bribery was one of the things mentioned as having prevailed at Hull elections?—I think most likely.

50,683. Did you have any further interview with Mr. Butler after that?—Yes.

50,684. Was it to conclude any arrangement?—No; it was merely to conclude as to the time he should come down. The next thing was to issue an address to the electors; we were to call on him the following day, and receive that, and send it on to Hull.

50,685. At this interview, or any of the concluding interviews, was any arrangement made as to the mode in which Mr. Butler should transmit his money?—No; nothing whatever said about that.

50,686. Did he say anything about opening an account with a Hull bank?—No.

50,687. Was anything said as to the time the 1,200*l.* would be wanted, in the course of the election; whether before or after?—I think he made the remark, "Of course the 1,200*l.* will be wanted;" and the reply would be, certainly. And he might make his own arrangements about bringing it down, or sending it in any way he thought proper, but no special bargain was made.

50,688. As to the time nor the mode?—Neither.

50,689. Do you know how the 1,200*l.* was supplied?—No.

50,690. Whether Mr. Butler had an account with a bank?—I do not know how it was paid.

50,691. Did you return the next day, or a day or two after?—I did not return direct to Hull.

50,692. Did Mr. Butler come down with you?—No; I met Mr. Butler at the Milford Junction station.

50,693. When was that? Do you remember the day?—I should think that would be about a week after our interview with him in London.

50,694. That would be getting towards the end of June?—I think we first saw him the Friday or Saturday of one week, and I think he came down here the Wednesday or Thursday of the next week; perhaps a little later.

50,695. You said you did not come direct from London?—No.

50,696. Do you know whether Mr. Bulter did?—He did.

50,697. You had been to some other part, and met him at the Milford Junction?—Yes.

50,698. And came on from Hull together?—Yes, from Milford.

50,699. Where did Mr. Butler stay?—At Dotesio's Railway Hotel.

50,700. Did any gentleman come with him?—In the same carriage?

50,701. No; staying with him as his friend?—Mr. Nicholson.

50,702. Who is Mr. Nicholson?—A solicitor.

50,703. In London?—Yes.

50,704. Had you seen Mr. Nicholson in London?—I saw him at Mr. Butler's house.

50,705. A private solicitor?—I think he is more a friend of Mr. Butler's.

50,706. When did you see him at Mr. Butler's house?—After the interview; the day but one after that.

50,707. Was the matter of the election talked over in the presence of Mr. Nicholson?—No; I heard nothing about it; it was all concluded before I saw him.

50,708. Was it not repeated?—No; nothing was said in his presence.

50,709. After your return and Mr. Butler's arrival the committees were formed?—The committees were formed previous to that.

50,710. You were the vice-chairman of the central committee?—There were several vice-chairmen.

50,711. Four we have heard, and you acted as one?—There were more than four, I think.

50,712. You were one?—Yes, I was one.

50,713. You gave us the names of Mr. Pease, Mr. Barkworth, yourself, and one other, Mr. Gleadow?—Yes; he was another vice-chairman.

50,714. There was a room taken, I believe, at No. 7 in Quay Street, Mr. Wells has told us?—That room, I believe, was taken for the purpose of paying the out-voters.

50,715. The expenses of the out-voters?—Yes.

50,716. Do you know when that room was taken?—No; but I should think about a day before the election. It was found it would be very inconvenient to have the out-voters come to the committee room the day of the election.

50,717. And this room was taken in Quay Street?—Yes.

50,718. You attended there, I believe, with Mr. Barkworth, and assisted in the payment?—No; I never was at the room.

50,719. Mr. Wells has told us that you and Mr. Henry Barkworth did?—No, I never was in the room.

50,720. Did you pay any of these out-voters?—The money was paid to Mr. Dixon for the purpose.

50,721. By yourself?—Yes; I think it was by myself.

50,722. Mr. Wells said that you and Mr. Barkworth were at that room for the purpose of paying out-voters?—No, I was not. Mr. Wells is here, and you can ask him.

50,723. As vice-chairman were you also treasurer?—No, I was not treasurer; Mr. Ward was the treasurer.

50,724. Did the money for payment pass from you to Mr. Ward?—No; it passed from Mr. Ward to me.

50,725. Did you make all the payments?—No; if the chairman of a district committee sent in a bill for payment, I either paid it out of money that I had in my hands at that time, or got the money from Mr. Ward.

50,726. Did you receive, then, claims for money from the separate district committees from time to time?—If I was in the committee room at the time the claims were brought in, I took them to Mr. Ward.

50,727. If you were not there, who did that duty devolve upon?—He would most likely endeavour to see Mr. Ward himself, or Mr. Henry Barkworth.

50,728. Did you receive claims for payment excepting at the committee rooms? Did you receive them at the district committee rooms?—No; they were always sent in to the central committee.

50,729. It was the course to send them to the central committee, and then to be handed to you?—No; it was not at all necessary that they should be handed to me, but if I was at the central committee I took them to Mr. Ward, and got the money, and they were paid there and then.

50,730. In those accounts that you took to Mr. Ward, did you look over the vouchers to see what the amount was he had to pay?—If I had the vouchers I put them together, and took them to him, and said, "I want so much money;" and they were paid, and receipts given.

50,731. Did you examine all the accounts?—We kept them as low as we possibly could.

50,732. You taxed them?—Yes.

50,733. You examined them before you asked for the sum of money?—If the claim from one district was larger than the other, some special remark was made about it, and some reason called for for the difference.

50,734. Was there not some person at the central committee room, inasmuch as all the

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money wa paid by Mr. Ward? Was there not some hand there through which all the accounts would be passed before the total sum wanted was given out by Mr. Ward?—No, certainly not. Many accounts were paid by Mr. Ward that had never gone through my hands.

50,735. Or the hands of anybody else?—Yes. As a general rule, whatever accounts were certified by the chairmen of the district committees they would be paid.

50,736. That would be the mode?—Yes, if it was stated to be correct.

50,737. By him?—Yes; we could raise no objection whatever to any demand.

50,738. You say you taxed some, or looked them over?—It was more in the way of a caution. You understand these payments were being made for many weeks previous to the election, and as we knew probably a month or six weeks would elapse before a dissolution or election took place, it was necessary to put something like a check upon the expenditure.

50,739. How often were these accounts forwarded from the district committees?—Upon the Saturday; the instructions were that all accounts should be sent in on the Saturday morning.

50,740. And that was the course adopted?—That was the course adopted.

50,741. Were you usually there on the Saturday?—Not the whole day; at no particular time. On the Saturday morning I should be there.

50,742. What time on Saturday would the accounts come in?—We ought to have had them in before twelve o'clock, but we had often great difficulty in getting them in.

50,743. And what would those accounts include?—The payment of runners, clerks, doorkeepers, and so forth the usual weekly expenses of the committee room.

50,744. Those were not payments that had been made?—No.

50,745. But to show the money that was wanted?—Yes.

50,746. Were such papers returned to the central committee from each district committee room every Saturday?—They were returned as soon as they were receipted by the clerk, who perhaps brought an account from the chairman of the committee for so much money, and he received it at the central committee room, and a receipt was given.

50,747. Receipted the bill?—Receipted the bill containing the amount.

50,748. Was that the account, or the vouchers, or what?—There were no vouchers; it was merely put down on a half sheet of paper, the amount required for a certain district.

50,749. Did it include the pay lists? did it give the names of the people?—No, I think not; merely a clerk or doorkeeper; I do not think the names of the persons employed were put down in the weekly receipts.

50,750. What I want to know is whether before the sum was paid out by Mr. Ward the accounts, either by means of vouchers or otherwise, underwent the scrutiny of the central committee?—No.

50,751. Or whether a certificate or a demand from a district chairman was enough of itself?—That was sufficient for the payment; but if the demand from the chairman of any one ward was larger than the average, some remark would be made that it was necessary to curtail the expenditure.

50,752. Did the demands from each committee contain items, or was it a lumping sum?—It would be put, "Clerk, so much; doorkeeper, so much; messengers, so much."

50,753. Upon one sheet of paper?—Yes; or half a sheet of paper.

50,754. Did it give the names?—Yes.

50,755. So that you could know how many clerks, door keepers, and messengers there were?—Yes.

50,756. When these clerks attended, were you not the person who generally handed them the money?—If I was there I did so, but it was not at all necessary that I should be there.

50,757. Who did it, if you were not there?—If Mr. Ward was there, he would do it himself.

50,758. Of course it would be convenient that the money should not pass through several hands?—It was an inconvenient thing to have persons coming into the committee rooms to be paid, to have money handed about there, and it was also inconvenient to Mr. Ward to have the money paid in his office; I therefore said, "The better plan will be, if they come into the committee room, I will bring them to your office."

50,759. Was Mr. Ward in a separate place?—He was in his own office.

50,760. He was the general chairman?—Yes.

50,761. Then was his office in the same place as the committee room?—No; in the next house.

50,762. Supposing you were not there, who would be the person to do that?—Any of the other deputy chairmen who were there.

50,763. Did you take the chair frequently?—No, not very often; I think Mr. Gleadow generally.

50,764. To revert again to the out-voters, did you pay any of them yourself at this room?—No; I never was at the room.

50,765. Was it a mistake of Mr. Wells when he said that you and Mr. Henry Barkworth paid them?—Certainly it is. We were instructed to look after the payment, and it was arranged that Mr. Dixon should pay them. Mr. Wells may be right as far as he

says that we did look after the payment of them; I believe we were nominated to attend to that business.

50,766. The words I took down, were that you and Mr. Barkworth were appointed?—Yes, very likely; to attend to the out-voters.

50,767. Did Mr. Dixon come to you for a sum of money for the out-voters?—I think 90*l.* was paid to him; I think that was the sum.

50,768. Do you remember when the payment was made to him?—No, I do not. It would be the day before the election, or the day after, because these parties would want to return immediately after voting.

50,769. Mr. Wells has said they were paid before?—I think the money was paid to Mr. Dixon before.

50,770. He said that the money was paid to the out-voters?—I do not know the fact.

50,771. Is Mr. Dixon in the town now?—I believe so.

50,772. He is Mr. Gibson's clerk?—Yes.

50,773. Did you pay him the sum of 90*l.* at once?—I paid the money to Mr. Barkworth; I had some money in my hands that had been given me by Mr. Wells; I ought to have. I think I paid 90*l.*, and I think to Mr. Barkworth, which he was to give to Mr. Dixon.

50,774. Was it all paid at once?—That 90*l.* was.

50,775. In one sum?—Yes.

50,776. At the time you paid that sum to Mr. Barkworth, did he furnish you with a list of persons to whom it was to be paid?—All he did was, he gave me a small piece of paper, "90*l.*," and put his initials to it, and I put it along with any vouchers I had, by way of accounting for it.

50,777. I suppose he stated the purpose, of course?—Yes; not in the paper; I knew what it was for; I merely wanted some kind of voucher.

50,778. Did he state at all how many out-voters there were, do you remember?—No; but I think it was pretty well known.

50,779. What did you think them to be?—The amount?

50,780. No; the number of them?—I have not attended to the out-voters.

50,781. What were they paid each?—The arrangement was that they should have first class fare,—that was considered a legal payment,—to Hull and back, wherever they were.

50,782. First-class fare there and back?—Yes.

50,783. Not a return ticket, but the full fare?—The full fare.

50,784. They were to have the full fare for each way, and not a return ticket?—Yes.

50,785. The London people, according to the account, seem to have 4*l.* 10*s.* each; that would include something beyond the fare?—I do not know what the payment was; I believe the understanding was that they should have first-class fare.

50,786. £2 is the special train, first class, from London?—That was the understanding in the committee.

50,787. Were they to have anything for loss of time?—That was the understanding, that they were to have first-class fare each way.

50,788. Without any regard to their station in life?—Yes; that was thought to be the maximum amount that we could legally allow.

50,789. Or without any regard to where they came from?—No.

50,790. And you understood upon that computation that the sum of 90*l.* was wanted for the out-voters?—£90 was merely taken as a sum on account.

50,791. Did you pay any more?—I do not recollect whether I paid any more.

50,792. That does not include the London ones?—I do not know.

50,793. They were left to be paid by Tilson and company in London?—The money would be remitted to them to pay with. So long as I got a memorandum for any money I paid, if it was paid to the chairman of the committee, or one of the district chairmen, it was sufficient for me, and I did not ask them what the particulars of it were.

50,794. You would not pay money upon request, without its having reference to the election?—I have no doubt any person asking for money would say what it was wanted for.

50,795. Was there established, at the central committee, a kind of finance committee, out of the general committee?—I think two or three were appointed, with a view to checking the expenses.

50,796. Yourself and Mr. Ward?—Yes; and Mr. Henry Barkworth; and we did, as far as we could, check it.

50,797. Did you and Mr. Ward apply yourselves generally in that character of finance committee to the town of Hull, and Mr. Barkworth to the out-voters?—No; I do not think there was any distinct understanding of that kind.

50,798. Do you know whether any fixed sum was mentioned as the first-class fare to pay voters from Barton, or Hessle, or Cottingham?—I had nothing to do with the paying of them.

50,799. Was Mr. Barkworth the person of the three who would know most about that?—I do not know.

50,800. One of the three surely would know something about it?—I do not know. It did not come under my cognizance. I do not know what was done.

50,801. As a finance committee, were you not furnished with vouchers?—We were not

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strictly a finance committee; we were merely requested to check the expenditure. It was at Mr. Ward's request that we undertook it.

50,802. I ask you what vouchers you saw?—The vouchers we saw were from the different committees, signed by the chairmen.

50,803. You saw the vouchers?—Yes; and then the money was paid to the persons bringing them.

50,804. You mean a piece of paper?—Yes; those half sheets of paper.

50,805. You did not see the bills?—No, I did not.

50,806. Not at any time?—There would not be bills; they would be vouchers.

50,807. But the amounts would be carried out?—Messengers, so much.

50,808. We have seen a good many with the names and numbers put down, and the amount?—That would be after the election.

50,809. No; the weekly bills. Did you see such a thing as this (*handing a weekly bill to the witness*)?—That is not the weekly bill I am speaking to. I am speaking of the weekly payments previous to the election.

50,810. What you are are asked is, whether, at any time, either before or after the election, you saw the vouchers of the different committees? What they sent to you was a demand, you know?—Those would be kept by the chairmen of the different committees, as vouchers against the orders that they sent to the central committee; but we never asked for vouchers, beyond the signature of the district chairmen.

50,811. All you had asked of you amounted pretty much to a sum total, and if you had the signature of the district chairmen the amount was sent?—Yes.

50,812. Are those some of the notes (*handing some papers to the witness*)?—Yes; but these were not sent at the time of the payments; they must have been sent afterwards. I do not know that the chairman ever saw them.

50,813. Do I understand you that you never saw the vouchers in detail?—Not until after the election was over.

50,814. Then did you?—Yes.

50,815. And went through them?—No; because if they were certified as correct by the chairman of the district committee we could not make any objection to them; they were paid as a matter of course.

50,816. What became of those vouchers?—I should think those would be left in the central committee room, when the money was paid.

50,817. What would be done with those papers eventually?—They would be deposited in the central committee room.

50,818. I believe you, also with Mr. Gleadow, whom you mentioned, and Mr. Barkworth, had a good deal of the management of the printing department?—Yes.

50,819. Had you the control over the expenditure of that department?—The general rule was, that no order whatever should be given for printing, excepting from the central committee; and there was a cheque book, from which orders were given.

50,820. As to the printing?—Yes.

50,821. Can you tell me, without going into the detail of it, what the total amount of the printing was, that you paid eventually?—I should think 300*l.* or 400*l.*

50,822. You cannot give the exact amount?—No. I think there were so many different printers employed; but that includes orders for flagstaffs, and all sorts of things.

50,823. "Printing, stationery, cards, advertising, addresses, and other charges of this nature, 415*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.*"?—Yes; I dare say that would be about the amount.

50,824. I am reading from the book furnished by Mr. Ward?—Yes; that is it.

50,825. We have heard of a room at the Minerva Terrace, which Mr. Well called a volunteer room; did any account from that committee room pass through your hands?—The account for the payment of the balance did so, after the election was over. I never heard of the expense of the room until afterwards, and then it was in the central committee room.

50,826. What was that balance that you paid in respect of that election?—I really forget what the amount was.

50,827. About how much?—I think it was from 50*l.* to 70*l.*; I cannot say.

50,828. £60, I think, was the sum?—I did not take any particular notice of it. The account was given to me.

50,829. What sort of account?—It was a request to pay the bearer the balance. I was in the committee room at the time, and went to get the money.

50,830. When was that?—That was two or three days after the election.

50,831. "Pay the bearer the balance"?—No; the sum was mentioned.

50,832. Who signed that paper?—I believe Mr. Bannister.

50,833. A paper from Mr. Bannister asking you to pay the balance?—That was addressed to me.

50,834. And you paid it?—I got the money from Mr. Ward. Mr. Bannister's clerk brought the account to the central committee room, and I was there at the time, and went and got the money.

50,835. Mr. Wride was that?—Yes.

50,836. Did you ask what it was for?—No, I did not.

50,837. Was that the first time that you heard of the room?—I did not inquire

whether for the room or not. I saw it was an order from Mr. Bannister, and I took it as of course.

50,838. You knew Mr. Bannister well?—Yes.

50,839. He was an active man upon the blue side?—Yes.

50,840. He was filling the office of mayor then?—Yes.

50,841. And his signature, asking for 60*l.*, was enough to induce you to pass it?—Yes; it was enough to induce me to take it, without asking any questions about it.

50,842. And it was paid?—Yes.

50,843. Did you also hear of the room, and make any payment for it, at Silvon's, after the election?—I never heard of the name until this moment. I know nothing about it.

50,844. Were other monies sent, to your knowledge, to Legitt, at the Minerva Terrace, besides that balance of 60*l.*?—No, none whatever.

50,845. Do you know of the sums of 30*l.* and 50*l.* having been sent before?—I do not.

50,846. To Mr. Bannister?—No.

50,847. In respect of the room, I mean?—No, certainly not. I never paid any money to Mr. Bannister, or Mr. Legitt, or in connexion with that room.

50,848. We hear that some payments were made at these places called clearing houses; two places paid by Mr. Turnbull and Mr. Ash. Did you furnish any money from Mr. Ward for payment of those places?—I do not know that I did; it is very possible, if the account was brought in, and I was at the committee room at the time, that I should do so as well as the others.

50,849. You know what I am alluding to?—Yes. I have no distinct recollection of any payments being made upon that account, but it is very possible I did.

50,850. Here is an entry that I draw your attention to in Mr. Ward's book:—"Mr. Wells; expenses of contract, clearing houses, where the returns were all taken to on the polling day, £26 6*s.* 6*d.*" Do you recollect whether that money passed through your hands?—No, I do recollect that it did.

50,851. £26 6*s.* 6*d.* Look at that paper; that adding up of the total is in your handwriting?—No; that is not my writing.

50,852. Did you make the payments, do you remember?—I do not recollect. I do not see any mark upon it,

50,853. There is another; Mayne's bill for beer, lemonade, and so on, £14?—I cannot recollect that,

50,854. You heard before the election day of that ingenious scheme of Mr. Wells, of the clearing houses, and the system that was to be adopted for employing these people?—I knew that some measure had been adopted for the purpose of getting the returns as quickly as possible, but I never went into the details of the thing.

50,855. I find Mr. Ward has added to the last amount that I drew your attention to, of £14. He says, "In my opinion this clearing house was all needless humbug." Do you agree in that?—Not very far out. I should say it was intended bonâ fide to carry that out. I do not say the full number of 470 could have been employed, but I think the scheme, if properly carried out, might have been of some use.

50,856. That scheme might have been of use?—Yes.

50,857. Do you not think that the number that he proposed to be employed would be totally unnecessary for the purpose of carrying out a scheme of that kind?—I think it might be done with a much less number.

50,858. Would not that furnish a means of employment, either real or colourable?—I do not think it was done with that intention.

50,859. Would it not do so?—It might do so.

50,860. You do not think much of it, I see?—No, I do not.

50,861. Were you present when it was discussed at the central committee?—I recollect hearing something about it, but I could not understand it, and I thought if anybody else could they had better carry it out.

50,862. Did they endeavour to make you understand it?—No; I never asked; it did not come within my province.

50,863. It is a little intricate, unless it is explained?—It did not come within my province at all.

50,864. Will you just look at that book (C. C.), furnished by Mr. Ward, of payments. "June 26th., weekly wages, £114 11*s.* 6*d.*" Do you at all know how that amount would be made up?—Yes; it would be from the returns from the chairmen of the different districts, of expenses incurred by them during the week.

50,865. Did that money pass from you to the different district chairmen?—Most likely some of that passed through my hands.

50,866. Before it passed through your hands, should you have had any vouchers or papers, other than those you have mentioned before?—No, none whatever.

50,867. No details, in fact?—No.

50,868. July 3d, it seems to have increased much; to 183*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.*?—That includes the staff of the central committee room; and I think they had not been paid the previous week, and therefore there was a fortnight's expenses, making the amount of the second week larger in proportion.

50,869. We have heard at several rooms, about the 3d of July the staff of runners

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had been greatly increased?—It does not appear so from this book; it states at the end of the memorandum, "and also the staff employed at the central committee room."

50,870. Now, July 7th, can you explain the entry there: "Payments to labourers, 20*l.*" ?—No; unless it was for loss of time upon the nomination day: It states, "Payments to men and labourers engaged on the nomination day, 20*l.*, and at other times."

50,871. Can you say when that payment was made?—I cannot.

50,872. Did you know of any men being employed upon the nomination and polling day for particular purposes?—I did not employ them, or pay them, but I knew there were some.

50,873. Bludgeon men, or men of that kind?—You can hardly call them bludgeon men. It is pretty well known, upon the day of nomination an attempt has always been made to get possession of the hustings, that only one party should be heard; and it is necessary that precautions should be taken for that.

50,874. Do you call them fighting men?—Call them what you will; that was the object.

50,875. I do not want to give them a name?—The object of the men was simply to keep possession of a fair part of the ground in front of the hustings.

50,876. Are those voters?—Not necessarily so.

50,877. Would they be generally voters?—Yes.

50,878. Chosen, I suppose, for the strength of their lungs, and the breadth of their chests?—Yes.

50,879. Do you know how they were paid?—No.

50,880. Have you any list of them?—No.

50,881. Do you know how many were appointed?—No.

50,882. Do you think the entry of 20*l.* would have relation to these men?—No doubt it has; it expressly states so.

50,883. It does not say what for?—"The men engaged on the nomination day, and on many other previous evenings."

50,884. Who would make the payments; who would have the money to disburse to them?—That I do not know.

50,885. You would pay it to somebody?—No; I do not think I did; I do not recollect having done so.

50,886. Mr. Steeples name has been mentioned?—Very likely he would pay it.

50,887. What was his duty?—He was the general keeper of the central committee room.

50,888. The general doorkeeper?—He was always in attendance there, and attended at the room.

50,889. To see that improper people did not come in?—He knew everybody, almost; and it would be part of his duty to see that no person not immediately connected came in.

50,890. Supposing you wanted a number of persons for a business of that kind, would Steeples be selected as the person to pick them out?—Yes.

50,891. Was he not employed for a great many other purposes than keeping that room?—No; that was his principal employment.

50,892. Did he not pay many of the accounts?—After the election was over, he did.

50,893. He is a publican, is he not?—I do not know what he is.

50,894. Was it his duty to look after the voters?—No; he never was out of the committee room.

50,895. I do not quite understand what he did so exclusively in the committee room?—He was there, and he was engaged in writing; as I called, the clerk and general manager.

50,896. Had he had a good deal to do with making payments at former elections?—I do not know; I had not seen him before, or heard of him before the election.

50,897. Had you heard that?—No, I had not.

50,898. Had you heard that he had had to do with payments at former elections?—I never heard his name mentioned at former elections.

50,899. Do you think he would be the man who would select those persons, and pay them?—I do not know anybody connected with the committee more likely to do it.

50,900. Now, July 8th; read it: "Travelling expenses of voters, 200*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*?—That is for ninety voters, sent for from London and various other places, about ninety in number; some from Glasgow, Bristol, the Isle of Man, and other distant places; the total is, 200*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*

50,901. Do you know anything of the details of that item?—No; I do not know anything of the details. Those would be paid chiefly by Mr. Gibson's clerk; part of them.

50,902. Was this a book that you had, do you remember, containing the names of those persons, and the sums paid to them (B. C.)?—I do not recollect having seen it.

50,903. Was that one of the books lying on the table?—I do not know it again.

50,904. You think Mr. Gibson would make the payments?—No; Mr. Gibson's clerk.

50,905. Mr. Dixon, you mean?—Yes; he was engaged for that purpose.

50,906. Do you remember whether that money was paid by you, piecemeal?—No, I do not think it was.

50,907. It was not paid in one sum, I suppose?—I do not think anything beyond the 90*l.* was paid by me. I do not know in what sums.

50,908. I see an item, July 17th. Can you explain that? "On account of extra committee, three weeks, 30*l.*"?—That I do not know anything about.

50,909. Read it?—"Advances on account of extra committee room at South End, three weeks, 30*l.*"

50,910. Do you know such a room?—No, I do not.

50,911. Where is South End; is that the same as Minerva Terrace?—Yes, I suppose it is; it is generally called South End.

50,912. Three weeks, 30*l.*; do you know whether you made that payment?—No, I did not.

50,913. You did not pay the 30*l.* over to anybody?—I did not.

50,914. Who would do that?—I do not know; I never heard of that payment.

50,915. I do not know whether that book means it was all paid in one sum, or a weekly sum of 10*l.*; do you recollect making any such payment at Minerva Terrace?—No; I never knew anything about such a sum.

50,916. Mr. Wells has stated there was a sum of 30*l.* paid. If you just turn over you will see that payment; "July," but no date. "Weekly wages, 344*l.* 10*s.* 9*d.*"?—That I suppose was for the weekly wages of the districts, certified by the chairman, in the same way that the previous one had been.

50,917. Do you know anything of that entry?—No; I cannot speak as to the correctness of it.

50,918. It is a large sum?—No doubt it would be vouched for at the time; it would not be paid without.

50,919. You say no doubt vouchers would have been furnished before that 344*l.* 10*s.* 9*d.* was paid. Who would they be furnished to?—To whoever the money was received from. That is, the person wanting money would bring an order from the chairman of the district committee for the payment.

50,920. You cannot tell when it was. There is no date?—No, I do not know that.

59,921. That book, I believe, shows the total expenses of the election at the end?—3,637*l.* 2*s.* 5*d.*

50,922. We have heard a good deal of a supper that was given at the De la Pole Tavern?—Yes.

50,923. The very recollection of it makes you smile?—I have seen a good deal about it in the papers.

50,924. Not more than it deserved, I dare say?—I do not know that it was a very important one.

50,925. I believe you were the chairman, and had the management of it?—I had not the management; I was requested to take the chair, and did do so.

50,926. Who had the management of it?—Mr. Pulleyn.

50,927. That was the gentleman who was one of the petitioners?—Yes; that supper, I think, was in the month of May, but I am not certain.

50,928. At the De la Pole Tavern?—Yes.

50,929. How many supped there?—I believe between ninety and one hundred.

50,930. There were several toasts; you had got the names of the candidates at that time?—No; we had not got the names.

50,931. It was stated Mr. Moore's name was given?—I very much doubt whether it was known that Mr. Moore was coming. It might have been talked of.

50,932. Then what it was originally called is correct, a blue supper?—Yes.

50,933. Did you send out invitations?—Yes; at least those who subscribed a certain sum had so many tickets. If a person subscribed 1*l.* he had ten tickets, and those he might give away to who he liked.

50,934. It was done by subscription, of the blue party, of course?—I should suppose that the amount subscribed, perhaps, would be from 12*l.* to 15*l.*

50,935. Was it arranged to be a supper, to be given by subscribers; was that the arrangement, that a number of gentlemen were to subscribe money, and get tickets in proportion to the amount?—The arrangement was, that there should be a supper; and in order to get persons to subscribe they were told they should have a certain number of tickets.

50,936. Who were the persons who were to be at the supper; who were to be invited?—There was no limit, I believe. The thing that first started the supper was, that there had been, a year or two previously, an Orange Lodge started in the town; the members of that lodge had been in the habit of meeting in High Street; and it was thought desirable they should not meet there longer, and they were asked to come and join the Operative Conservative Society in Lowgate; and it was on the removal of those persons that the supper was given.

50,937. Were all the persons who belonged to the Orange Society invited?—Yes.

50,938. What number would be invited?—I should think about thirty.

50,939. I think you said the total number would was 150?—I said from 90 to 100.

50,940. I was looking at my paper, which says 150?—No.

50,941. Could not that be so?—No; I think the number was ninety-five or ninety-six. The best criterion is the number that were paid for.

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50,942. How were they admitted; did they have a ticket sent to them?—Yes.

50,943. And presented at the door when they came?—Yes.

50,944. And had nothing to pay themselves?—No.

50,945. But the mere production of the ticket procured admission?—Yes.

50,946. Were the names on them?—No.

50,947. With whom were the tickets left?—With the publican; the landlord of the house.

50,948. Somebody would keep the door?—He would do that, as a check.

50,949. Who was that?—That the man would do himself.

50,950. The landlord?—Yes; the landlord.

50,951. Probably he would be too busy with the supper?—He would do so.

50,952. Did he say so?—I suppose he did.

50,953. Was his name Blanchard?—I do not know what his name is.

50,954. Do you know tickets were sent to the blue voters for that supper?—As I said, every person who subscribed had tickets sent to them, and gave them to whom he liked.

50,955. Were all nearly who attended at the supper of the blue party?—No; I do not think you would have heard so much about it if they were.

50,956. Not blues?—It was partly blues.

50,957. It was intended for the blues?—No doubt it was not intended to give an orange supper.

50,958. Was there any particular class of persons to whom the tickets were to be sent?—That would be in the discretion of the persons who had the tickets.

50,959. Were they to give the tickets to freemen?—There was no limit; they might do as they liked.

50,960. Were they to be voters?—There was no limit whatever.

50,961. Have you got a list of subscribers?—No; I never saw one, that I knew of. The persons subscribing were perfectly free to give their tickets to any persons they liked.

50,962. When the supper did take place, were the names taken down as voters, or secured in any way?—No; certainly not.

50,963. Reference was made to the coming election?—No doubt reference would be made to the coming election.

50,964. What was the rate per head charged for the supper?—I do not recollect; somewhere about 18*d.* or 2*s.*

50,965. How many subscribers do you think there were?—Ten or twelve; I think so.

50,966. How many tickets would fall to you as chairman?—I dare say that I should have a dozen or fifteen. I do not recollect what I subscribed, but it would be in proportion.

50,967. Something also for being chairman?—I do not think it was known who was to be the chairman until the day before.

50,968. Did you exercise your own judgment in the disposal of your tickets, or give them to somebody else?—I do not know, I am sure; I hardly recollect what became of them. Whoever I gave them to, I dare say the instructions I should give would be not to give them to orange parties, most probably.

50,969. By the orange lodge you mean one of the Irish lodges?—Yes.

50,970. About thirty of them?—Yes.

50,971. Do you remember if you distributed your own?—I think not.

50,972. Who did for you?—I do not know; I think I gave them to some one.

50,973. You can recollect that?—I do not. It was not a very unusual thing to have a supper of that kind. I had frequently been at such suppers before at other than election times, and it did not make any impression upon my mind, although a good deal has been said of it since.

50,974. Did you invite William Purdon?—No.

50,975. Somebody of the name of Thomas?—Mr. Thomas had tickets sent to him, because he was a subscriber.

50,976. And Purdon; did he have tickets?—I do not know.

50,977. Smith; do you know a man of that name?—There are so many Smiths.

50,978. You say these suppers are prevalent in Hull, of a political kind?—Yes; the suppers were given in connexion with the Operative Association. We used generally to have one every year for some years after the formation, and two or three years had elapsed without one.

50,979. Had it reference to the coming election?—It was usual to have one about the time of the anniversary of the association, and that was in June.

50,980. I think it is July?—Not the Orange Lodge, the Operative Conservative Association.

50,981. I thought it was a continuation of the Orange Society?—No; they were merely to come and take the rooms.

50,982. What would be the cost of the supper?—I think about 15*l.*

50,983. Were there any toasts or mode adopted of securing the votes there, as far as you understood?—It would not be done with a view of securing the votes.

50,984. Although the supper might not have had its origin with any other view, was it made an occasion to secure some votes for the ensuing election?—I do not think it was.

It is very likely indeed that such a toast as the blue candidates, whoever they might be, would be proposed.

50,985. That is the question?—I think it is very likely, knowing the election was coming, we should hardly meet there for three or four hours and say nothing about it.

50,986. Do you recollect it was one of the toasts?—I do not recollect it was; I have no doubt some allusion would be made.

50,987. Should you, or not, expect among those at the supper that they would vote for the blues in consequence?—No.

50,988. Partly?—No; it might get them into a good humour.

50,989. Do you know a man of the name of John Marley Brewster?—Yes.

50,990. Do you remember paying him a sum of 20*s.* at your office in the Salthouse Lane?—Yes.

50,991. When did you pay him?—The 10th of July.

50,992. What was it for?—He had been employed by me for some days during the election.

50,993. What to do?—To run about, and get information.

50,994. Privately for yourself?—It was not in connxtion with the central or either of the district committees, and therefore I paid him myself.

50,995. What was he to do for you?—He had been employed as a runner for the orange, and he had been paid off by them; and I had a good deal to do, and I told him he had better make the best use of his time, and be at my disposal, to do what work I wanted.

50,996. He had not been a runner for your party?—No, I think not.

50,997 He had been a runner for the orange?—He had always voted for our party before, but they had paid him off.

50,998. During the time he was in your employment was he a runner for the orange?—Certainly not.

50,999. Did you employ him before the election?—Yes.

51,000. For how many days before?—I should think about a week.

51,001. You state at that time he was not engaged for the orange?—Certainly not; he had been paid off previously; at least so he told me.

51,002. He had been a runner for the orange party?—Yes.

51,003. And then you employed him?—Yes.

51,004. And he voted Moore and Butler, and was paid 20*s.* afterwards?—Yes.

51,005. Do you remember sending a sum of money to some freemen in respect of Mr. Baines' election in 1847?—I think that some men set up such a claim.

51,006. Did you send some money to pay them that arrear?—No, I did not.

51,007. Did you send 5*l.* to Mr. Cooper's ropery?—No.

51,008. Do you know of its going?—I know it did go, because the men told me they got it. I did not know it until they told me they had got it.

51,009. Did the money come from you?—No; not a farthing.

51,010. Who did it come from?—They said a man had brought them 5*l.*; they did not know who they received it from; I had heard it was sent up.

51,011. With regard to the two Nasbys, the payments made to them?—I do not know anything about it.

51,012. It says, "Refer to Mr. Harris?"—I never heard of the Nasbys.

51,013. Is there not a minute as to their wanting a pound from Mr. Baines?—I do not know anything about them. I do not know the Nasbys.

51,014. Is it not there, "Refer to Mr. Harris"?—Yes; and if an application had been made to me I should have given the same answer.

51,015. Do you remember any such payment being made?—I do not recollect such a claim being made; I do recollect the claim of the ropery men.

51,016. Did you not learn where the money came from?—No; and they thought I had sent it.

51,017. Did they tell you so?—They looked at me as if they ought to thank me for it.

51,018. What did they say?—They said it was all right, and I asked them what they meant.

51,019. Do you not know where it came from?—I know now where it came from; I did not know then.

51,020. Where did it come from?—I believe it was sent by a member of the blue party.

51,021. I am afraid you must tell the name?—It was sent by Mr. Henry Barkworth; that I should not have known unless Mr. Barkworth himself had told me of the circumstance only yesterday; that he had sent it. He said my name was mixed up with it, and he gave me his authority to say he had sent the money.

51,022. When was that payment made, do you know?—I do not know; it would be a short time before the election.

51,023. Did he say where he got the money?—No.

51,024. You mentioned being official assignee; was that appointment in any way connected with your services on behalf of the Conservative candidates in this borough?—No, I think not. It was through an application through the members for North

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Warwickshire, in which district the appointment was vacant, and which was obtained through them; there was a notification that my appointment had been made by the Chancellor to my father, who resides at Rugby.

51,025. Did he apply on your behalf?—Yes; and the first intimation that I had of my appointment was by telegraph from Rugby.

51,026. Can you undertake to state positively that it was not given in any way for your services during the election in this borough?—I have no hesitation whatever in saying that it was not.

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51,027. Are you in any business?—Yes.

51,028. As a merchant?—A shipowner.

51,029. Where do you reside; in this town?—In Albion Street.

51,030. What are you rated at? What rent do you pay for a house?—The house in which I reside is my own, but I believe it is rated at 50*l.* a year. I am also rated for my office in Bowl Alley Lane at 15*l.* a year.

51,031. Perhaps you have other premises?—I occupy one room as a warehouse for small stores, which is rated at 14*l.* or 15*l.* a year.

51,032. Have you been long entitled to vote as a householder?—Since the Reform Bill.

51,033. Are you also a freeman?—No.

51,034. Have you taken considerable interest in the elections of this borough?—I never took so much interest as at the last election.

51,035. Did you take any in 1841?—Yes; I was the chairman of the Lowgate district in 1841 for the blues.

51,036. I suppose you had a large staff attached to the committee?—There was.

51,037. Were there regular books kept in the district over which you presided?—Indeed I cannot recollect. I think there were regular sheet books and canvassing books.

51,038. A minute book?—Well, I am not very sure of that; but there were sheet books and canvassing books, and also an aphabetical book of the voters in the district, with a blank page opposite, on which any remarks might be made either by the district committee or by the canvassers.

51,039. Was there a book also kept in which names were "set down," to use a Hull expression?—No, I think not.

51,040. How was it carried on in Hull?—I am not aware that there was anything of the kind kept at that time.

51,041. How was the system carried on? We hear that very large payments were made on behalf of Hanmer and James?—That I cannot tell you.

51,042. How was it effected?—That I cannot tell you; I had nothing to do with it.

51,043. There were apertures in the doors, and screens of various descriptions?—I never heard of it until I saw it in the newspapers the other day.

51,044. Do you know how the system was carried out?—As far as I can recollect, or as far as I have any knowledge of the economy of the business, the names of people were put down as runners, to be paid three and four days, or something of that kind, after the election.

51,045. That prevailed at every district committee in 1841, did it not?—I am not prepared to answer that; I should think they did.

51,046. In Hull, I believe, there has been a general opinion that persons ought to be paid for their loss of time, and for working?—Yes, there has.

51,047. I do not know whether you have that opinion?—People in that class of life are not able to afford the loss of their time.

51,048. Have you shared in that opinion?—To a certain extent I have; not to such an extent as to pay a man for six days when he only did one day's work; but I believe I may say I am of opinion that they ought to be paid for the day of the nomination, when it is a broken holiday, and for the polling day, when they were employed; and you cannot expect workmen to lay down their tools, and lose their work; I think for those two days they ought to be paid.

51,049. You think they ought to be paid for those two days only?—Yes.

51,050. If the matter was restricted to that it would be better?—I think so.

51,051. That opinion has extensively prevailed, has it not, in Hull?—I cannot answer that question.

51,052. To some extent?—I believe many people have that idea.

51,053. Many respectable people have that idea?—Yes; but I must say I never made it a subject of conversation particularly with any one.

51,054. Do you know how many were set down in the Lowgate district in 1841?—No, I do not.

51,055. You mean to say that you thought it might be advisable; you did not think it legal?—I thought it was reasonable; no, not legal.

51,056. Would you like to see an Act of Parliament passed to make it legal?—No; I

care nothing about it. I should think there might, perhaps, have been, as far as I can recollect, some twenty or thirty names put down at that time, in 1841

51,057. What became of the papers after the election was concluded?—I cannot tell you.

51,058. You do not remember?—No.

51,059. Do you believe they were sent to the central committee?—I believe they were considered as so much waste paper, and I dare say destroyed.

51,060. Who was the clerk in your district?—I cannot recollect.

51,061. Do you recollect any of the names of the parties who assisted you in that part of the town?—The only one I recollect is Mr. Stork, the deputy chairman.

51,062. Is he alive now?—Yes; an elderly man, and did not take an active part in the matter. His counting-house happened to be close by the central committee room in Bowl Alley Lane at the time.

51,063. Do you know whether the practice of taking rooms as a means of securing the vote of the owner was resorted to in Lowgate district?—No, I do not. As far as my recollection goes, I should think not, at that time.

51,064. Was it a numerous committee?—No, I think not. The truth is, at those times I believe it is the general practice to avail yourself of services or good wishes of any one who offer themselves, without having a set committee.

51,065. Do you know how much of the expense came to the Lowgate ward?—No, I did not.

51,066. Within any reasonable limits, could you not say?—No; I have not the least knowledge of it.

51,067. Have you any knowledge of what the gross expense of the election cost?—No; I have never heard.

51,068. Had you any previous acquaintance with Sir John Hanmer or Sir Walter James, previous to 1841?—One was the sitting member, and therefore I knew him. The late Mr. Barkworth and myself were deputed by the Conservative party to go to London.

51,069. Sir Walter James, although the sitting member, had no connexion with Hull, I believe?—He had not.

51,070. You went with Mr. Barkworth to London?—Yes.

51,071. You applied to some influential parties there?—We made several inquiries.

51,072. As last were you introduced to Sir John Hanmer?—I think Sir John Hanmer's name was mentioned to us, and we waited upon him at his hotel in Hanover Square, I think.

51,073. What conversation passed between you and him upon the subject of the expenses of the election?—None whatever, that I am aware of. Mr. Barkworth was the principal gentleman on that occasion; but I think nothing was mentioned relative to the expenses, that I can recollect. Doubtless something would be, but I do not recollect.

51,074. You do not remember what?—No; nothing of the kind.

51,075. Was anything said to him with respect to the practice that had unfortunately prevailed in Hull previously?—Not that I am aware of.

51,076. Of course you were aware, at the previous election, one of the members was unseated on a petition complaining of bribery?—Mr. Wilberforce was unseated on his qualification.

51,077. But the other member was seated solely on account of the bribery; that alone would have made it a void election (the non-qualification); it would not have seated the other?—I believe, as far as I have been told, it was a sort of compromise between the parties in London.

51,078. There were charges of bribery which were substantiated; and the committee reported that bribery had extensively prevailed. It was a scrutiny, and seventy names were struck off for bribery?—I do not recollect the circumstance.

51,079. The complaints were of many hundreds?—There was a very great excitement prevailed at the time in the town.

51,080. I want to know whether you brought to Sir John Hanmer's attention a circumstance which had so recently prevailed in Hull?—No; I have no recollection of anything of the kind.

51,081. You had nothing to do with any financial arrangements?—No, not at all.

51,082. Nor received any money at all?—I am not aware that one single shilling passed through my hands on that occasion.

51,083. Were there any subscriptions?—I think there was a subscription.

51,084. Have you never heard how much the whole expense of the contest came to?—No.

51,085. Have you ever heard what the whole number of runners employed on behalf of Hanmer and James was?—No. I may say it was considered to have been an expensive election at the time; but I know nothing more than that.

51,086. Did you hear that the accounts were not liquidated for a considerable period afterwards?—No, I did not.

51,087. Were you not a member not merely of the district, but of a general committee?—I was ex-officio a member of the central committee.

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51,088. That is the blue practice, that every district chairman is a member of the central committee?—I do not know it is any particular practice. I believe it has been considered desirable that such should be the case.

51,089. In 1847, did you take any interest beyond that of voting?—Yes; I seconded the nomination of Mr. Baines.

51,090. And voted for him?—Yes.

51,091. And you voted for Mr. Brown also?—I think I did.

51,092. Were you a member of Mr. Baines's committee?—No, I think not; but on the polling day, I, at the request of Mr. Bright, sat with him in one of the committee rooms, to check off the returns which were brought in by the runners from the various polling booths.

51,093. Called the check sheets?—To check off in the alphabetical books by the check sheets all who had voted; that the others who had not voted might be applied to to go to the poll.

51,094. Is that all you know of 1847?—Yes.

51,095. You had nothing to do with managing the details?—None.

51,096. Did you sign the requisition to Mr. Baines?—I think it was very likely.

51,097. Did you hear that it was numerously signed?—I believe it was.

51,098. It was said to be signed by upwards of a clear majority of the whole constituency?—I cannot say that. I believe it was numerously signed, or else I think Mr. Baines would not have listened to it.

51,099. In 1852 I believe you were a chairman?—I was.

51,100. For Messrs. Bramley Moore and Butler?—I was.

51,101. And voted for them?—I voted for them.

51,102. Chairman of the central or general committee?—Yes.

51,103. Do you know anything of how Mr. Moore became a candidate?—About the middle of February, when an election was likely, and was spoken of, the blue party in Hull wished to have a candidate, and Mr. Bramley Moore's name was mentioned, as being a person likely to suit us in his political views, and on account of his mercantile knowledge.

51,104. He was named in this town?—He was named, I think, in answer to some letters which had been written either to Liverpool or London, making general inquiries.

51,105. Can you tell who it was that first resolved on Mr. Moore?—No, I cannot.

51,106. In consequence of that, did you go to Liverpool?—In consequence of that, I was requested by the blue party to write to Mr. Bramley Moore for an exposition of his political sentiments. These were acceptable, and it was arranged that two other gentlemen and myself should meet him.

51,107. Who were they?—Mr. Joseph Walker Pease and Mr. John Barkworth; that we should meet Mr. Moore at Normanton.

51,108. Had there been any requisition to him at that time, or was it in consequence of that meeting a requisition was got up?—It was in consequence of the meeting the requisition was got up.

51,109. You went to meet him?—Yes.

51,110. And saw Mr. Moore?—We saw Mr. Moore at Normanton.

51,111. Will you tell us what took place between you and him?—We had a long conversation with respect to his political views. The result was, that we considered he was an acceptable candidate for the town. The expense was then spoken of, and it was agreed between us that the maximum sum which Mr. Moore should be called upon to pay should be 1,200*l.*

51,112. How did this communication begin upon the subject of the expense; who began; it you or he?—I cannot tell you that. I should think that very likely he would ask the question.

51,113. In answer to that, did he seem to be aware that Hull was an expensive place?—No.

51,114. What was told him?—The sum that was named at the time was considered to be amply sufficient, because we were then hoping that a contest might be avoided. It was our anxious wish that such should have been the case, and although 1,200*l.* was named as the maxinum sum which Mr. Moore was to be called on to pay or be liable to pay, it was clearly understood that that was not necessarily to be expended.

51,115. Was anything said that the expenses would not exceed 1,200*l.* should a contest take place?—It was stated to him, that if a contest did take place that he should not be called on to pay anything more than that sum.

51,116. Was anything said as to the expenses, that though he was not to be called on to pay them, yet they would probably exceed the 1,200*l.* in the event of a contest?—It was stated, if any further expense was incurred than that, in consequence of a contest, it would have to be made up by the parties here.

51,117. Would he understand from that that if a contest did take place the 1,200*l.* would considerably be exceeded?—I do not think the question was named. What he had to take care of was, that he was not called on to pay any more then that sum.

51,118. He seemed to be more careful that he should not pay it, than where the deficiency came from?—I do not think it was at all alluded to.

51,119. It was called to his attention that the expenses might be more than twice 1,200*l.*?—No; it was called to his attention that in case of a contest it was very likely and certain that the expense then would exceed the 1,200*l.*; but we were not then sure whether we might have another candidate to contribute towards the expenses or not.

51,120. Did he appear to be aware of the practices which had prevailed on previous occasions?—No.

51,121. Was anything said to him upon the subject?—No. We wished at that time, if possible, to manage the election without having recourse to any practices of that nature.

51,122. What I want to know is, whether you ascertained that he was in full possession of the history of the events that had taken place in Hull, or did he enter into the contest blindfolded; did you allow him to enter into this contest blindfolded, and wholly unaware of the system that had prevailed in Hull?—It was my earnest wish to have nothing to do with the setting down of runners.

51,123. What I want to know is this: did you give Mr. Moore an opportunity of considering the whole of the circumstances which usually attended Hull elections?—No; I cannot recollect that anything was ever mentioned relative to the practice of runners, or anything of the kind.

51,124. As far as you are aware, do you think that Mr. Moore rushed blindfold into it?—I am not aware anything was mentioned to Mr. Moore as to how the election was to be carried on.

51,125. Or had been?—No, I think not; nothing relative to the general practices, because we had hoped, and it was our full intention, had we been permitted to do so, to carry on this election in a very different manner.

51,126. Do you not think he was entitled to pronounce some judgment also, as the most interested party; not afterwards being to be petitioned against, and to lose his seat?—It was the very purpose of avoiding a petition that we had.

51,127. Did you give him an opportunity, as the most interested person of the whole; because he might say, why, gentlemen, if you had told me anything of this I would not have run the contest?—I am not aware that anything of the kind was said. Our first interview was a very short one.

51,128. Was any allusion being made to the bribery that was likely to prevail?—No. I recollect after a time writing to Mr. Moore.

51,129. Did you conclude with him upon this occasion that he should be a candidate?—I think not, exactly.

51,130. Before he had concluded?—Before he had concluded, I think he expressed a wish that the requisition which had been signed should be sent to him, that he might judge of the probable chance of success by the number of signatures, and then, when that was done, it became the foundation of the expense; at least it had been stated on our first interview what the maximum expense on his part should be. I think that it was made the subject of correspondence afterwards, and amongst the very few letters which I have kept on the subject there is one from him touching that; it is dated the 6th of April. (*The letter was read.*)

51,131. You mentioned that the election was in point of fact conducted in a very different mode from that which you intended and wished it to have been?—I believe it was, eventually.

51,132. In what respect was the matter different?—The expense which we had hoped and believed might have been incurred only was greatly exceeded.

51,133. That is a mere pounds, shillings, and pence consideration. Take a rather more extensive view of it. As a question of purity or impurity, was it carried on in a manner different from what was expected, with regard to the legitimate expenses, in order to prevent a question afterwards?—With respect to the employment of more runners and messengers than we had calculated upon in the first instance.

51,134. How did it become necessary that there should be so many more runners employed, in your judgment?—As far as my judgment goes, the orange party broke faith with us in the agreement which Mr. Galloway had made with Mr. Wells, as to the number of men who were to be employed, and when that was done the chairman and deputy chairmen of every district on the blue side found that their men were running from them in all directions.

51,135. Does it come to this, that you fancied they were resorting to an excessive number of runners on the orange side, and you determined to counteract that by doing the same thing?—I imagine so.

51,136. Now the answer to that letter led to a further explanation on the subject of expenses?—I think it must have done so, because there was a letter from him on a subsequent day.

51,137. You do not recollect the contents of the letter?—No; I kept no copy, except stating it was my earnest wish and would be my endeavour to prevent anything being done to make the election void, or give further trouble afterwards. (*A letter dated 24th April was read.*)

51,138. Upon the 24th of April Mr. Moore agreed to stand upon the terms of being at the expense of 1,200*l.* and no more, and that the deficiency was to be made up by the party in Hull?—Yes.

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51,139. And he was aware that it was probable there would be a deficiency?—No, not at that time?—I was not aware of a second orange candidate being fixed upon, and we had hoped there would not.

51,140. At that time you did not anticipate a contest at all?—We did rather anticipate one, because it was stated very likely the orange party would not be satisfied without a contest; that whatever Mr. Clay's friends wished for, there was another party who were bent on having a contest, if possible.

51,141. Did you keep a copy of the letter you wrote in the meantime?—No, I did not.

51,142. It was distinctly drawn to his attention that there might be a deficiency?—That in case of a contest it was more than probable that sum would be exceeded.

51,143. Did he ask for any explanation of that?—No; I am not aware that he did.

51,144. Judging from the letter, it must have made some allusion to bribery?—The only allusion I can charge my memory with having made was, as far as it could be prevented it should be prevented, and we would not be privy to anything of the kind.

51,145. When, if ever (as a man of experience), it must be exceeded, to win the election?—If the election had been carried on on the same expensive principle as some other elections that had previously occurred in Hull.

51,146. It would include the payment of runners and all the old system?—Yes.

51,147. You have heard, for instance, that Mr. Brown spent 3,000*l.* in three days?—I heard so.

51,148. I dare say you know there is a party that is not so particular in their politics, some of whom vote orange and some blue, according as they are paid, and are always anxious for a contest?—Yes.

51,149. Probably you are aware that the contest in 1847 had nothing whatever to do with politics, but a mere determination to have a contest at all hazards, for the sake of a contest?—I have heard so.

51,150. They consist of an equal number of blue and orange?—The deputation at that time consisted of persons of the blue party who were dissatisfied with the politics of both Mr. Baines and Mr. Clay, and I believe those who accompanied them were very dissatisfied that there was not to be an expenditure.

51,151. That would lead you to believe that probably a contest would take place on the last occasion, and an expenditure too, if it could be managed?—We had hoped to have avoided it, and tried very hard to bring it to pass.

51,152. When was Mr. Moore's attention first drawn to the practices of former elections?—I am not aware that his attention was drawn to it at any time.

51,153. Do you think his committee kept him blindfolded to the last moment?—I do not think that he ever inquired. I do not think it was ever made a subject of conversation between us.

51,154. Still, were there any pains taken to keep it a secret?—I am not aware that there was.

51,155. Was he ever warned of the danger that he was running?—No; not that I am aware of.

51,156. When was the committee formed, do you remember? It had nothing to do with Mr. Butler's coming down?—The committee was a joint one.

51,157. It had nothing to do with Mr. Butler's coming?—I did not go to London.

51,158. You know that the deputation concluded with him, and approved of it?—Yes.

51,159. When the joint committee was formed?—The deputation which went to London was appointed, I believe, by the general body of the blues.

51,160. When was that book (C C) prepared?—It was prepared immediately after the election was over and finished, and the payments made.

51,161. How soon? I think it is dated the month of April 1853?—It was when I received the balance of 71*l.*

51,162. "April 1853;" does that merely apply to that time?—It merely applies to that time.

51,163. When did you commence making that book?—I commenced making it as soon as the election was finished.

51,164. That particular book?—This particular book I compiled from the various loose memoranda I had in my counting-house.

51,165. Where are they?—They were all destroyed as soon as the cash book was made up.

51,166. How soon after the election?—Some time in 1852.

51,167. Was it before or after the petition was talked of?—I cannot say whether it was prepared before or after the petition was talked of; but it was certainly before the commission was appointed or talked of.

51,168. Before the petition was lodged?—No; I should think it was afterwards.

51,169. Did you destroy the papers after the petition to Parliament was lodged?—The papers I have destroyed were a variety of loose memoranda I had put down my payments on.

51,170. The tradesmen's bills?—No; they are all sent in to you, as far as I know.

51,171. The lists of the pay sheets; where are they?—All that I had to do with the pay sheets was to give them to Mr. Harris on the Saturday afternoon.

51,172. Some of those have been destroyed?—Yes. When I made up my cash account, I did not wish the book should entirely depend on myself, though I was perfectly aware of the correctness of the entries, and of the payments which had been made; my cash balanced exactly; but I wished the account to be audited as far as the sums which I paid went. I gave the whole bundle of loose papers to Mr. Henry Barkworth, begging that he would audit my book, if he could.

51,173. That book you have there; (C C)?—This book.

51,174. Did he do so?—I believe he did.

51,175. He told you that he had done so, did he; that is, to compare the various items?—To compare the sums which were entered.

51,176. Did you say anything about the papers when he had done the audit?—I said, I believe you will find every one entered all right; the papers are of no use to anybody, and you may destroy them.

51,177. When was it that you gave him the papers to be audited?—A good many months ago.

51,178. Was it before or after the petition was lodged?—After the petition was lodged.

51,179. Were they destroyed by Mr. Barkworth?—I believe they were.

51,180. Would those papers which you speak of, if they had not been destroyed, correspond with those entries?—I have no doubt they would.

51,181. They supplied the details of those totals?—Not entirely. I should fancy that they would, because I made up my book, and kept the cash transactions of the election entirely separate from any cash accounts of my own, and when I had paid the whole, and every claim had come in that was due on account of the election, I wished merely to have a book to show the different expenditure under the different heads, and I thought there was no necessity to keep a bundle of loose papers, except the tradesmen's accounts, which went in a small compass, and those I kept.

51,182. Small district minute books were destroyed?—I am not aware of that.

51,183. Did you give all the tradesmen's bills?—I gave all the tradesmen's bills, as far as I had them, to Mr. Shaen.

51,184. To Mr. Barkworth, was my question?—No, I did not.

51,185. How could he audit them without?—Because the papers I gave to him were the weekly pay sheets and other matters of that description, which were scribbled over in a very indistinct and confused manner.

51,186. The pay sheets would show the number of runners that were employed at the time, and the time when they were employed?—Some of them might.

51,187. Do they show the whole amounts entered there, or are there some books not included in those papers?—I imagine that they would not show the whole, because this book contains an account of every farthing that was paid for every purpose connected with the election.

51,188. Whether entered in those pay sheets in form or not?—Yes.

51,189. Are you quite certain about that?—I am not aware that any person but myself paid a farthing on account of the election; the money came into my hands, and I disbursed it, and kept the account of it.

51,190. Did you also receive the money?—I did.

51,191. Did you receive from the district committees all the accounts and pay sheets from each district committee?—No.

51,192. What was the course?—I believe the general plan was that the district chairmen, or the clerks of the various districts, took an account of their weekly expenditure to the central committee, and my office being near the central committee I was very often there, to be sent for, when wanted; but on Saturday afternoon Mr. Harris generally brought down these lists, and said, I want so much money for these various districts, which I gave to him.

51,193. After the election was over?—No; before the election.

51,194. I observe your answer is limited to that. I want to know what took place after the election was over. Were they all brought to you when the district committees were broken up?—Do you mean the books and various memoranda?

51,195. Yes?—No; I never saw them.

51,196. Were they not amongst those you gave to young Mr. Barkworth?—No; I believe that the books connected with the various districts, were either left to the mercy of anybody at the various districts when the election was lost, or else that they were brought to the central committee room, and put upon the table there; and what became of them I do not know. I presume that Mr. Wells took them.

51,197. It is the weekly pay sheets we want to know about. Were they brought to you from the central office, after the election was over?—No.

51,198. From what did you make up your book?—They were lodged with me week by week, after I had given Mr. Harris the money.

51,199. You gave to Mr. Harris a gross sum, without examining the details he disbursed amongst the different parties?—He sent to each district chairman, or vice-chairman the the sum of money required.

51,200. Were those weekly pay sheets you speak of the claims that were sent in to you every week by the district chairman?—Yes.

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51,201. They were not such papers as this, with all the names (*handing a paper*)?—Oh no; they were nothing so regular as that; some, I dare say, did contain the particulars of how many men had been employed, and some did not.

51,202. They might be weekly pay sheets, but they were not so well done as that?—I think they were very irregular in the manner in which they were drawn up, I am sure.

51,203. You examined nothing?—I believe that Mr. Harris and the various chairmen have checked them over together; and all I looked to was to give Mr. Harris the sum of money required.

51,204. It was something more than a mere ticket, with a sum upon it?—Oh yes; there was more than that.

51,205. Were there names of the different messengers and people employed?—I think, in some instances, there were.

51,206. Some were, and some not?—I think so.

51,207. Did some of the district committees keep their accounts as that one is done; some very irregularly?—Yes; it very much depended on the kind of clerk they had to keep them.

51,208. One was a clerk of the name of Todd, who was arrested afterwards. Was he a person who did the business pretty regularly?—I do not know; I do not know the names of one of the clerks at any of the elections, except Todd. I have heard his name mentioned as belonging to Holderness district.

51,209. Mr. Harris has told us that some of the district chairmen sent in, on half sheets of paper, claims for their weekly pay; that is, what he might call claims, without any names?—If they wanted so much money, it is very possible they might send up.

51,210. In such a case did you ask to have a voucher, on which you would have paid?—I should think they would come in afterwards, when the account was paid the following week.

51,211. Then you would have all the vouchers?—These would be vouchers of themselves; it would be that such a sum had been demanded by the chairman.

51,212. Then they would not show how it was expended?—No. As to the vouchers, there would be none. If a man was paid his wages, he would sign for it.

51,213. Some pay sheets perfect, and some imperfect?—Yes, I think that was the case; I have no doubt of it.

51,214. They all profess to be made up; these forms are very imperfect?—Yes.

51,215. Now the gross amount that appears to have been expended is 3,600*l.* odd?—Yes.

51,216. Then was the deficiency made up by private subscriptions?—Yes.

51,217. Have you got a list of those subscriptions?—I have not.

51,218. Was the subscription exclusively got up in Hull?—Yes, it was.

51,219. Was there any list of subscribers made?—No regular list. I think it was stated at the time of the list, from time to time, who would be willing to contribute, and a memorandum was made, and he was applied to for the money.

51,220. When did you begin making out the subscription list?—Oh, soon.

51,221. Before the contest, or after?—Before the contest; when a contest was spoken of as being certain.

51,222. How long before the election was it?—That I can scarcely recollect; but the subscription list must have been going on, because Mr. Bramley Moore, in his letter of the 24th of April, says,—"You have done very well to get so much subscribed, and the more you get the more likelihood there is of diminishing individual risk."

51,223. Then the subscription was commenced as early as April?—Yes; it was commenced, because we had an idea, although it proved erroneous, that if it were known we were provided with money it might be the means of preventing a contest.

51,224. Did you advertise that you were receiving subscriptions?—No; but it was pretty well known; such things are generally known.

51,225. Between 1,100*l.* and 1,200*l.* was the subscription, was it not?—Yes, it was close upon that; the exact amount was 1,166*l.*

51,226. That is the amount that was paid?—That is the amount that was paid to me.

51,227. Was there more than that subscribed?—Not that I am aware of.

51,228. Did you get the whole 100 per cent. of your subscriptions?—Yes, we did.

51,229. What was the largest sum paid by anybody; I do not ask who he was; 100*l.*?—Yes, I believe more than that; I think it was 200*l.*

51,230. Was that from a gentleman connected with the town?—Yes.

51,231. You knew, did you not, the names of all the principal subscribers?—Yes, at the time I did.

51,232. You were satisfied they were all monies of people connected, more or less, with the town?—Every one.

51,233. Was it know that the arrangement was that each candidate was to pay 1,200*l.*?—I believe it was.

51,234. And the subscribers?—At the time, I may say, when a contest appeared inevitable, the blue party were quite willing,—hoping and believing that the expenses would not come to so large a sum of money,—they were willing to have taken a second candidate with 600*l.* or 700*l.*

51,235. What I ask you is this, whether the parties who subscribed knew it was the case

that it was not to be paid till 2,400*l.* had been subscribed by the candidates?—I believe that was the understanding.

51,236. Were you a pretty frequent attendant at the committee?—Yes; I was backwards and forwards, I dare say, as often as any.

51,237. How soon was the practice resorted to, of setting down names at the committees?—There were no names set down at the central committee that I am aware of; none at all.

51,238. What would they have done were they sent to the central committee?—There was no application made to the central committee, except one day, when somebody, I do not know who he was,—a message came that a man had a great many names at his disposal, if we would put them down as runners. I sent a message back, that I would have nothing to do with any of them.

51,239. Who is that?—I cannot tell you; I never saw him.

51,240. Do you remember his name?—No; I do not know the name.

51,241. Were there several communications of that sort made?—There was only one, to the best of my recollection, at the central committee.

51,242. It was the constant subject of discussion, the increase of the staff of the committee?—Very frequently.

51,243. Is that one addressed to yourself, from one of the districts (*handing a letter*)?—Yes.

51,244. Just read it, if you please?—"I have to recommend Thomas Newton, 4511, to be put upon the list, and employed as a runner as soon as possible; he is a brother of Henry, 4508; voted for us. He will call upon you on Monday morning."

51,245. You would understand that was an intimation to put him down, to make really sure?—Exactly so; but I am not aware that he was put down.

51,246. What would be done on such an application as that? It is addressed to yourself?—I cannot recollect; I have had a hundred notes addressed to me that I never saw.

51,247. What would be the course of business?—I should think this would be adopted in a case of that kind; it would be to ascertain where Newton lived, and refer him to the chairman of the district where his residence was.

51,248. In order that the chairman might satisfy him?—I suppose so.

51,249. That would be the only object of referring him to the district committee, and that was to secure him; is not that so?—If the chairman had employment for him he would give it him; if not he might give what answer he liked.

51,250. You did not send him to Mr. Wilde?—I did not know Mr. Wilde. I know him now. I did not know that I ever saw him.

51,251. You did not send him there?—I am not aware I sent any person.

51,252. Why?—My duties were of a different discription.

51,253. It would not be a very marvellous result, would it; he supposing that, by some mistake, he did not get set down as a blue runner; it would not be a very surprising result?—If he had applied as a blue voter, and had not his wishes gratified, he would perhaps go somewhere else.

51,254. Was it a frequent subject of discussion, in your presence, the necessity of increasing the staff, in order to provide employment for the men, towards the conclusion of the canvassing; during the latter part of it?—Yes, it was.

51,255. Entries almost daily?—It was the practice for the chairmen and deputy chairmen of the districts to attend at the central committee room every day at two o'clock, when these matters were the subject of discussion; but it was not very frequently mentioned at those meetings. I might have been employed about something else.

51,256. You would learn from your colleagues that such discussions were raised?—Yes.

51,257. Did you express any opinion yourself, as to the necessity of increasing the staff?—No. My opinion was that it should not be acquiesced in, if it could be possibly avoided.

51,258. That was leaving it rather open?—So it was.

51,259. Aye or no, when that actual resolution, which appears to have been on the 30th, was come to, did you express any opinion upon the subject?—I do not recollect that I did, or that it was mentioned; it might have been.

51,260. You were aware, on the 30th of June, it was resolved that a large increase should take place in the staff?—I believe, when it was found that the orange party had adopted the methods which were stated to exist, our chairman and deputy chairman took the law into their own hands, and did as they pleased.

51,261. Still it appears there was a resolution from the central committee authorizing it?—It might have been. I dare say it was, but I do not recollect.

51,262. Your explanation is that at the time, we have heard before, several of you were under the impression that the orange party had broken faith with you, and you resolved upon that?—I certainly did not approve of it. I had a note from Mr. Blundell, the chairman of the orange party, in which he makes allusion to my complaint to him about faith having been broken by the party, and that he would endeavour to explain it to me when he saw me.

51,263. Complaints were made, were there not, on both sides?—I believe so. The note from Mr. Blundell proves that I complained to him first, before he complained to me.

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51,264. What would you have done on an application such as this: 18th of June, a letter addressed to you, signed W. Wright, secretary, of East Sculcoats :—"I beg to enclose a list of applicants for employment in this district; the majority of them have applied," and a variety of other particulars of no matter of importance; what would be the course to pursue in such a case as that? Do you remember how many came with that?—No, I have no recollection of the kind, for though chairman of the committee I was very frequently absent. I had a vice-chairman who took on himself to give any answers as he might think best, and under such circumstances I have no recollection whatever of the letter you have just read.

51,265. What would you have done with such a letter as this, signed by Mr. Brodrick: "Send an order for cards to John Crewbold, Salthouse Lane; I am just going to solicit him for his vote, and it is of use?"—The applications for cards were numerous.

51,266. You would not run the risk of losing a vote for such a thing as that, supposing it was to be obtained by an order for cards?—It is very likely it would be referred to the committee who had the management of the printing department, and if they found by reference to these books that any orders had been given to Newbold or anybody else, they would say he had had his share, and he might do without.

51,267. I see, the corresponding day, an order for cards; would that be in the ordinary course of business? There is a letter from the chairman of a district, saying it would be no use canvassing him without an order, and on the corresponding day an order is given. Is that in due course?—I should suppose it is; I really do not know.

51,268. I see one order for 10,000; he must have been an expensive gentleman?—Do you mean from the blues?

51,269. Yes?—"Tinkler:" those were merely name cards for the candidates to take in their pockets; private cards, with their own names, and nothing more.

51,270. Do you know how the Barton voters were paid?—No.

51,271. Or the Hedon voters?—No.

51,272. Or any of the other voters; had you anything to do with making the arrangement how they should be paid?—I had not.

51,273. Would that be Mr. Henry Barkworth's department?—I believe, after the election, Mr. Henry Barkworth consented to take the management of paying the out-voters' expenses.

51,274. Now, a letter has been read about the Lowerys; do you know anything about them?—No; I do not know the name.

51,275. There is another one, Mr. Trottie, whose name has been mentioned; a letter addressed to your committee: "Be so good as to give an order for irons for colour staffs; he is a burgess in this ward, and has promised to go and vote if employed." Do you know what was done on that?—No. I may say, all those details did not come so exactly, at least not at all, within my department.

51,276. In whose department would they come?—These are all addressed to the central committee.

51,277. What would be the course of business on receiving such a letter as this?—Very probably an order would go to the man for the colour irons.

51,278. Would not all these people be put in this list?—All those who made applications.

51,279. At the central committee something would be done with them. and put on some list?—I should think it very likely, if any names were taken down at all, it would be in the district where he resided.

51,280. These notes that had been addressed to the committee would not be sent to the central committee without some meaning?—I presume the chairman and deputy chairman of the district would ascertain who were likely to be in their interest and in their favour, and seeing the name without an order from the central committee, it involves the necessity of sending this request to the central committee.

51,281. I observe amongst a great quantity of these papers a little crossing like the crossing of a banker's cheque; just two lines; does that mean that the applications have been before you?—Yes; it is the only mode of showing that they have been before you.

51,282. There are one or two instances with the letters "entd."?—I cannot account for the meaning of that.

51,283. Was there any letter book in which these were entered?—No, not that I am aware of.

51,284. Was that cross made by you?—I was scarcely in the central committee room more than an hour and a half, I dare say; I was backwards and forwards.

51,285. Did Mr. Harris frequently come to you?—My counting-house happened to be near the room engaged, or which had been engaged on former occasions, as the central committee room, and the consequence was that I often indulged myself by going to my own office instead of the central committee room.

51,286. Look at the figures No. 3 and 4, opposite you; there is a mark across that?—I do not know that.

51,287. Look at No. 28?—I should think that some party at Wisbeach might have written to say there was some one there, for a canvasser to go over. Perhaps I should answer, this would receive every attention. When I received various applications of people who wanted to be employed, and who wanted cards and staves, and those things, it was an endeavour, as far as could be, to carry out the wishes of those persons; not always.

51,288. As far as could be?—I should say a check was wished to be put on all these requests, as far as we could do it.

51,289. You did not succeed?—In some instances these requests could be granted, and some not.

51,290. Look at No. 28; can you tell what was done on that?—"Thomas Grills is arrived from London, where he has a situation as an organ builder; he is on the register and will vote for the party who pays his expenses; he is to be found at Francis Street West, and is inclined to Conservation."

51,291. Do you know whether any endeavour was made to secure his vote?—I do not.

51,292. When you knew he voted "Clay and Goderich," would that be accounted for by his not getting his expenses from your party?—From my own idea, I should think he had been canvassed by the other party, who had taken him away and had promised to him that he should be paid his expenses, or that if the blue party had gone to him, and he was dissatisfied with the amount offered, the other party may have offered him something more, and he has gone and voted accordingly.

51,293. Did you pay Wells, the lawyer?—Yes.

51,294. He was to receive 250*l.*?—He was; this book is the analysis of Mr. Wells' account, I think.

51,295. We have endeavoured to reconcile it with the accounts sent in, but cannot. Here they are. (*They were handed to the witness.*)?—This is the actual amount that was paid.

51,296. That is a gross sum of 250*l.*?—The gross sum of 250*l.* for his professional services, but that was exclusive of the extra employment of clerks, or of money out of pocket.

51,297. Did Mr. Wells ever furnish to you a regular debtor and creditor account?—The only account which Mr. Wells furnished me with, is what I gave to Mr. Sheen.

51,298. Just attend to this: He writes to you a letter, dated the 21st January, 1853, —"Pursuant to your request * * * * as per agreement for 250*l.*" Did he ever send in any accounts which carried out that balance, because it is not among the papers? Just look for it?—I dare say Mr. Wells will be able to explain his own accounts.

51,299. There is no such sum here. Is there any set of sums together which make it? Do you recollect when you received that letter from him, whether it contained a debtor and creditor account, which is now missing?—No, it did not; the note came as it is. There was a balance remaining due to Mr. Wells, and I had these accounts by me. I wished to have a clear understanding with him, as to what the actual balance was which was due to him, to settle the amount of his account.

51,300. Can you tell how that sum is arrived at?—I really cannot tell from these papers at present; but I have no doubt that before I paid him the money, I settled the account.

51,301. Can you tell us how much money altogether went through his hands?—Yes.

51,302. How much?—I think that would be the amount (*refering to one of the accounts*).

51,303. It is a great deal more than that, according to your book?—I paid Mr. Wells nothing except his own accounts, unless it was for a specific purpose.

51,304. What I want to know is, how much money altogether passed through Mr. Wells' hands?—That I cannot tell.

51,305. Can you tell me the different sums in which it was paid?—Yes, the first payment that I made to him was for register books and other matters, 22*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.*

51,306. You first gave him 22*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.*?—Yes.

51,307. That was one sum you paid him?—And on the 9th of July I paid him 150*l.*, for the purpose of paying, as I have it stated here, his eight clerks, agents, and other expenses connected with the polling booths, to be accounted for by him hereafter.

51,308. You paid him before that some money, or some money before that went through his hands? are you sure you have the right day there?—Yes, the 9th of July; he wanted money to pay the various clerks and such like.

51,309. The 9th of July, was what sum?—£150.

51,310. What is the date on which you paid Mr. Wells the 22*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.*?—It was the 26th of June.

51,311. Paid by cheque?—No, I paid him in money, in notes.

51,312. The 150*l.*, was that by cheque, or in cash?—All by cash; I paid no cheques to anybody.

51,313. The next sum?—On the 22d of July, Mr. Wells, on account of agencies and other payments to be accounted for hereafter, 100*l.*

51,314. The next?—On the 31st of July, Mr. Wells, on account of his professional services, and various disbursements to be accounted for by him, 200*l.*, that is the 31st of July.

51,315. The next?—On the 17th of August 100*l.*, and in January, 1853, the balance of 88*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*

51,316. Is that all?—Yes.

51,317. That is 661*l.*, and this only seems to give credit for 523*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*; there is a difference of 100*l.*?—In my book I keep the payments to the professional gentlemen

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separate, and Mr. Wells, I see here, was 250*l.* in the analysis of the accounts, and there are further sums of 388*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*

51,318. For what?—That is the book. (*It was handed to the Commissioners.*)

51,319 The analysis and the detail do not correspond; he gives credit for some other sums than those you have mentioned.—He gives credit now here for a sum of 20*l.* which from the initials, I presume were paid to the Minerva committee room, and that amount for that committee room, along with any other, is in the account of the weekly payments.

51,320. For instance we will take that; besides those sums you have mentioned of 661*l.*, did you pay Mr. Tilson's bills?—No, Mr. Wells paid Mr. Tilson's bill.

51,321. Did he pay it out of those 661*l.*?—Yes.

51,322. You paid other money to Mr. Wells to make up the 661*l.*?—There was a sum of 50*l.*, and then another sum of 20*l.*

51,323. Can we get at it in this way: how much is the gross sum of money altogether that has passed through his hands? there is the money that he paid to the Minerva committee room?—It was merely given to him to hand over, not to pass through his books.

51,324. Still, in point of fact, it did pass through his hands?—Yes.

51,325. He took credit in his evidence for having paid those sums?—He gives me credit for them, and charges them here.

51,326. Was Mr. Wells to be paid 250*l.* net, for his own and the expenses of his clerks besides?—If he employed any extra clerks.

51,327. For his own clerks?—Not his own clerks; it was understood if they came to work at night at the several committee rooms, they were to be paid overtime or something of that kind, and I think something was paid for overtime.

51,328. Those monies that you paid to Mr. Bannister in this book (*referring to the book marked* C. C.), where are they entered in your book?—If you will allow me, I will find them. (*The book was handed to the witness.*) Here is one 30*l.*, "Advance on account of extra committee room, three weeks." The room at Southend.

51,329. Now the other 50*l.* that is mentioned in Mr. Wells' account?—It would be in the weekly payments, under the head of the weekly payments.

51,330. Did you hear of that scheme for enlarging the staff? Was that drawn to your attention at the time by Mr. Wells?—It was named certainly before the polling day.

51,331. And talked of in the committee?—Yes frequently, I think.

51,332. What is your opinion of it?—My opinion was that, although it might have been, and was, I have no doubt, intended for the sole purpose of obtaining speedy and accurate information of the state of the poll, and to enable us to ascertain who had voted and who had not. It was on such a large scale that I confess I could not comprehend it myself.

51,333. You summed up the whole by saying it was all humbug?—That was my own private opinion; it was not for the public ear.

51,334. Take the other phrase you used at the end: you say it was of no use?—I thought it would be of no use, because, as it seemed to involve the employment of a very great number of people, perfect strangers to us, and on whose accuracy we could by no means depend. I do not mean for a moment to suppose it was for any other purpose. I thought it could not be carried out with advantage.

51,335. Did you think it could be carried out for for the ostensible purpose?—I firmly believe Mr. Wells, when he advised that plan, had no other view than to endeavour to work out some extraordinary idea which he had at that time, that he could concentrate everything at this room, that they could instantly send word to the central committee room how matters were going on. I never understood it; and I could not comprehend how it was to be carried out.

51,336. Do you know anybody who did?—Mr. Wells did himself, I dare say.

51,337. What was said about it at the committee at the time?—As far as I recollect, several of those who were present at the time when it was talked of did not understand it, and they thought it could not be carried out.

51,338. Mr. Wells had been urging it on the committee I believe as a scheme for employment? Employment was his specific object?—I think not; and I believe firmly that he had no idea in the world of employing runners for any purpose other than that when he spoke of and invented this plan. I was going to say more than yourselves.

51,339. In point of fact, Mr. Wells was constantly recommending, was he not, employment as his specific against bribery?—I do not recollect Mr. Wells ever being anxious to recommend that.

51,340. It was a mode for avoiding bribery?—As far as I can recollect, Mr. Wells was very anxious along with many other gentlemen of the committee that the expenses should be curtailed rather than increased, and that men should not be employed.

51,341. Still without reference to that, what I want to know is, whether we are agreed that Mr. Wells' scheme for avoiding bribery was to create employment?—No; I am not aware that it was.

51,342. You did not understand that from himself?—Certainly not.

51,343. He did continually talk to you about it, that it was necessary to be cautious?

did he not frequently give the caution ?—I think Mr. Wells would do so as the legal adviser of the committee.

51,344. He did do so ?—Yes; I believe he did.

51,345. Did he not often say you must be cautious not to pay people whom you had not employed ?—I do not recollect having heard him say so; but it is very probable that he would.

51,346. He repeatedly drew your attention to the bribery act ?—No.

51,347. Did he not frame a circular which has been read ?—Mr. Wells sent circulars to the various chairmen and deputy chairmen, begging them not to do anything wrong.

51,348. Did Mr. Wells ever give you his version of the law on the subject of bribery ?—I do not know that he was asked to do so.

51,349. As your legal adviser he might; he says that he did ?—It is very likely he might. If he says so I have no doubt he did so.

51,350. Do you recollect what kind of advice he did give you on the subject ? I am not asking whether it was good law or bad.—No; I do not recollect that the question was ever brought before the committee.

51,351. I will put it to you in another way: Was not this circular of his perfectly consistent with the advice that he gave you on the subject of bribery ?—I do not think that the scheme in itself had any reference to the employment.

51,352. I want to know whether that scheme was not perfectly consistent with the opinion which he entertained of the law of bribery ?—I cannot give an opinion on that point.

51,353. You did not consider it any infraction of the law as he defined it ?—No; I think what we believed was that it could not be carried out.

51,354. His scheme was, he tells us, to employ 478 persons, besides all the various other staff. Did he draw your attention to an Act of Parliament which declares that no person shall be employed except those that were necessary ?—I am not aware that he did; neither am I aware he ever mentioned the number of people that were necessary.

51,355. Here is a letter that he sent from your central committee room, sending these things with it—sending extracts from the bribery act as from the central committee room to the other committee rooms. Appended to it are two sheets from the clauses of the bribery act ? (*The papers were handed to the witness.*)—Yes; that is his signature.

51,356. You see the clauses of the bribery act, or from some act, at the end of that letter ?—I am sure I did not read them.

51,357. Probably you expected a lawyer should give you some little interpretation of them ?—Yes.

51,358. Still I wish to call your attention to this: Did he direct the attention of the gentlemen of whom he was the legal adviser at the time he formed this notable scheme for you to employ 478 men, that by law you were not allowed to do it ?—I am not aware of it.

51,359. Simply a scheme for disfranchising half the town, bribery or no bribery. That was one of the things he did not tell you ?—No; I was so perfectly dull in comprehending this scheme that I took no trouble in the world to look into it.

51,360. Quite independent of the law of bribery, you would have lost at one step nearly 500 votes, supposing it even not to be bribery. That he never told you, I suppose ?—I am not aware that he did.

51,361. Did you ever hear him mention in the committee room that the scheme involved an actual loss to your borough of 500 votes ?—No.

51,362. He told you that you might employ such runners as were absolutely necessary for the work ?—I dare say he might do so. It was the intention not to pay any one that was not employed.

51,363. This scheme of his was to create employment for 478 persons ?—I do not think the employment was ever thought of at the time: as far as I ever understood the matter, and I believe, as far as any other member of the committee ever understood it, it was for the sole purpose of getting speedy information.

51,364. You answered the chief commissioner it did not strike any of you as a scheme that was consistent with his advice ?—I do not think it was ever thought of as to what the chief commissioner states would have been the result of the matter.

51,365. You did not think of it ?—No; I am sure neither myself nor any one else did.

51,366. You entrusted very much to him ?—On all those points.

51,367. I want to see what the extent of the advice was that he did give you ?—Everything connected with matters of that kind, we should entirely leave them to Mr. Wells.

51,368. Did he mention at the time of the increase of the 108 runners, on the 30th of June, that he had lost those 108 votes independent of the scheme ?—If there had been a scrutiny, I apprehend every man that was paid would be struck off.

51,369. You charge yourself in the first page of that little book in your hand with the receipt of 2,400*l.* ?—Yes.

51,370. Just turn to it: two sums of 1,200*l.* each ?—Yes.

51,371. Did you receive them, in fact ?—I did.

51,372. In what way did you receive those monies ?—I received the 1200*l.* from

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Mr. Bramley Moore, in Bank of England notes, I think the first or second day that he came down to Hull.

51,373. All at once?—All at once. He had engaged to be liable for that sum, and the understanding was, and I believe it would have been carried out, that he thought the best plan to lodge the money at once, and if the expenditure had fallen short he would have had the balance returned.

51,374. Did you pay it to your banker's, to your private account?—No.

51,375. Where did you keep the money?—At home.

51,376. At your house?—Yes.

51,377. It was in Bank of England notes?—It was.

51,378. Of varying amounts?—Of varying amounts. I forget now what they were.

51,379. Why did you not pay the money into some banking account?—Because I did not think it necesssary. I could take care of it myself; our banks charge a commission for every 100*l.*

51,380. It would not be long in their hands?—The less the necessity for paying the 5*s.* which they charge upon the hundred.

51,381. If the whole 1,200*l.* was not expended, the object was that Mr. Bramley Moore was not to have to pay for the commission?—I kept it distinct from my own monies.

51,382. How much did you receive from Mr. Butler?—I received 200*l.* from Mr. Butler when he first came to Hull; and I think in the following week, or shortly after, Mr. Butler returned to London after having been here a few days, or perhaps a week, and Mr. Moore went home too, and we were requested to send for them again when the other candidates came.

51,383. Confine yourself to Mr. Butler's payment.—I will. When Mr. Butler returned from London the second time I think he brought me the whole 1,000*l.*

51,384. Still due from him?—Yes.

51,385. How did he bring it?—In bank notes.

51,386. Where did you keep that money?—I kept it with the other.

51,387. At your own house?—Yes.

51,388. None of it was ever paid into any banking account?—No.

51,389. Was it any part of your reason that you did not wish it should be known what money was circulated?—No, not at all. I wished to keep a fund of this kind entirely distinct from my own funds and my own business.

51,390. You have before you your papers that you have been examined to—you got from Mr. Wells?—Yes.

51,391. You find amongst them some payments in respect of the clearing houses. You find there a voucher, "Castle Street clearing house clerks, by Robert Ash, £26 6*s.* 6*d.*"?—Yes.

51,392. Do you recollect making that payment to that clearing house?—Yes; I think I gave it to Mr. Wells to hand over to Ash. I am not sure. I well recollect making the payment.

51,393. How does it appear on the face of the voucher—the application of that?—The £26 6*s.* 6*d.*?

51,394. I will draw your attention to it. Does that give the names of four superintendents at 1*l.* 1*s.* each?—Mr. Wells received the money from me, and I charged it in my account.

51,395. I want to know if the vouchers give the names of the four superintendents?—There is no voucher that I can see here.

51,396. Did you have that paper before you (*handing a paper to the witness*)?—I think it is very probable I might.

51,397. Does that give the names of four superintendents at a guinea each?—Yes, it does.

51,398. Twenty-two clerks at 10*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

51,399. Two doorkeepers at 5*s.* a day?—Yes.

51,400. And thirty-five runners at 5*s.*?—There is 9*l.* 15*s.* for runners and the doorkeepers included.

51,401. That is 26*l.* 6*s.* 6*d*; what is the date of that payment?—By myself do you mean?

51,402. Yes; this clearing house was only established the day before?—It was only an employment I believe during the day of the election, or perhaps, the evening before.

51,403. When did you make the payment of 26*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* in respect of that?—I have it down the 17th of July.

51,404. Do you consider that to have been as regards the conduct of the election a useless payment?—I consider it to have been useless, inasmuch as the system which it was intended to carry out was found impracticable.

51,405. And useless in your judgment, you have said so before?—Yes.

51,406. In your judgment that amount of 26*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* would be a useless expenditure as regards the result of the election?—I think so, because the plan which it was intended to carry out could not be carried out.

51,407. Did you make a payment to a man of the name of Jabez Eden, 22*l.*?—Yes.

51,408. What was that?—For printing.

51,409. Goddard and Lancaster, 60*l.* for stationery?—Yes.

51,410. To the Hull Packet, 95*l.*?—Yes.

51,411. And then 33*l.*?—No, 1*l.* 8*s.*

51,412. Mr. Harris told us of a sum of 5*l.* which was paid for some men, who claimed it as an arrear due to them at Mr. Baines' election—paid by Mr. Barkworth in respect of an arrear at Mr. Baines' election?—Yes.

51,413. Now let me call your attention to this allusion to it in the committee room,—"the candidates must see Cooper's men in Lime Street, Rope yard?"—Yes.

51,414. Do you know if anything was done upon that?—The candidates visited Cooper's rope walk, and canvassed the men, but nothing was done in the way of money that I am aware of, or that I know of.

51,415. Do you know whether it was they saw them before, or after that payment of 5*l.*?—I do not know.

51,416. Did you hear of the claim of 5*l.* that those men made?—I heard these men stated that money was owing to them for the previous election.

51,417. That is all?—I know nothing more than that.

51,418. Was that mentioned in the central committee room?—Not that I am aware of.

51,419. Where did you hear it mentioned?—I cannot tell.

51,420. I thought the committee room would be the more proper place?—It was not, that I am aware of. Whilst I have this book open I see an item of the 7*l.* 11*s.*, for advertisements in the Hull Advertiser. I understood, indeed I saw it in the newspapers, that some allusion had been made to it. Mr. Wells had been asked some questions on Saturday as to why advertisements were not sent to the Advertiser. I can only say I believe the Advertiser had its regular turn of the addresses the same as the other papers.

51,421. The evidence that was given was, a letter was shown to Mr. Wells requesting to have the advertisements, and it was stated that Mr. Wells with his own handwriting, wrote upon it "refused." The reason the question was put to Mr. Wells, it is in your handwriting—the refusal?—I can only suppose that an application had been made to the committee for more than was thought needful.

51,422. It was for advertisements?—That was done, however, because here is a bill of 7*l.* 11*s.* for the advertisements.

51,423. That is the misfortune of our not having the bills, we should have seen it?—It was given into your hands; I considered it a tradesman's bill, and I kept all the tradesmen's bills together.

51,424. You were asked a question as to a man of the name of Grills: I think you will find in Mr. Wells' vouchers that Mr. Tilson paid him 4*l.* 10*s.* on your account in London. Mr. Tilson is one of the persons that Mr. Wells makes a charge for.—Mr. Tilson is Mr. Wells' legal agent in London.

51,425. And I see among his charges there is a payment to Grills of 4*l.* 10*s.*—Yes, it appears by my book that in Mr. Tilson's account they advanced 13*l.* 10*s.* to various outvoters in London.

51,426. Including 4*l.* 10*s.* to this Grills?—I should suppose so. Yes, here is Grills' 4*l.* 10*s.*

51,427. Did Mr. Tilson, as the agent of Mr. Wells, have authority to make that payment as to the amount?—I do not know.

51,428. Who fixed the sum?—I cannot tell you; I never knew that anything had been paid by Mr. Tilson till I got this bill of Mr. Wells.

51,429. You seem to have been the banker of these gentlemen?—Yes, I was.

51,430. You kept the money at your own house?—Yes.

51,431. Did they call on you from time to time at your house during the progress of the election?—No.

51,432. Was either of them ever at your house?—Yes; one day after the canvassing had been finished, I think they just looked in and sat half an hour with me, along with some other gentlemen.

51,433. Was that before or after the monies had been paid in?—It was afterwards.

51,434. It was after you received Mr. Moore's at all events?—And after I had received Mr. Butler's.

51,435. During the time the payments were being made by you, did anything pass between you and Mr. Moore or Mr. Butler with regard to the amounts that were being paid or the diminution of the 1,200*l.*?—No, not one syllable.

51,436. Did they not inquire of you at any time as to how much of the money was gone?—No, never once.

51,437. Neither of them?—Neither of them.

51,438. Did you without any request render any account at all of the progress of the disbursements?—No, never.

51,439. Did you at any time afterwards render them any account whatever of the disbursements?—No.

51,440. Did they make any application as to whether the whole money was spent or not?—No.

51,441. They were to have a return if there was any balance?—They were pretty well aware, when the subscription list had been called for, that their own money had been spent.

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51,442. Were they aware of the subscription?—They knew there had been a subscription.

51,443. And the amount?—I am not aware they ever knew the exact amount.

51,444. How did they know there had been a subscription?—Because it was understood from the very first there was to be.

51,445. They knew of course, because the agreement was so that the subscription was to have no life until the fund was exhausted, the 2,400*l.*?—Yes.

41,446. Therefore, I ask you whether you are not aware, that they knew during the course of the election that the fund of 2,400*l.* was exhausted?—No; they never asked the question, neither directly or indirectly.

51,447. They knew the subscription was being made?—I presume they were aware of it, because Mr. Bramley Moore said, you have done well to get so much.

51,448. That is alluded to in one of the letters?—Yes.

51,449. Were you the guardian of that also?—I was: I received the whole of the money that was subscribed or paid for the election. I believe I disbursed every shilling that was disbursed for the election, of which this is a faithful account; and I am not aware that there is one shilling owing at the present time to anybody, on any account whatever.

41,450. No doubt you are quite correct. At what time after the election was it you came to the conclusion of all your payments?—As soon as the election was over.

51,451. You have given the day, I believe?—Yes; I got on with the payment of the tradesmen's bills as fast as I could, being anxious to get the thing cleared off.

51,452. Do you know when it was cleared off?—The last payments I made were to the sheriff, and the balance to Mr. Wells and a small bill which had been omitted—a few shillings for a printer.

51,453. Had you to make any return to the subscribers?—No, I had not.

51,454. There was a deficiency of how much?—£71.

51,455. How was that met?—I advanced it. The election expenses were indebted to me for that, until after the petition had been finished. There was a surplus in hand of the money that was subscribed for the prosecution of the petition, and the balance due on account of the election expenses was liquidated out of that balance.

58,456. With regard to the 711*l.*, that is the amount you charge yourself with the receipt of on account of the subscription?—£1,166*l.* I charge myself with.

51,457. In addition to the 2,400*l.*?—Yes, in addition to the 2,400*l.*

51,458. Did you not furnish at some time to those gentlemen, who made this subscription a detailed account of the mode in which it had been expended?—No, never.

51,459. Never?—I was never called on to do so; it was entrusted to me, the money was given to me to be expended in conjunction with the friends about me.

51,460. Does it appear in any way—I will put it in another way to you from that book; or otherwise what part of the expenses the 2,400*l.* was applied to, and what part of the 1,100*l.* was applied to?—No; it all formed one general fund.

51,461. Was any of the 1,100*l.* collected till after the 2,400*l.* was exhausted?—Yes, the whole of it.

51,462. Before the other was exhausted?—I will not be sure, but I will say almost before it was begun to be expended.

51,463. In anticipation of so large a deficiency?—Yes.

51,464. Why was that?—No, not in anticipation; as perhaps you may know it is a more easy matter to have the money in hand, than to have to apply for it afterwards.

51,465. It is a large sum, 1,230*l.* more than had been originally paid?—It was not all collected at once.

51,466. All in hand you said?—I believe it was all in hand.

51,467. Before any disbursement of the other commenced?—No, as the thing progressed.

51,468. There must have been an opinion that that sum extra would be wanted, or something like it?—If we had had 5,000*l.* subscribed for, we would have got it all in, and if there was any to spare we would have returned it pro rata.

51,469. I mean with regard to raising so large a sum in addition to the sum which you anticipated would be enough; the raising so large a sum as that?—I believe it was thought very desirable and the honourable way of proceeding that an equal sum should be subscribed to what the candidates had paid.

51,970. Was there some understanding that that should be done by those who were the friends of the candidates? Was there some understanding amongst the party, who had to support Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler, that a similar sum to that they had deposited should be raised by them?—I believe it was understood that it was very desirable that they should be met in that manner, to show that they were not wished to come here to spend their own money without adequate support.

51,971. And that was communicated to Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler?—I think it might have been mentioned in the first instance that a subscription would be set on foot.

51,472. To an equal amount that each of them advanced?—No, I think not.

51,473. You said you thought it would be honourable that they should be put on the same footing?—I think so; but that would be only in conversation amongst their supporters in the town.

51,474. It was thought better that that sum should be at once subscribed for and collected?—Yes, it was.

51,475. Did the candidates know how much was going to be subscribed?—I am not aware that they did.

51,476. Was it stated, as to the deficiency, that if there was a deficiency beyond the sum which they were pledged to, how that deficiency was to be met?—It was to be met by subscription amongst the party.

51,477. But it had been provided; therefore I should rather say how it was to be met, in that sense that arrangements had been made for actually providing it?—I do not know they were aware of anything more than that, that it was the intention of the party in Hull to have a subscription for any deficiency above the 2,400*l.*

51,478. Do you not believe that the sum that had been collected, if all was collected before or soon after any disbursements commenced, was communicated to those gentlemen?—I am not aware it was.

51,479. Do you believe it was?—I believe it was not. They were satisfied that every effort would be made to carry out the arrangement that would be made in the first instance.

51,480. I think I understood you to say it was understood your party could have raised a large sum if it had been required?—No; I never said so.

51,481. I understood you to say you could raise 5,000*l.*?—I said if such a sum of 5,000*l.* had been raised, it would have been better to have had it all paid in.

51,482. I thought you said that you could readily raise 5,000*l.*?—Oh dear, no.

51,483. Did you, during the election, know that the district chairmen were, as you say, taking the law into their own hands?—Towards the conclusion I believe it was so.

51,484. I ask if you knew it during the progress of the election?—I found, in the course of my communication with them from time to time, that they were increasing their staff in the various districts.

51,485. Did you understand the object with which they were doing it?—I must have known, if they put names down as runners, and intended to employ them in that way, that it was with the intention of having their votes afterwards.

51,486. You knew that was being carried on to a considerable extent?—I cannot say I knew it.

51,487. Did you suspect it?—Yes, I did. It was a subject of complaint every day that they were not allowed to do so, and I believe at last many of them said to this effect, that it was of no consequence—there must be runners on, or else it was of no use their working.

51,488. Because there was no chance of success?—Yes.

51,489. Were not the expenses of each district of the day paid in wages to the runners?—Yes.

51,490. The first item in your account is a sum of 1,301*l.*?—1,308*l.*, I think.

51,491. That is the expenses of the district committees?—Yes; altogether.

51,492. Is the larger part of that sum the wages for the runners?—Yes, I should think it is. It was for a period, I think, of four or five weeks.

51,493. You have spoke about an application to give a tradesman an order, and you said that if it had been found that he had had an order, he would have been told to go away, because he had his share?—I should think that would have been the reply. The sub-committee appointed to manage that department—the printing—had, I believe, the entire control over those things, and acted as they thought best.

51,494. Was it an object, in managing the election, to give each person his share, as you say?—I have no doubt it was.

51,495. The orders for any particular articles would be divided so as to give the supporters of their cause their shares?—Yes.

51,496. Are you aware that the printing, for instance, was divided amongst twenty-one printers; the printing on your side?—No; I never added the numbers up. They are all there.

51,497. There are vouchers for bills paid to twenty-one different printers?—Then I have no doubt the money was paid.

51,498. And the sums vary from 10*l.* to 95*l.* Was that in order that each might have their share, as you say?—With respect to the printing, I really cannot answer the question.

51,499. It would be carrying out that system, would it not?—Yes; but the large sum to which you allude, the Hull Packet, contained advertisements.

51,500. There is Pulleyn, a bill of 69*l.*?—62*l.*, I think, for stationery and other matters.

51,501. Are you aware that there is a sum of 125*l.*, or something near it, spent for silks and ribbons?—There was no silk or ribbon bought, that I am aware of.

51,502. It was expended at drapers' shops?—Yes; in calico.

51,503. Are you aware, in the same way, that it is divided between nineteen tradesmen?—No; but they are there; that is the only answer I can give you. I would say, with respect to the calico and the colours, that although this sum amounted to so large an amount, as much as to stagger me when I came to have it handed in, on the day of the election scarcely a blue flag was to be seen; they had pulled them all down, and substituted orange in their place.

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51,504. In the same way the persons who supplied carriages, the orders were divided among them, was it not? There are more than ten or a dozen of those.—With respect to carriages, we were glad to get any from any party. I rather think there was a division amongst all the cab proprietors in the town, except Mr. Varley.

51,505. Was it the system that each party might get his share?—Yes.

51,506. Would there be any dissatisfaction if that were not done?—I should think there would be; but with respect to the cabs and carriages, we were only too glad to get them from any one.

51,507. At a fairly contested election, we have heard it might be carried on for 400*l.* a side?—Decidedly not.

51,508. Why not?—Because here the item of printing alone comes to that, and stationery.

51,509. Do you consider all that printing absolutely necessary?—No; but if you had ever been on an election committee, you would see the utter impossibility of avoiding it. I know this, that with respect to our own side at this last election, we would have been glad beyond measure to have repressed the printing, but the attacks that were made upon the candidates and every one connected with them, compelled us, in self defence, to answer them—to see that answers should be given.

51,510. Such an order as 10,000 visiting cards, that the candidates might leave them with the electors, is that a necessary expense?—I think it was sadly too much.

51,511. Then it was unnecessary. Do you agree with what we have heard, that such a sum of 400*l.* for printing is sufficient for the purposes of six elections?—No, I do not know that. One very large item in the bills of 90*l.*, for printing, was the detailed accounts of the public meetings which were held and the speeches given.

51,512. Do you know that a contested election has been carried on in Hull for the sum of 400*l.* on one side?—No.

51,513. For less than 400*l.*?—I am not aware of it.

51,514. And the candidate returned at the head of the poll?—You are alluding to Hill's election? the first election after the Reform Bill?

51,515. Yes.—I never heard of it.

51,516. Having heard of it now, have you any doubt the same thing might be done now?—You are putting a supposition that never could be carried out, I am quite sure.

51,517. Why not? What is the necessary expense of conducting an election that should exceed 400*l.* in Hull?—People's cupidity.

51,518. It is to the cupidity of the people that you attribute the vast expenditure?—Yes; what else can it be given to?

51,519. Then the constituency would be displeased, or a considerable portion of the constituency would be displeased, if that vast expenditure was not incurred?—I think so; and I believe if it had not been for the printers and some few lawyers, we should not have had a contest this time.

51,520. Do you agree in this, that there is a large portion of the constituency which would always be dissatisfied unless there was an expensive contest?—I do not wish to libel my fellow townsmen, but I believe there would and always has been a great portion of the people, not only here, but in all boroughs, that would not be satisfied unless a contest and the expenses consequent upon a contest, were incurred.

51,521. Do you not believe also it has a necessary tendency among the lower orders to believe that the money is applicable for any purpose, good or bad, when they see the enormous amount of printing and flags and those things going on?—No doubt of it.

51,522. And on the other hand do you believe that one single vote was ever gained by either side by the enormous mass of rubbish that is published?—No, I do not; and as far as I could I have set my face against the expense of printing.

51,523. You say the expenditure is increased by the candidates, in order to satisfy the wants of some portion of the constituency?—Yes.

51,524. That has a further injurious effect in causing people to expect, out of large sums of money, that each of them are to have a share of it?—Yes.

51,525. When a large sum of money is spoken of, everybody is anxious to get some; if 50*l.* is going for printing, another man thinks that he ought to have 30*s.* for his vote?—Yes.

51,526. It is the necessary consequence. Can you give us in the list you mentioned?—I cannot give you a perfect one.

Adjourned until to-morrow, ten o'clock.

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY.—Wednesday, 20th July 1853.

MR. CHARLES YEALL sworn, and examined.

Mr. Charles Yeall.

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51,527. Where do you live?—No. 15, Mason Street.

51,528. Are you on the register as a 10*l.* householder?—Yes.

51,529. What is the amount of rental you pay?—£20.

51,530. What is your business?—A merchant.

51,531. How long have you been a voter?—Since the year 1837.

51,532. Have you resided all your life in Hull?—I have.

51,533. Are you a freeman also?—No, I am not.

51,534. Have you taken a considerable interest in the elections at Hull?—Yes; I have since 1837—in fact, in 1835, I think.

51,535. You took part in the 1837 election?—Yes; as a canvasser.

51,536. Did you take a considerable part in that election?—Yes; I was rather an active canvasser.

51,537. Was the system of setting down for the purpose of influencing voters much used at that election?—Pretty much the same as at present; we used to put them down two days for a split vote, and four days for a bullet.

51,538. That was very generally used by both parties?—I believe so.

51,539. Did you take part in the election of 1841?—Yes.

51,540. You voted for Sir John Hanmer and Sir Walter James?—Yes, I did.

51,541. Were you on the committee at that election?—Yes; the East Sculcoates, of which I am the present chairman.

51,542. Were you on the committee, then?—Yes.

51,543. Within your knowledge of that election, was the same system carried on?—It was.

51,544. Did you yourself set down names then?—I gave them in to the central committee to be set down; when I was applied to I made a minute in my canvassing book, and we reported every evening the result of our canvass, and it was set down by the secretary or the clerk.

51,545. That was setting their names down for employment?—Yes; setting their names down for employment.

51,546. Had you any particular duty at that election?—No; nothing particular. I had a very large portion of the district, about two-fifths of the district, under my own charge; nothing beyond.

51,547. Have you any vouchers or papers relating to that election?—No.

51,548. What has become of the books and papers that you had?—They are destroyed or lost. I do not know what has become of them.

51,549. Were they left in your possession after the election?—Yes; I think so. I have not often given papers up.

51,550. You must know if they were destroyed?—I am not certain; I really do not know where they are if they are not destroyed; it would be simply a canvassing book that I had.

51,551. You say they were left in your custody?—I have not been in the habit of giving the papers up.

51,552. Have you the minute book?—No; nothing but the canvass book, for a certain district that I canvassed.

51,553. Were there at the election of 1841 particular places appointed for the payment of voters?—Not that I am aware of. I have a very indistinct recollection of the election of 1841; I took an active part, but I have a very indistinct recollection of it.

51,554. Do you know whether persons were paid at Linwood's, in Wincolmlee?—I believe they were.

51,555. Was that a place particularly appointed for the payment of voters?—No; it was our committee room.

51,556. It was one of the committee rooms?—It was our only committee room then.

51,557. Was any means taken to disguise the persons, or the people paying?—I never heard of it.

51,558. Are you not aware of that?—No.

51,559. Were the voters generally paid before or after the election?—After the election.

51,560. You would not know who it was who paid them the money at Linwood's?—I do not recollect on that occasion, but upon former occasions it has been paid by the chairman, and each canvasser has attended to identify the party, and to give any information required.

51,561. Do you recollect whether you were present when the people were paid?—No; I really do not recollect.

51,562. Did you yourself pay any persons?—No; I do not remember that I paid anything upon that occasion; I have been always kept pretty short of money upon those occasions.

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51,563. Can you at all tell me the number of persons that were set down or paid by your party in 1841?—No, I cannot tell.

51,564. Not within a hundred or so?—I have no recollection. I really cannot tell you anything about it.

51,565. Was it an expensive election upon your side?—Yes; our ward has the reputation of being rather an expensive one.

51,566. Do you know where the money came from?—No.

51,567. It came from the candidates, I suppose?—Probably. I had nothing to do with the financial arrangements.

51,568. Do you know the means by which it came to them at Hull?—No; I was simply a canvassing member of the committee upon that occasion.

51,569. Did you take a part in the election of 1847?—Yes.

51,570. For which candidates?—I took the two united divisions of East Sculcoates on behalf of Mr. Brown.

51,571. Were you any party to the invitation to Mr. Brown?—No; I was solicited to be, but I declined to do so.

51,572. Did you object to his being brought as a candidate?—I did not object to it. I was not particularly anxious about it. I was in correspondence with theNational Club, and we were expecting a blue candidate. There was great dissatisfaction in the town by the course being walked over by Baines and Clay, and the Operative Conservative Association in the Holderness ward were determined to have a second candidate, and we had several interviews with Mr. Baines' committee at Mr. Ward's office, and the end of it was that we requested Sir Robert Inglis to look for a blue candidate, and Sir Robert took considerable pains, and saw several persons, but could not succeed; he then handed it over to the National Club, with which I was then in correspondence. At that time Mr. Brown was sent for, and I declined, because I was pledged to vote for Mr. Baines.

51,573. Was any reason given for the refusal of persons to stand for Hull?—No; the National Club had pointed out a gentleman, and I was then in readiness, together with another gentleman, to have gone and seen him.

51,574. Who was that?—Mr. Sands, of Liverpool, was particularly mentioned; there were several others mentioned, but Mr. Sands was particularly mentioned.

51,575. Did you see Mr. Sands?—No; I thought it was useless, as the party was so much divided. When Mr. Brown came I gave up the idea.

51,576. Then there was no difficulty in procuring candidates?—Yes; there was a great difficulty.

51,577. I ask you if any reason was given for that difficulty?—No; there was nothing particular said.

51,578 It was not said by any of them that Hull was too expensive a place?—I think it was considered so generally; it was not said so particularly.

51,579. Did you understand that that was part of the reason or the ground of objection?—I fancied that most probably it might be so.

51,580. Was there a party in Hull who insisted upon having a candidate of some sort or other?—Oh yes, or I should not have taken the trouble I did.

51,581. Was there a party within your knowledge who insisted upon having a candidate for the purpose of creating a contest?—I am not aware of that; our reason was we were not satisfied with the principles of the men who were brought forward.

51,582. Why were you dissatisfied with Mr. Brown?—I was not dissatisfied with Mr. Brown, but I joined him for want of a better.

51,583. Did you understand at all that Mr. Brown was invited by parties who were always anxious for a contest?—No; I rather understood that Mr. Brown was invited in consequence of theinterview that the Operatives had with Mr. Baines' party at Mr. Ward's office. They saw a determination to have some one else, and they went off prematurely without communicating to us.

51,584. And in the end you adopted their candidate?—Yes; I offered to join Mr. Baines and Mr. Brown.

51,585. Who did you vote for at that election?—Baines and Brown.

51,586. Were you the chairman of the committee upon that occasion?—I was, of the two united divisions of East Sculcoates.

51,587. Who was your deputy chairman in 1847?—We were a mixed committee, and the central committee had a Conservative chairman and a Radical deputy.

51,588. What was the colour?—We could not distinguish colours; there were the crimson, the pink, and the orange.

51,589. The colours are orange and blue?—We had no blue.

51,590. Who were the active persons on your committee besides yourself?—I do not recollect now; the thing was in such a state of confusion, we had but three or four days to do three or four weeks' work in; and I applied repeatedly for a deputy chairman, and could not get one for a length of time.

51,591. Who was the clerk to your committee?—Thomas Dalton. I was requested to appoint my own deputy chairman. I wanted one from the opposite party to keep his own crew in order.

51,592. Tell me who was your deputy chairman?—James Tall.

51,593. You and Mr. Tall were the active persons on your committee?—We were.

51,595. Did you upon that occasion set down names as runners?—Yes.

51,596. To a great extent?—Yes; to a great extent.

51,596. Did you also adopt the means of having sham committee rooms?—No.

51,596. Not at all?—No.

51,598. Were the persens whose names were set down paid before or after they voted upon that occasion?—They were paid, a proportion of them before,—upon the evening of the nomination day I think it was.

51,599. And some of them were paid afterwards?—Yes.

51,600. Where were they paid?—Those that were paid before the polling day were paid at the Bay Horse by one of the committee, named Edward Wright.

51,601. Did anybody assist Wright in paying them?—I believe David Kay did, who was canvassing along with us.

51,602. Did Wright pay for all the districts, or only yours?—Only for our district—East Sculcoates. Bye the by, I should tell you we were ordered to receive whatever applicants came to us, and we paid a great number belonging to other districts.

51,603. Had you orders from the central committee to pay all applicants?—Yes.

51,604. Had you any vouchers, or were you to take the word of the party who requested payment?—We saw that they were upon the register and put down their names.

51,605. Were you at all present at the Bay Horse?—No; I see it has been stated that I was, but I never was.

51,606. You delegated that part of the business to those two gentlemen?—To Mr. Wright, and I believe he had the assistance of Kay.

51,607. Where were these persons paid after the polling day?—At a tavern kept by David Ledger.

51,608. Is that the De la Pole Tavern?—No; it is not the De la Pole Tavern.

51,609. Where is that?—It is in Wincolmlee, at the corner of Scott Street.

51,610. Who paid there?—I did.

51,611. Were you assisted by anybody?—All the canvassers were present to identify the parties, and to give information as to who they were.

51,612. How soon after the election was that?—It might be three or four days.

51,613. Is it called the Sculcoates Tavern, in Wincolmlee?—Yes; I believe it is.

51,614. At the time you paid, had you a list of persons who were to be paid?—Yes.

51,615. Have you that list now?—I have a part of it—the book in which the correct list was was sent in to the central committee and was kept there.

51,616. Who did you send it to at the central committee?—To Mr. Digby. This is a correct list of the payments made during the election, and this is a list of parties who were paid afterwards (*referring to some papers*).

51,617. Is this a list of the persons paid during the election?—Yes; at least, previous to the polling day.

51,618. Is this the list of persons who were paid by Wright?—Yes; I think it is.

51,619. And this other is a list of the persons paid by you?—That is an incorrect list. I believe that is the only list I have; it does not exactly agree with my cash account by some 2*l.* or 3*l.*

51,620. Is that the book that was made at the time?—Yes.

51,621. And did you cross the names out as you paid them?—Somebody has done it; it is not my writing,—it was written by the clerk, Dalton.

51,622. Was not Dalton present when you paid them?—Yes; he was.

51,623. I observe at the end of this list there are the words in pencil "forty-four unpaid."?—Yes.

51,624. What does that mean?—I can scarcely understand what it is, in consequence of a system of receiving all parties—all applicants. We found that many of the men had been paid two or three, or four or five times over; and the chairman met at the central committee and compared notes, and those who were paid by others were struck off the list. I see here one man of the name of Prescott, whom I did not pay.

51,625. What does that mean, that there were forty-four unpaid?—I had not paid Prescott. I fancied he had been paid by some other committee.

51,626. Would those forty-four be paid afterwards?—Not by me.

51,627. Was there anybody else to pay them?—Not in my district.

51,628. In all the other districts, people were paid in the same way as in yours?—Yes, they were; I expect so.

51,629. Will that list, as near as you can, afford us the names of the parties whom you paid?—Yes; the correct list was sent in to Mr. Digby, the chairman of the central committee.

51,630. Do you know at the present moment, who has possession of the papers sent in by you?—They were sent in to Mr. Digby. I never knew what became of them afterwards.

51,631. Were you at Linwood's committee room?—It was our committee room.

51,632. Did you pay them there?—I think I did. I have some recollection of it. I remember several people coming and turning them out. I paid one at a time; but what it was I really do not recollect.

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51,633. You would hardly be able to recollect the names of individuals?—No; as I said before, it was a complete confusion from the beginning to the end.

51,634. Were there persons actually employed as messengers and runners at that election?—Very few; at least, in comparison to those I paid.

51,635. Such as they were would be paid on the polling day?—No, I think not.

51,636. Would those persons be paid in that list that you have handed in?—Yes, they would; there is in that book a general cash account.

51,637. In consequence of the hurry, there was no time to discriminate between those that were employed and those that were not?—No.

51,638. You paid everybody indiscriminately?—Yes; we paid everybody who came, and some got paid three or four times over—some of them.

51,639. Now Mr. Tall, is he the person that was engaged at the election of 1837?—Yes, I think he was.

51,640. What as?—As a canvasser. His brother John Tall was the chairman.

51,641. Which Tall was it who was your vice-chairman?—James Tall.

51,642. There is another John?—Yes.

51,643. Did he take any part in the election?—Not the least; but at the previous election he was chairman of this district—the same district.

51,644. What, in 1847?—He took no part in 1847.

51,645. In 1841 John Tall was the chairman of the district?—Yes.

51,646. Did you pay in 1847 at the De la Pole Tavern?—No.

51,647. Were you at all there at the election of 1847?—Yes; I was.

51,648. Were you there with a man of the name of Hudson?—Hudson was one of the clerks, I think.

51,649. Were you and Hudson the persons who paid at the De la Pole Tavern?—No.

51,650. Do you know if anybody else was paying at the De la Pole Tavern?—Not that I am aware of.

51,651. In the election of 1852, were you the chairman of the East Sculcoates committee room?—Yes; of the North division.

51,652. That was for the blue candidates?—Yes; for the blue candidates.

51,653. You voted for the blue candidates, of course?—Yes.

51,654. How early did you begin to take a part in the election?—The 8th of June was our first meeting.

51,655. In 1847 did you pay many persons at their own houses?—None that I am aware of.

51,656. Did you pay them in their own shops?—Not in any way that I am aware of. Linwood's and the Bay Horse are the only two places.

51,657. Do you recollect whether you desired persons to be paid at their own houses or shops?—I never gave any such orders.

51,658. You do not know that it was done?—No; I do not.

51,659. At the last election you were the chairman of the northern division of the East Sculcoates ward?—I was.

51,660. Who were the active persons upon that committee besides yourself?—There were the Messrs. John and Samuel Eggerton; they rendered very great assistance. James Tall was the deputy chairman; William Murgatroyd was an active canvasser; Stephen Roebuck was an active canvasser; John Suddaby Henry Labourne.

51,661. I asked you for the active persons?—Yes; Edwrd Wright and Robert Ware, those were the active canvassers. We had two or three parties joined us on the polling day.

51,662. Is that the same Wright who you have mentioned in 1847?—The same.

51,663. And Mr. Tall also?—Yes; the same Mr. Tall.

51,664. Were you early in the election made acquainted with the agreement that was entered into with the orange party?—Yes; I attended the sub-committee, and heard all that passed every day.

51,665. Were you made acquainted with the advice of Mr. Wells as to the employment of parties?—I was.

51,666. Did you early in the canvass find a great pressure upon the part of the voters for employment?—Yes.

51,667. Then you as an experienced canvasser were immediately placed in a difficulty as to the safety of the election, were you not?—Yes.

51,668. Did you endeavour to observe the advice of Mr. Wells, and the agreement with the orange party?—Yes; as far as we could.

51,669. Did you take steps then to overcome the difficulty which was apparent to you in Mr. Wells' view?—I do not exactly understand what you are alluding to.

51,670. Did you not change your runners every three or four days?—Yes, I did; I adopted that from the first.

51,671. By that means you observed the number of runners that you were to employ, and at the same time you employed a greater number of persons?—Yes; that was my object.

51,672. Did you set down the names of all persons who applied to be employed?—Yes; we did.

51,673. What was usually the form of their request? in what words did they request it?—They requested to be set down for employment as runners.

51,674. Were those the two forms, or did they use the alternative?—They generally applied to be put down as runners.

51,675. When you received that request, you understood that they were persons desirous of obtaining some advantage by the election?—Certainly.

51,676. And that it would not be safe for your party altogether to refuse their request?—Decidedly.

51,677. Now, in what form of words did you answer that request?—I told them that we could make no promise whatever, that we would take their names down for employment when we had it, and that they should be fairly used all alike as near as we possibly could.

51,678. Did you not use that form of words in consequence of the advice of Mr. Wells?—Yes; in a great measure I did.

51,679. You would not have used that guarded form of words without that advice?—Well, I might have done so if I had not thought that it was illegal to have promised.

51,680. You must know you used those words for the purpose of safety?—Yes, certainly.

51,681. At the same time, did you make them understand that in all probability there would be employment for them?—They might have understood what they liked. I said they should be put down.

51,682. Did you not as far as you could satisfy their request?—Yes; I did, as far as I could.

51,683. Were you not at that time, convinced in your own mind, that employment would be found for them in one way or another before the election was over?—We endeavoured to employ them in nominal employment,—in fact, we did in some way or other every person who came.

51,684. Did you not make employment for the purpose of employing those persons?—Certainly, we did.

51,685. Now, as far as you know, was that the system of your party at the last election?—I expect it was.

51,686. Now, about the end of June or the begining of July, did you make a considerable increase in the number of persons employed?—The first week I see we have eight days charged; the second week we have twelve days charged, which gives us two runners to the committee room each day; the third week we have forty-five days,—we had taken two extra committee rooms then, and we were entitled to charge forty-eight days, so that we were within the mark; the fourth week we took all that came.

51,687. That was the week of the election?—That was the week of the election.

51,688. You then considered yourself free from the engagement of the orange party?—Entirely so; in the third week I employed two men and a doorkeeper for each room,—we had three rooms.

51,689. As the election approached, did you find youself obliged to break from the advice of Mr. Wells?—No; I did not break from the advice of Mr. Wells.

51,690. You still found some employment?—Yes; we found employment.

51,691. Now in the minute book you kept at your committee, I think you said you set down the names of the persons employed for a time?—Yes.

51,692. All the persons employed were persons who applied to be employed as runners?—Certainly.

51,693. Did you take down the names of persons who were paid on sheets of paper of this description (*referring to the pay sheets*)?—Yes.

51,694. Those are the names of the persons who were paid?—Yes; they were.

51,695. In point of fact, all the persons who applied were paid, were they not?—They were.

51,696. And employed?—And employed—nearly so; there might be some few instances where they were not; all during the election they were employed.

51,697. Were they paid from week to week?—They are.

51,698. You obtained the money each week from the central committee?—Yes.

51,699. Did you pay the persons yourself?—No; I received the money from Mr. Harris, and immediately handed it over to the clerk, William Wright, who paid the money. He is not in Hull at present; he is at Greenland.

51,700. You yourself will undertake to say that the persons in these lists were paid?—Yes, they were.

51,701. Will you tell me what that book is (*handing book marked G. to the witness*)?—They are general memoranda.

51,702. Are those the names of persons applying to be employed at the beginning of the book?—Yes, it seems so; here is Stephen Roebuck engaged as a clerk from the first. I see there are men that applied for employment.

51,703. I presume you understood when the parties applied for employment they offered you in return their vote?—It was the understood thing; it was not mentioned.

51,704. But it was well understood?—Oh yes.

51,705. You gave them employment, and they gave you their vote?—Yes.

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51,706. And in truth the money was paid for the vote as much and more than it was for the employment?—Undoubtedly so.

51,707. Now it was said that you had some sub-committee rooms; do you recollect how many?—We had two.

51,708. Were those necessary for the purpose of the election, or were they for the purpose of making employment?—They were useful, because the East Sculcoates district is a very long one, a mile and a half in extent, and we had a staff at one of them.

51,709. Did you also engage some rooms which were wholly useless?—There was one engaged that I intended to make use of to pay the runners at, but we altered our system.

51,710. Do you remember taking a room of a man of the name of Coulson?—I do.

51,711. Before taking that room, had you not been advised by letter that you had better take a room from Coulson?—Yes, I had.

51,712. Was his room taken partly to secure his vote?—The man called, and I told him I had already got my number of rooms, but that if he would be satisfied with a pound and put out a colour for us, that he might have it. The colour was sent, and he sent it back again.

51,713. Did you not understand that he was a person requiring some advantage by the election?—Certainly.

51,714. And you gave him that advantage by means of taking his room?—Yes; that is the room I intended to pay the runners at.

51,715. You took the room from him rather than anybody else, in order to secure him?—Yes.

51,716. Did you take a room from a man of the name of Hannah?—Yes.

51,717. Was he a person who applied to have his room taken?—He was employed already as a runner, and I commissioned Henry Laybourne to look out for a room. I never liked the system myself; I wanted to have as little to do with it as possible, and Henry Laybourne took this room, and he was made chairman or superintendent of it, and had his staff there.

51,718. Was there a room taken from Hannah in order to gratify him?—I do not think it was so much that as to afford employment to others; we had him as a runner without it.

51,719. What were the other names?—There were only Coulson and Hannah. I engaged a room at the De-la-Pole Tavern for two days, because we did not spend any thing there, and we were always accustomed to use the house; therefore I engaged the room at the De-la-Pole Tavern at a pound a day, and upon no other ground.

51,720. You had been accustomed to spend money at the De-la-Pole Tavern?—Yes.

51,721. And that was the advantage the landlord would get by the election?—Yes; it it was known as our head quarters.

51,722. At this time you had been advised not to spend money at taverns?—We had been prohibited.

51,723. You were unable to spend money at the De-la-Pole Tavern, and therefore you took a room in the house?—Certainly.

51,724. In order to make up to the landlord for the loss of your custom you paid for the room?—We knew people would assemble there, and we wished the use of the room.

51,725. Was not that done to replace the advantage which he used to have, and for which you were to have his vote?—We should have had his vote without.

51,726. Now Murgatroyd who was a member of your committee was paid, was he not?—Yes.

51,727. And Roebuck was paid?—Yes.

51,728. Is it usual to pay members of a committee?—Roebuck applied to me in the first instance to get him a poll clerk's situation, having given the whole of his services during the election upon those terms. I found him exceedingly useful, and as we were very short of hands, I put him on as a canvasser, and paid him as a clerk. I was desired to treat him liberally, and I paid him the same as a regular clerk.

51,729. Is he a voter?—No, he is not.

51,730. Who desired you to be liberal to him?—I think it was Mr. Joseph Walker Pease.

51,731. Is Murgatroyd a voter?—No, he is not.

51,732. Were they experienced electioneerers in Hull?—Murgatroyd was very much so. Roebuck is not; he was a very active young man, and a very useful person. He is not an experienced electioneerer.

51,733. All these lists that you have handed in contain the names of all persons paid in your district?—Yes.

51,734. Have you looked them over so as to say that with safety?—Yes, I have.

51,735. Did you, during the election, hear of what was called Mr. Wells' scheme?—Yes.

51,736. Had you the same opinion of it as others, that it was wholly impracticable?—No; as far as Sculcoates was concerned, I think it an exceedingly good plan.

51,737. I ask you whether as a whole, taking it as he planned it, and the number of persons required to work it, it was practicable to work it?—I can only answer as to the Sculcoates division, with which I am concerned.

51,738. Did you work it in Sculcoates?—I was called on to furnish my quota of men.

51,739. Are you aware, as far as Mr. Wells' scheme was concerned, it could not be worked in one district without all?—The three Sculcoates wards acted in conjunction independently of the town altogether. We had nothing to do with the town. Mr. Turnbull had the clearing house of the Sculcoates division; the three committees acted independently.

51,740. Did you attempt to work that scheme at all at the Sculcoates district?—I was required to furnish my quota of men for it, which I did—twelve men and a superintendent.

51,741. Did you take those twelve men from the voters?—Yes.

51,742. From the list of persons that had applied to you for employment?—Yes.

51,743. Had you their names?—I sent them in with the papers.

51,744. Will you look at that paper (*handing a paper marked* No. 3 *to the witness*)? See if that is it?—This is the weekly payments.

51,745. Look at that one (*handing a paper marked* D. *to the witness*)?—It is not here; this is a list of runners; it is a larger piece of paper than this which was sent to the committee.

51,746. You do not find it there?—No, it is not here.

51,747. Did you say it was amongst these papers?—I sent it in amongst the papers.

51,748. Their names do not appear as persons paid in your list?—Yes, they would be; they would not be distinguished as employed for that special purpose. There was a list sent in of the men supplied to Mr. Turnbull for the purpose of the clearing house.

51,749. Look at your minute book and see if that is a list of the persons canvassed by Eggerton (*handing a small book to the witness*).—Yes.

51,750. What is the meaning of that list? are they persons who would be paid, and were paid?—Yes, it is the same as the rest; some would, and some would not. The first would not, Suddaby.

51,751. It is a list of persons who would be set down, generally speaking?—No; many of them would not be set down; the greater part of them would not be set down: only one or two would be set down.

51,752. Look at that list, and see what that is (*handing another paper marked* G *to the witness*)?—This is the list I was speaking of; this is the list of men I sent to Mr. Turnbull's committee.

51,753. That is the list of persons you sent him to work out this plan?—Yes.

51,754. Did you from time to time report to the central committee what you were doing in the matter of setting down names?—No, not particularly. We had our orders, which we were expected to attend to.

51,755. Did you not report to them in the course of the election that you were setting down a very large number of names?—We sent in at the end of the week the number of names which we employed; whether the other names were sent in or not, I really do not know. I received the payment for those employed; here is the forty-five days, the third week.

51,756. You see for the fourth week the number of 195?—There are eight days, and twelve days, and forty-five days.

51,757. There is a minute in your minute book, "reported to the central committee that during the week a large number of runners had been engaged;" and then at the end of that is put 195 days?—That would be the last week of the election, the polling day.

51,758. How many persons does that 195 represent?—It is at 5*s*.

51,759. It is 195 days?—Divide that by four, and you will have the sum.

51,760. Each person would have four days?—Yes.

51,761. Did you take any part in arranging with lots of voters who required to be bought?—No, nothing of the sort.

51,762. Did you hear of that at all on your side during the election?—No, I do not think I did during the election, except with Jefferson.

51,763. Had you any intercourse with Jefferson on the subject?—I had.

51,764. Who came to you about it?—Jefferson was not in any district, but I had to pass his door several times in the day to get to my home: passing one day Murgatroyd ran after me, stating that one of our friends was canvassing Jefferson, and he wished me to join him. I did so. After that I had two other interviews with Jefferson, the last was late on the evening of the nomination day. I knew Jefferson was not disposed towards us, and I knew likewise that the others could outbuy me; I was therefore cautious what I said to him. I told him to call on me the next morning before he closed with the other party, and I never saw him again; he professed to represent a large number of voters.

51,765. How many?—He stated thirty-three. I understood it was fifteen or sixteen.

51,766. He did offer them to you?—Yes; he wished to make a bargain with me.

51,767. Did he name a price to you?—No; I do not think he did. I told him before he finally closed to let me know; I said, I think I can go no further than four days. He was in Mr. Turnbull's district, and I thought he would be looked after.

51,768. You said you knew the other party would outbuy you?—Yes.

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51,769. Had you any instructions to limit your expenses?—Yes; we offered two days and four days.

51,770. Was that in consequence of instructions you had from certain parties?—Yes; that was the utmost we could offer.

51,771. Was it understood by you and your party that you had but a limited amount of money on this occasion?—Yes; money I had none; it was a promise I should call it.

51,772. Was it understood on your parts that the candidates would not go beyond a certain amount?—The candidates had nothing to do with it. Do you mean with regard to the general finance matters?

51,773. Yes.—No; we did not take that into consideration at all.

51,774. In 1841, your party had a very large command of money, had they not?—They had.

51,775. In 1847, Mr. Brown for whom you were interested, also put a large sum of money at your disposal, I mean generally?—Yes; we had a great command of money then.

51,776. Did you understand that at the last election, there was a less command of money than usual on your side?—It was known that there was a limited sum.

51,777. Did you also understand that the command of money on the other side was not limited?—Yes, we did.

51,778. What was the conclusion you drew from that as to the probable result of the election?—Till within three or four days of the election, I thought we were certain of it, but I had given up all hope before the polling day came on.

51,779. Why was that?—I saw they would outbid us, there were so many men holding off and I could not buy them; that is judging of the whole town by my own district.

51,780. What was it that led you to the conclusion that they would beat you?—I was told they were offering six to our four days, and that several had been offered a couple of pounds.

51,781. Had you been instructed to limit it to four days?—Yes.

51,782. What reason was given for that?—It was what was always given, and we were more stringent than usual on the last occasion.

51,783. Did you know it had been agreed by your party that a certain sum of money should be raised by subscription in the town?—Not at that time, I did not.

51,784. Do you think that that money being raised in the town by subscription would cause your party to be more careful of the expenditure of money?—No; I do not think it would affect it at all; we had been accustomed to go upon a certain system to which we should adhere.

51,785. Have you found before from your experience of Hull, that when persons managing the elections at Hull, have to spend their own money, they are more careful than when they have to spend strangers' money?—Yes, I think they are. I do not exactly understand your question. Do you mean to say their own individual money?

51,786. The candidates' money, I mean?—That we should be more careful of the candidates money, or money raised in the town?

51,787. Yes, money raised in the town?—No; I do not think that would make any difference. I thought you meant individuals spending their own money; they would certainly be rather more careful then in what they spent.

51,788. Would not persons managing the election in Hull, in all probability be the persons who would subscribe the money?—Generally so, I think they would.

51,789. Then it comes round to my question: do you think that when they spend their own money they are likely to be more careful than when they spend other people's?—No, not in that sense; I should think not.

51,790. In 1841, was it not understood that Colonel Thompson had limited the amount to which he would go?—I think it was.

51,791. Now in Hanmer and James' election there was an unlimited amount of money?—I really do not recollect the election.

51,792. They were strangers to Hull?—Sir John Hanmer was;—Sir Walter James had represented us from 1837.

51,793. Still he was not a person living at Hull?—No.

51,794. On that occasion the blue party succeeded, did they not, at that election?—Yes.

51,795. Those were the candidates on that occasion who would go to an unlimited amount?—Yes; I think we were the popular party then.

51,796. In 1852, it was the orange candidates who would go to an unlimited amount? the blue candidates were limited in their expenses?—Yes.

51,797. In 1852, it was the orange candidates who won the election?—Yes.

51,798. Does not that lead you to any inference how that was?—I have no doubt the election was won by the orange party, because they paid six days and we only paid four. I have not a shadow of doubt about it; it was because they paid six days and we could only pay four. Had we commenced with six days a week before, I have no doubt we should have got one if not two of our candidates returned.

51,799. You think the difference between the 30*s.* and 1*l.* did win the election?—I have not a shadow of doubt about it.

51,800. When you used the words "The popular candidates," the popularity would a great deal depend on the depth of the breeches pocket?—I certainly thought we were the popular party.

51,801. You would have been if you had had a greater supply of money?—I do not think that.

51,802. That was so in 1841?—I have always been particularly pure in my proceedings.

51,803. In 1841 it cost five times as much as the last?—Yes; but I really know very little about 1841.

51,804. Did you yourself pay any money at the last election?—No; I employed Wright to pay during the election, and Murgatroyd to pay afterwards.

51,805. Where did they pay at?—During the election at the committee room, and after the election Murgatroyd accompanied by Wright called at the houses of the voters, and paid them there.

51,806. Did you see the candidates at all during the election?—Yes.

51,807. Did you have any conversation with them about the expenses?—No; it was quite out of my province altogether.

51,808. Was it out of theirs?—And out of theirs too; they would not listen to anybody who spoke to them on the subject; they would not listen to a word on the subject.

51,809. Did you see anything of that sort go on?—Yes; I have seen persons speak to them, and ask for employment, and they would not listen to them.

51,810. Did they refer them to any one that you know of?—They said, we cannot entertain any question of that sort, they did not refer them to any one.

51,811. It was an understood thing they were not to know anything?—Yes, of course.

51,812. It was not from disinclination?—I should think not; these matters were left entirely to the committee.

51,813. Seeing them use persons in that way more than once, have you any doubt that they must have had a strong suspicion that something of the kind was going on?—I never drew such a conclusion.

51,814. Did you not think from what you saw of their behaviour, that they were careful to avoid the knowledge?—No; it did not strike me as anything of the sort.

51,815. Did it not strike you that they were using excessive care?—No, not at all; I have seen other candidates use quite as much if not more caution. I have seen them frightened to death if they had been asked for a ribbon, and almost fit to run away at the idea.

51,816. Did you not draw the inference that they knew of the applications for ribbons?—We knew there was bribery on the other side, and we were determined to be pure.

51,817. You answer in those words, that they were determined not to know of the impurity?—No.

51,818. Do you think when a gentleman agrees to pay 1,200*l.* himself, and knows that his fellow candidate is to pay 1,200*l.* more, and that a further subscription is to be made in the town, that he has set his face wholly against the system of influencing votes?—I think he left himself entirely in the hands of his committee, and would not interfere in the matter.

51,819. In your experience, you think he must have a strong suspicion, that that money is to have an influence on the votes?—I do not know what suspicion he would have, he never showed it.

51,820. You do not quite like to answer these questions. Which of these did you pay, these on the sheet, or in the book?—Is that the 1847 election?

51,821. I observe here there are names given to the amount of eighty-one in this list, and then it goes on to 108. If you look, you will see there is a sheet missing; it is the first and the fourth page. At the bottom of the first page, you will see the number of eighty-one names, and the figure of 37*l.* at the bottom?—There are several of them struck through, that are not paid.

51,822. That is not what I am drawing your attention to. Turn over, and you will see the thirty-seven brought forward?—Yes.

51,823. The next number is 108, and not 82; there is a bulk of names between 81 and 108 missing?—I do not know what it means.

51,824. It gives a total of 108 names, but it does not give those names?—I think it is a mistake; the sum agrees with the payment set down, and this sum was paid.

51,825. The names are given one after the other up to 81; then there is a bulk of names between 81 and 108 left out.—The sum is carried forward; there is no additional sum added.

51,826. I want to know as to the names?—There could not be any more names.

51,827. Why is not the next name No. 82?—I do not know at all; it comes to 37*l.*; and then there is 37*l.* 10*s.* on the next. It is carelessly done. I think it was made by David Kay.

51,828. What I want to know is this, whether the number of names of 85 or 86 are left out?—The number of names must be as set down there, because the sum paid agrees with it; it is a mistake in the numbers.

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51,829. The sum paid 37*l.*, carried forward, applies to the 81 ?—Yes, just so.

51,830. It is the total, with the 8*s.*, paid to the 81 ?—Yes.

51,831. Then up to the eighty-one are thus disposed of; you have their names and the money ?—Yes.

51,832. Then the next name, instead of being 82, is 108 ?—I say that that is a mistake, because there is no sum of money paid for the intervening names, if there had been any——

51,833. I ask it with this object, to know whether I am to take it from this list, that 126 were paid, or 82 or 83 were paid ?—No; only the names that are there inserted. It must be a mistake, because it does not agree with the amount of money.

51,834. The money is carried on ?—Yes, it is; it is increased in the number, but still not increased in the amount, which it must have been, if there had been any more names.

51,835. I wanted to ascertain whether the list proposed to show that 126 were paid, or 85 were paid ?—Only 85.

51,836. Then you charge next, I see, 75 men in procession, at 3*s.* each ?—Yes; they were non-freemen.

51,837. Were they voters ?—No, I think not.

51,838. Can you say they were not ?—Yes; I think I can say they were not.

51,839. You mean they were not taken on as voters ?—No; not voters.

51,840. Some would be ?—They might or might not; they were not selected as voters.

51,841. They are paid 11*l.* 5*s.*, I see; that transaction, I suppose, would be on the voting day ?—On the nomination day; we are in the habit of marshalling a procession to get possession of the front of the hustings, to get a hearing for the candidates.

51,842. Did they only get the 3*s.* ?—They were just employed in the morning for two or three hours.

51,843. Did they get 3*s.*, in addition to the 10*s.* ?—No; that is all they got.

51,844. That is what I want to know, if in addition to the 10*s.*, they got 3*s.* ?—That is distinct altogether; they were not selected as freemen.

51,845. You mentioned the names of Edward Wright and David Kay; where do they live ?—Wright lives in Wincolmlee; Kay, I do not know; I think he is in the town now; I do not know where exactly.

51,846. They paid the list at the Bay Horse ?—Yes.

51,847. Who gave them the money ?—I did.

51,848. Where did you get it from ?—From Mr. Wm. Burstall, the treasurer.

51,849. And you paid them yourself, at the Sculcoates Tavern ?—Yes, I did.

51,850. Did you get the money from the same place ?—I got part of it from Mr. Burstall, and part of it from Mr. Digby, the chairman.

51,851. In 1852, you made the weekly payments, some of them for the messengers; did you make any other payments at all ?—I made none myself.

51,852. I mean yourself ?—I paid the general committee room 10*l.*, or something of that sort.

51,853. Did any other money pass through your hands, except to pay those messengers ?—No; we sent in the weekly accounts, and got the exact sum, which I immediately paid over to those whose duty it was to pay it.

51,854. You say the candidates were at your room from time to time ?—Yes.

51,855. Did they remain there at all ?—No; they called in in the morning before the canvass, and they came in after the canvass was over, and sat half an hour.

51,856. In the district they were going to canvass ?—Yes.

51,857. Did you show them your books at all ?—No; not at all.

51,858. You say you set a good many names down at your place; did you set some down as late as the day of the election ?—No; I think not, there might be some few.

51,859. You did set some down ?—Yes.

51,860. It appears so by your list ?—There may be some.

51,861. How many do you think you set down on the day of the election ?—That I really cannot say.

51,862. You did set some down on the day of the election, and the nomination day, I believe ?—Yes; but I think very few; I know almost all the unpromised votes went against us almost invariably. I think with one single exception, the whole of those unpromised votes went against us.

51,863. July the 8th, there are some twenty or thirty names set down, on the day of the election; I am told there are eighteen ?—Those details were left to the clerk. I really know very little about them.

51,864. Just look at this (*handing another paper to the witness*), there seem to be some set down on the day after the election; on July the 8th, you see several names, and if you look at the bottom of that page, you will see the date of the 9th of July, and then over the leaf it says, runners continued.—These are all names that would be put down long before. I do not know what that means; I know these are men who were canvassed and promised.

51,865. That is a list of applicants you set down ?—I do not know what it means; I know these men had all been seen long before, and all set down.

51,866. You see at the bottom July the 9th, then turn over to the next page, and you

will find several other names; do you know if those were set down on the 9th?—These men were about the committee room night after night, for a week before the election. I do not know what it means; I have seen them over and over again in the committee room, and what it means, I cannot tell.

51,867. Whose writing is it?—William Wright's, who is now in Greenland.

51,868. What does it mean?—I cannot at all understand it; I have seen these men about the room night after night.

51,869. You have told me some names were set down on the election day?—Yes.

51,870. That is July the 8th?—Many of those must have been set down before.

51,871. I do not know what that date means, if you cannot tell me?—I am sure that those are men I have passed myself, days and days before then, who have been put down.

51,872. You said that you had had instructions not to set down the names for more than four days?—Yes.

51,873. Were those instructions given to the committees generally?—I believe so.

51,874. Were they general—sent to all the committees? Answer the question as far as you can; were those instructions, to set down names for four days, general to all the committees, as far as you know?—Yes; we all assembled together, and we received our instructions together.

51,875. You all assembled and received your instructions together not to set down for a period exceeding four days?—We all received the same instructions.

51,876. Where were those instructions given?—At the central committee.

51,877. By whom?—By ourselves; I may say we were all members of the committee; we discussed these matters, and the resolutions were copied out, and sent to all the committee rooms.

51,878. And those resolutions were, that you would not set down for more than four days?—Yes.

51,879. When was that arrangement made, as far as you remember?—From the first of the election.

51,880. From the first of any of the committee meetings?—Yes.

51,881. Do you know any occasion except the last election at which names were set down for as many as six days?—No, I do not.

51,882. Not any?—Not any.

51,883. What was the limit as to days that you had ever known at any previous election?—I never knew more than four; two for a single vote, and four for a bullet.

51,884. Then this was an excess of two days, which you say gained the election?—Yes, which I had never known before.

51,885. In 1837, what number of days was it?—Four days. We paid uniformly 10*s.*, that is for split votes; that would be two days for a single vote.

51,886. You never knew it to exceed more than four except at this election?—I never knew it exceed more than four.

51,887. Now at this time, when the agreement was made that the days were to be four, was somebody present from each one of the district committees?—I should think there would be.

51,888. And the instructions did include that among other things?—Yes.

51,889. The instructions, I think, that the committees had were in writing?—Generally.

51,890. You do not happen to have yours with you?—I sent all my papers here.

51,891. I merely ask you if, from memory, you recollect whether it was among them?—All the instructions I received have come in.

51,892. Did the instructions contain any directions as to reporting from time to time the number of applicants to the central committee?—Yes, I think they did.

51,893. How often was that done, the report of applicants sent to the central committee?—We made reports every day.

51,894. Of applicants?—Of the general proceedings of the meetings of the committee.

51,895. The general proceedings would include that?—Yes.

51,896. Did the instructions among other things contain directions that all applicants should be set down?—They did.

51,897. I will call your attention to an entry under July the 8th, be kind enough to look at it. Is that your writing (*handing a book to the witness*)?—No; it is written by the clerk.

51,898. Just read it.—"Clay and Goderich returned by a large majority. N.B. Bribery and corruption triumphant over honesty and integrity." That is written by Wright, the clerk.

51,899. Do you remember Mr. Wells' sending to you that extract from the Act of the 5th and 6th Victoria, just look at it (*handing a paper to the witness*)?—Yes.

51,900. Did he send to you any notice relating to the other Acts of Parliament, because that is only from one particular Act?—Only this one particular Act.

51,901. Did he mention to you that his scheme would involve the necessity of employing 478 persons?—No, he did not; he explained his scheme.

51,902. You do not perhaps recollect the exact number?—Yes, I do; I happened to sit next him.

51,903. His scheme, he told us, involved the payment of 478 persons?—Yes.

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51,904. Did he point out to you that you would lose 500 votes by it?—It was always thought legal to employ persons who were necessary.

51,905. Did he tell you that the effect of his scheme would be, independent of the Bribery Act, that you would lose 500 votes?—No.

51,906. Supposing that had been so,—supposing you had been aware that by his scheme he would have lost 478 votes, you would have said at once, what a foolish plan it is?—Certainly.

51,907. The election then would have been utterly hopeless, if his scheme had been carried out? as it was, you lost it by 300 votes, or thereabouts? You would have lost it by 500 more if his scheme had been carried out?—Mr. Wells expected to be supplied from those men already set down for employment; there was not expected to be additional pay but from those we had already set down.

51,908. If he did not direct your attention to the fact that the employment of every one of these persons prohibited them from voting, independent of the Bribery Act, did he say there was an Act of Parliament besides the Bribery Act to prevent such a scheme as that being carried into effect? That, I suppose, he kept back from you?—That we heard nothing of.

51,909. Is there any other information you can give us with respect to anything within our province to inquire under this Act of Parliament, which related to the elections of 1841, 1847, and 1852?—Nothing has occurred to me, but a man of the name of George West, Adelaide Court, Scott Street, always voted blue. He was called on several times by Lady Goderich, and this time he has voted orange. He has always voted with us; he has hung off this time. I find that Lady Goderich has been there, and he has gone against us. That is the reason, I suppose, that he has been looked to by the other side.

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51,910. Where is your residence?—Carlton Terrace.

51,911. In Hull?—In Hull.

51,912. Are you a householder?—I am.

51,913. Are you upon the list of voters?—Yes; as a householder.

51,914. What is the rental you pay?—It is my own house, but I am assessed at 40*l.*, I think.

51,915. What is your business?—A stock broker.

51,916. How long have you been a voter?—Since the passing of the Reform Bill.

51,917. Have you lived in Hull all your life?—Yes.

51,918. Are you a freeman?—No.

51,919. Have you always been interested in the elections?—Yes.

51,920. Did you take a part in any of them?—Yes, I have, to a certain extent.

51,921. Did you take a part in any election before 1841?—Yes.

51,922. Did you always find the system, of which we have heard so much, prevalent?—No; not the recent system, I have not.

51,923. Was there not a system of securing votes?—Yes; except, I think, at the first election. Carruther's election was the first I took part in; and, at a meeting at the hotel, a relative of mine suggested——

51,924. Do not go into particulars.—At that election I think the freemen were told they must give up the system carried on before, of having polling money.

51,925. Since then the system has been carried on?—Yes.

51,926. Did you take part in the election of 1841?—Yes; that was Hanmer and James.

51,927. You voted for those gentlemen?—Yes.

51,928. Were you upon that committee?—Yes.

51,929. What ward?—North Myton.

51,930. Were you the chairman?—Yes.

51,931. Who were the other persons acting upon that committee besides yourself?—I do not remember, I am sure. I do not remember the names of them just now.

51,932. Mr. Todd?—I do not know whether Todd was the clerk at that election, or young Stephens.

51,933. Is that the Stephens of whom we have heard a good deal?—It is the junior Stephens, the young man. I have employed him at two or three elections.

51,934. Was he the clerk?—I think he was; if not, it was a man of the name of Todd.

51,935. Which Todd?—I forget whether he was at that election or not; Thomas Todd.

51,936. Where does the younger Stephens live now?—He lives in Portland Street.

51,937. And where does Mr. Todd live?—I do not know at all; I have not seen him for years.

51,938. At that election, did you carry on in your district the system of setting down names?—I really forget; I have not thought about past elections much. I do not know what was done at Hanmer's election at all.

51,939. Do you recollect whether in your district it was done to secure a number of votes?—Doubtless it was done; but I do not remember really doing it myself.

51,940. Do you recollect whether there was any particular place for paying?—No; I had nothing to do with the paying. I studiously avoided those matters.

51,941. Do you know where the men were paid?—I do not know where the men were paid.

51,942. Do you know how the men were paid?—I do not know how they were paid.

51,943. Did you keep any books?—A chairman's book, a private book of my own, the only one that I paid any attention to.

51,944. In 1841?—Yes; it was a chairman's book as it is called; a private memorandum book.

51,945. Would not that book contain information of the persons that required to be paid?—No, not at all; I never made any memorandum as to the payment of any men in it.

51,946. A return was made to you, as chairman, of those persons? information was given to you of the persons who required payment?—They were forwarded to the central committee.

51,947. Were they not first of all told to you?—Not directly; the members of the committee took down such names as they thought proper, and they forwarded them to central committee.

51,948. Is it not an important part of the canvass?—I marked off those that had promised in my book, and those that had not promised were to be seen by the members of the committee.

51,949. You marked off the names in the book?—Yes.

51,950. But you did not inquire into the means by which they were induced to promise?—No, not at all.

51,951. Who in your district would have the management of that?—I think Mr. Bannister.

51,952. Was he a member of your committee?—I think he was the deputy chairman, but he took an active part among the populous part of the voters.

51,953. That is Anthony Bannister?—Yes, he was really the man; he may be called the acting chairman for the time.

51,954. Was there at that election a system of purchasing lots of voters?—I never heard of it till a day or two before this last election; I did not go amongst the bulk of them.

51,955. As far as you know, the general system in 1841 was to set down names as runners and to pay them?—Yes.

51,956. Can you inform me at all how many names were set down in your district?—No, I cannot.

51,957. About how many?—I should not like to speak to ten, twenty, thirty, or forty; I should not like to say if it was twenty, thirty, or forty; I really have no recollection of it.

51,958. Would you say that it was not a hundred?—Certainly not in my district.

51,959. As far as you recollect, would it be from forty to sixty?—It might be forty or fifty, nearer forty probably.

51,960. Were there any other means taken for securing votes?—A little argument sometimes with them.

51,961. Was there then the system of paying for the use of rooms?—No, not at all; that I never heard of until within a few days of the last election; it is quite a new feature in the history of elections with me.

51,962. What was done with the book that you did keep?—In Hanmer's time?

51,963. Yes.—I expected that I might find it among some old papers at home; I have been rumaging for it, it may turn up; but I think nearly all the papers were destroyed, or given to the central committee; I was always very glad to get rid of them.

51,964. Did you take no part in the payment?—No.

51,965. Were not the bills sent into you as the chairman?—There were very few debts contracted by me; the clerks and those parties were engaged by the central committee, because I declined to have anything to do with the finance.

51,966. Would not all the bills that were incurred in your district be sent in to you?—No.

51,967. Where did they go to?—They would remain in the committee room; I did not take a paper away from the room if I could avoid it.

51,968. Would Mr. Bannister have it?—I do not know that he would.

51,969. He would at the time?—He might have it at that time; of course he would know all that he took down.

51,970. Did he ever return those papers to you?—No, he did not.

51,971. Did you ever pay any money at the election of 1841?—I am not aware that I paid anything; I will not say that I did not. I do not remember any money passing through my hands.

51,972. You may have paid some?—I may have paid some little current expenses.

51,973. To voters?—Not to voters. I am not at all aware of having paid any voters; certainly not. I have studiously avoided it.

51,974. Have you any means of knowing the sum expended in 1841 upon your side?—No, not at all.

51,975. You know that a arge sum of money was spent?—Yes, I am aware it must be so. I never heard or made it a matter of inquiry.

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51,976. In 1847 did you take part in the election?—Yes, to a small extent.

51,977. Were you the chairman of the committee then?—Yes; of Mr. Baines' committee, a branch committee.

51,978. In which district?—The same district.

51,979. You were chairman of his committee?—Yes, in the North Myton district.

51,980. Who were the active persons on your committee at that election?—I cannot remember the names.

51,981. Was George Steeple one?—No, I think he was not at that time. There was an awkward split between Mr. Baines and Mr. Brown, and Mr. Baines had a committee room, and Mr. Brown had one. I forget the names now; a man of the name of Fowler, and a druggist in Spencer Street, Goldsmith I think. I forget the names of the other gentlemen just now.

51,982. Were those two active members of the committee?—Yes.

51,983. Did you yourself canvass at that election?—Not much. I went with Mr. Baines once to a meeting, where he addressed the voters out of a window.

51,984. Was the same system carried on at that election as at others?—Yes.

51,985. Were persons set down as runners?—They were set down as runners.

51,986. Who set them down at your committee?—I forget who was the clerk; it was the clerk who was told to put the names down of parties that came to apply.

51,987. Did you tell him that?—Yes; those were the instructions he had.

51,988. That was in order that they might be employed and paid?—Yes, employed at the election and paid, of course, if they were employed.

51,989. Thew would be employed?—No doubt.

51,990. I suppose you did that in order to secure their votes?—Certainly.

51,991. Can you recollect the name of that clerk?—No, I cannot just now; I will endeavour to furnish the names of the committee and the clerk also.

51,992. Were there any books kept upon that occasion?—If there were they were returned to Mr. Bright.

51,993. Who paid them?—I did not.

51,994. Who paid the names that were set down in your district?—I never knew where they were paid or how. I think Mr. Sidebottom paid them.

51,995. He was the solicitor for Mr. Baines?—Yes, he and Mr. William Eyre were the two solicitors.

51,996. Did you understand that Mr. Sidebottom was to be the person to pay?—No, I never knew how they were paid. When applications came to me for payment, I told them Mr. Bright was the person to whom I was to refer them.

51,997. Had you any instructons as to setting down names in that district from the central committee?—Yes; there would be, no doubt, instructions given.

51,998. What were they? Were they different from other elections?—No; just the same.

51,999. What were they?—To put the names down of men that required to be employed as runners.

52,000. Can you tell me how many names were set down upon your list?—No, not at all; a similar number to the former, I have no doubt.

52,001. You have been engaged upon several elections?—Yes.

52,002, Do you find generally that it is the same persons who are set down upon all occasions?—Yes, the same, generally.

52,003. Before you begin the canvass you have some knowledge of the persons who in all probability will require to be set down?—Yes; in a great measure we have.

52,004. Upon reading the canvass book?—Upon looking the street book over we know pretty nearly the number of men that will be standing out for the best figure as they call it. I have no doubt of that.

52,005. I suppose that would be the same in all the districts?—Yes; I have no doubt of it.

52,006. Any person conversant with elections upon your side would be able to do that in his own district?—Yes; any one who was conversant with elections.

52,007. Did you have anything to do with the purchase of lots of voters upon that occasion?—No; I never heard of it till within a day or two of the last election.

52,008. Were the names set down in the election of 1847, before Mr. Brown's name appeared as a candidate?—I think I refused to take a part in the election until after Mr. Brown came to the town. I said I was tired of it, and I declined to have anything more to do with elections. It was subsequently to Mr. Brown's coming down that, I think, I agreed to take the nominal chairmanship, as I wished it to be considered of the North Myton district.

52,009. After Mr. Brown did come, did you appear or act with his party?—No, not at all. I merely took the chairmanship of the North Myton district for Mr. Baines solely.

52,010. Did you hear at all what money Mr. Baines was called on to pay?—No, never.

52,011. Did you have any personal communication with Mr. Baines?—Yes; I was with him when he made an address to the people of the ward where I resided.

52,012. Did you have any conversation with him upon the subject of the management of the election?—No, not at all; not the slightest.

52,013. Or of the expenses?—Not a word?—his conversation and mine, I think, was principally upon education questions and railway matters.

52,014. Did you understand from his party that the election was to be carried on in the ordinary way?—Much of the management rested with the chairman at head quarters Mr. Bright.

52,015. Did you vote for Mr. Brown?—No.

52,016. For Mr. Baines only?—Yes.

52,017. A plumper?—I will not be quite sure, I think I did; perhaps you will correct me if I am wrong.

52,018. You voted for Mr. Brown, I see?—I am not aware that I did; it is possible I did.

52,019. What is your belief upon the subject?—My belief is that I voted for Baines only.

52,020. Can you recollect whether you yourself did not set down the name of Windass, in 1847?—I do not remember setting this name down; I remember the man.

52,021. Do you recollect the refusal on the part of Mr. Sidebottom to pay that man, or any discussion about it?—No, I do not; he was a man I should not have had any confidence in, or confided anything to him or with him.

52,022. Not having confidence in him, did you do the best to secure his vote by the ordinary means?—I am not aware that I did.

52,023. You do not recollect if you yourself set his name down?—No, I do not, I am sure; I think I avoided it.

52,024. I suppose in 1847, as in 1841, you will not say you did not set a name down?—No; I am not sure that I did not set a name down occasionally, but I told the clerk to do so if I was there, and it is just the same thing probably; he kept a book with the names to return to the central committee.

52,025. You were perfectly aware the system was being carried on?—Quite so.

52,026. At the election of 1852, were you chairman of any district?—Yes.

52,027. Which district?—North Myton.

52,028. That was on the part of the blue condidates?—Yes.

52,029. Did you act as chairman for several weeks before the election?—Yes.

52,030. Do you know how long Mr. Baines was in the field as a candidate, before Mr. Brown came?—It was understood very early that there would be a requisition to Mr. Baines.

52,031. Was there a requisition?—Yes.

52,032. As much as a fortnight before the election?—I should think so.

52,033. Three weeks or a fortnight, was it not?—A fortnight or three weeks; I did not take part in it. I signed the requisition to him, I think, some weeks before.

52,034. You were engaged at the election of 1852 for several weeks before the polling day?—Yes.

52,035. Were you made acquainted with the advice of Mr. Wells as to employment?—We had instructions from the central committee where we attended to employ two messengers, a doorkeeper, and a clerk.

52,036. That was in consequence of an agreement with the orange party?—So I understood.

52,037. Were you also made acquainted with the advice of Mr. Wells that no persons should be paid who were not actually employed?—Oh, certainly.

52,038. Your attention was drawn to the Bribery Act?—Yes; I suppose the Bribery Act went among other documents to the room, which I might look at and throw down again.

52,039. Were you with others on commencing your canvass, impressed with the necessity of employment of the electors?—Not much the first week; they were told they should be employed alternately; that we were not to employ more than four at a time, a few days each; and we should pay for the number of days they were really employed.

52,040. You did employ them alternately?—We did employ them alternately, except two or three men that were doorkeepers and clerks, the whole time.

52,041. Was not that regulation made for the purpose of evading the difficulty which Mr. Wells has pointed out?—It was necessary that we should have some to attend.

52,042. You divided the work that you were enabled to give amongst the different persons, did you not?—Yes.

52,043. You gave each of them their turn of three or four days?—Yes; or four or five days.

52,044. Was not that done that you might employ a greater number of persons, and yet observe the agreement with the orange party?—Yes. I would just observe the working of that election did not devolve so much upon me as upon the deputy chairman and the clerk I resided in the country and could not so much attend to it. Those instructions were given to the clerk.

52,045. From the central committee?—From the central committee.

52,046. To employ persons for three or four days?—Yes.

52,047. Were you instructed by the central committee to take down the names of all the persons applying for employment?—Not in the first instance.

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52,048. To take them down, not to employ them?—Yes; to take down the names of all that applied.

52,049. As early as the 12th of June you were directed to take down the names of all that applied?—Yes; I should think he would take down the names of all that applied without making a promise that they should be employed.

52,050. Was it about the same time you were told to employ those who were to be employed only for a short number of days?—The first and second week; I am not sure whether it extended to the period or not.

52,051. Who were your committee?—Henry Gibson and John Gildard Jackson.

52,052. Where does Gibson live?—In Prospect Street.

52,053. Where does Jackson live?—In Carlton Terrace, Spring Bank.

52,054. Was Steeple your clerk?—W. B. Steeple.

52,055. Is that the son?—Yes, he is the young man—the junior Steeple.

52,056. He is the man that acted at your former election?—Certainly.

52,057. Who were the other active persons on your committee?—The members of the committee?

52,058. The persons who took an active part?—I thought I gave you in a list.

52,059. I do not want the names of all the members; did Henry Croft act?—Yes.

52,060. Where does he live?—In Spring Street.

52,061. Did anybody else take an active part?—Yes, all those did; Dannatt is another.

52,062. All the persons in the first page of this book took an active part?—One of them is dead—No. 3.

52,063. Were any of the persons on your committee paid?—I see the name of the party from whom the committee room was taken, Stephenson; the committee room was in his house.

52,064. Was he a member of the committee?—Yes; he assisted us on his part.

52,065. Was he paid otherwise than for the use of his room?—Not that I am aware of.

52,066. What was he paid?—The agreement was made with the central committee. I did not inquire how much; the rooms were taken before I joined them.

52,067. What is his Christian name?—I can supply the Christian names fully afterwards.

52,068. Where was the committee room?—In Prospect Street.

52,069. This book marked No. 3, is your own private canvass book?—Yes.

52,070. Such a canvass as you had at former elections?—Yes; I had hoped to have found them with Mr. Harris; if I do so you shall have them.

52,071. There were other books and papers at your committee?—Yes; a larger book than that. I sent in an alphabetical book. I had that book made to my own order.

52,072. Were there not weekly pay sheets kept at your committee?—Yes; by the clerk.

52,073. Would the names of the persons set down and employed be upon those papers?—Yes.

52,074. Would they be in any other paper besides, or book?—No, not in any book. I expected the papers were filed and taken care of. I am afraid they have not been.

52,075. Where are they now?—I do not know.

52,076. What did you do with them?—I left them in the room. When I saw the election was over, at noon, I ordered my vehicle to be brought to the door, and I drove down into the country. At three o'clock I left them all, and never saw them again.

52,077. You have no papers?—I have not.

52,078. Can you tell me how many persons were set down at your committee?—I have sent a list in as near as I could make it out. I have had the clerk with me; he brought a few slips of paper that he had found by him, and from that I made out that list.

52,079. This is the paper you have made out with your clerk?—Yes; the best we could make out so far.

52,080. There are not any names on this list, only the number?—In the fourth week there were twenty-two.

52,081. Can you give us the names?—I cannot.

52,082. Do you mean to say there was not more than those set down?—Yes; ther were.

52,083. How many?—There were twenty-two the fourth week, and I think about thirty something in the last; they were the same persons in successive weeks. There were about twenty-two men, I see here, in the fourth week, and in the fifth week the same names would be repeated,—altogether thirty-four.

52,084. How many do you suppose were set down altogether? how many different persons?—Between thirty and forty.

52,085. Not more?—No, I should think not.

52,086. On looking through your canvass book you would be able to tell the names of persons who would require to be set down?—Yes.

52,087. Then if you would look through this canvass book, you can tell me the persons who were likely to want to be set down?—I could, no doubt.

52,088. Was there any other means taken in your district for securing votes besides setting the names down as runners?—How am I to understand the question?

52,089. Was there any pecuniary mode of procuring votes, besides setting them down as runners?—Yes, of course there was, the latter part of the time. There were applications made by many persons to take their rooms as committee rooms.

52,090. How many applications do you think were made?—I should think three or four.

52,091. Can you recollect the names of those?—A man of the name of Francis Clappison.

52,092. Give us the residence?—Near the Paragon. Then there is Hall, in Brook Street, I do not know his Christian name. There was another man, a publican, in Cross Street, I forget his name now.—he applied.

52,093. Do you not recollect the name of the publican?—I will see in the book; I forget the name now. I paid no attention to the application; I left it to the parties canvassing. I told them I would have nothing to do with the cash in the committee room personally.

52,094. Do you recollect the name of any other person.—No; those were reported to me by the canvassing members of the committee, as wanting to let their rooms, and that if they let their rooms they would vote for us.

52,095. And you referred them to somebody else?—They went to the central committee. I never heard of such things before.

52,096. This was the occasion you first heard of that system?—Yes; Hall, in Brook Street, had promised most distinctly to vote for us without any hesitation; and when I went round with Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler, they said it is no use our going in there, the other party have got his room. I did not know what it meant; we called on him and he said he had promised the others.

52,097. As far as you know, that system had not been adopted or acted on by your party before this election?—Not at all; I never heard of it.

52,098. Had you never heard that the other side had?—Not previous to this election, I never heard it.

52,099. You have said there were four names?—I beg your pardon,—there is another, Tesseyman, at the corner of Waterworks Street; I heard of several communications backwards and forwards,—the other party had offered so much, and that if we would give a pound more we should have it. I sent that to the central committee. I always thought he was a staunch blue, and that he had sold his vote.

52,100. What do you think he got?—I do not think 2*l.* would have bought him.

52,101. Did he get 5*l.*?—I do not know. I thought he was a man of principle; I should not have thought he would have sold his vote for 2*l.*

52,102. You think 5*l.* was a stronger inducement?—It appears so.

52,103. You told me that a few days before the last election you had heard something of the purchase of voters in lots?—Yes.

52,104. Where did you hear that from?—Near my own committee room door, just before I was going in the country,—I went down every night. A man came up to the door to me, and with all the electioneering professions he said he should wish to stick to me, and that if I would go with him we might buy 150 votes.

52,105. Who was the man?—Who he was I do not know. I was so annoyed, I said, go about your business; and I declined to have anything to say to him. Another one came to me, a man of the name of Rutherford.

52,106. Do you know where he lives?—He is a voter in our ward.

52,107. What did he say?—He thought if I cared for the election I should buy the votes.

52,108. The 150?—Yes.

52,109. What was the day on which the 150 were offered you?—I think two days before the election.

52,110. Did Rutherford say that he knew the party?—He knew where they were.

52,111. Rutherford's were the same 150?—He was one standing amongst a lot; he said that if I wished for the election we should buy those votes. There were three or four of them; I do not recollect their names; he was one of the number. I said, if they cared for the election, or for me, they would not do anything of the kind as sell themselves.

52,112. And you declined?—I declined.

52,113. Did you give any information on the subject?—I named that such a thing had been said, and they said they had heard of it over and over again.

52,114. Did they say whether anything had been done with those people?—No; I do not know that they did. The same thing was repeated to me on the morning of the election, half an hour before the polling opened.

52,115. By whom?—By the same parties professing to be very anxious to vote for us.

52,116. But at the same time to sell their votes?—They did sell after all.

52,117. Did they do so?—Yes, they sold themselves.

52,118. To the other side?—Yes.

52,119. Was any price named?—No; I would not listen to it at all; I would not have any further communication with them,—it was a thing that was studiously avoided by me. I had the same thing named to me in the morning of the election, and then I said, I

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see the election is lost, we may as well give up; unless any parties on our side were foolish enough to purchase the men, we had no chance of the election.

52,120. Who did you say that to?—To several parties; and instead of attending to the election, I went to my office at nine o'clock to my business. I saw it was over.

52,121. No resolution was come to on your side to purchase them?—I do not know at all as far as the central committee are concerned, as to what they did; but I declined to to have anything to do with it.

52,122. Did you know anything on your side of the limited amount of money?—No; not so much as I have heard here the last two days.

52,123. Did you hear of any other lots of persons besides those of Rutherford's, who wanted to be bought?—Yes; I heard the same communication had been made to other parties from different people.

52,124. You heard that from different people?—When I named it to some parties, they said the same offer had been made to several of the committees.

52,125. Did you hear one way or the other whether any of them were bought?—Certainly not.

52,126. Did you hear they were not?—I did not hear either way.

52,127. Did you hear of Mr. Wells' plan?—No, I did not hear it till I heard you talk of that plan here. The day before the election I said I thought there would be very much difficulty in our getting the returns as quickly as I should like at our respective committees, and I wished they would hit on a plan to have the voting papers conveyed as quickly as possible. The result was, that Mr. Wells applied to me to make a return of forty or fifty names.

52,128. Did you return the forty or fifty names?—I returned him between thirty and forty; I have the number down exactly,—I took particular notice of that,—I returned the names of thirty-four: twenty-two that I knew to be steady labouring men, not voters, and twelve of them voters. I returned the names of those twenty-two, the twelve I kept at my own committee room, and the others I sent to the central committee.

52,129. Where are they set down?—They are set down at the end of that book, the only document I could find.

52,130. They are stated as not being voters?—And the word central put to some, those I sent to the central committee.

52,131. There are others not ticked off?—Those are voters.

52,132. Are they persons that applied to be employed?—Yes, we had them employed; they were names we had on the list.

52,133. They were ordinary runners?—Yes.

52,134. Sent on to the central committee room on that day?—Not all of them. N. M. here means North Myton. I kept them to work in my own district.

52,135. Where do the voters appear that you sent on to the central committee?—The word central is put to them.

52,136. All these seem to be ticked off? (*The book marked No. 3 was handed to the witness.*)—It is so long since that I forget it. Those marked thus, with a tick are not voters.

52,137. Are you quite sure that contains the list?—Yes; I took them down myself. This is the only time I took down a list at our room; that was the night before the election. I made a selection of those I thought might be depended upon to carry the papers.

52,138. Those twelve that you sent in to the central committee are voters?—No, I kept those. The word "central" is put to those I sent to the central committee.

52,139. I thought you told me that was the list of the persons you set down for the purpose of supplying them to the central committee?—A portion of them.

52,140. I will draw your attention to what you said. You said Mr. Wells applied to me for forty or fifty names, and I returned him thirty-four?—I said wrongly if I said that I sent the thirty-four. I retained twelve, and sent the remainder. It is down here, twenty-one sent to central committee, and thirteen retained at my own room.

52,141. Did you retain the voters and send forward the non-voters?—Yes; for this reason, that I thought the non-voters were more to be depended upon in carrying the papers round. I should have more confidence in them than the voters, being engaged for so many days as runners. I did not feel that confidence in them.

52,142. The voters do not consider themselves obliged to work very carefully?—I doubt if they do on that day, and therefore I sent the non-voters.

52,143. They give you another consideration for the money than the work?—Yes, if they give their vote they think they have done a good day's work.

52,144. Did you have anything to do with the payment of money at all?—To a very trifling extent.

52,145. At the last election?—Yes.

52,146. You did pay something?—I paid some trifles.

52,147. Did you pay a person of the name of Thomas Rutherford 2*l.* on the day of the election?—Certainly not. I was going to state the payments I remember making; I should just like to name them. I paid some money out of my own pocket to get all the voting cards carried out. I sent word that I would give them 10*s.* each; there were two men to carry the voting cards, Kavill and Rutherford. I do not remember giving any money to any others than those two.

52,148. Do you know Kavill's Christian name?—No; I do not know his Christian name.

52,149. Is it William?—I remember it distinctly. It is the only payment I remember making. I said I would pay 10*s.* out of my own pocket, and the vagabonds took the money, destroyed the cards, and voted against us; the voting cards were not distributed as they ought to be. I have a distinct recollection of those men.

52,150. You said you did not pay Thomas Rutherford 2*l.*?—No, certainly not. He is the man that came to me on the morning of the nomination day to buy the voters, and I ordered him to go about his business, and he said I will vote against you.

52,151. He wanted to make a bargain with you?—He did.

52,152. You did not pay him in company with Steeples the sum of 2*l.*?—Certainly not.

52,153. Did you pay any others?—I paid some little bills.

52,154. Did you pay any voters?—No, I am not aware that I did. Certainly I did not pay any voters. I gave another man a few shillings out of my own pocket. They were annoying me about my house, and I said go to my house for a flagstaff, and put it up, and I will give you a luncheon, or perhaps I gave them half a crown apiece.

52,155. Was there any place in your district for setting down names besides the committee room?—I think not. I had three rooms to use as committee rooms, the principal one at Stephenson's, another at the Paragon Inn, and another at Clappison's.

52,156. For the purpose of setting down names?—For the purpose of talking election matters over. I did not go myself to them; I was in the country.

52,157. What other object were they taken for?—It is an extensive district, and is in the heart of a number of voters; those three committee rooms were in different parts of the district.

52,158. Do you know where persons were paid in your district?—No.

52,159. Or by whom?—No; I never troubled myself about it. Do you mean previous to the election?

52,160. In the weekly lists?—They were paid by the clerk. He made it out himself, took it to the central committee, got the money, and paid the money himself on the Saturday, so that I had nothing to do with it.

52,161. Were there parties paid after the election?—That I never heard of; doubtless there would be, but I was not at all connected with them afterwards.

52,162. Those gentlemen who were active on the committee, were they getting names set down?—Yes; I find they were more active than I was, a great deal; I was so much in the country at the time.

52,163. Was any one of them appointed particularly?—No.

52,164. Mr. Croft?—He was one, but he was not more energetic than the others.

52,165. Do you know Rutherford?—Yes.

52,166. Did you know he was a person that was bribed in 1839 by having his freedom taken up, and that he has been bribed at every election since?—No; I do not know that.

52,167. He has told us so himself?—He is a man that will not vote without he is paid, and he ought to be disfranchised, and I hope he will never be enfranchised again as long as he lives.

52,168. This is the account he gives of himself: In 1839 he was bribed by the blues, in 1841 he was bribed with 2*l.*, and in 1847 he was again bribed by Mr. Brown?—Did he say that I bribed him at the last election.

52,169. No. Would you have shunned him if you had known that?—At least I fancied I knew his "phizog," as old Wilde says. Mr. Markham was an active member of our committee, and he will know more about these things.

52,170. Did the clerk take charge of these things, he seems to be the proper person?—Yes, he did.

52,171. They would all go the central committee room at some time or another?—They told me they had all done so when I inquired for them.

52,172. At any time previous to the day of the polling was any reference made by the legal adviser to what had occurred in 1837, and the necessity for avoiding what had taken place then?—Do you mean as regards bribery?

52,173. Bribery and treating, and offences against the Act of Parliament?—We were requested to be very particular.

52,174. That is not so easy a thing to do, as I dare say you found out, to interpret Acts of Parliament without assistance. I find in 1837 there was a solemn decision unanimously come to by a committee of the House of Commons that the runners at Hull were not entitled to vote, and yet he advised the increase of the staff?—I never heard of such a decision.

52,175. And it was a decision not only acquiesced in at the time, but it was one which was quite incontrovertible; it is simply a decision that a man who is a runner is not entitled to vote?—The runners do not all do work, but I always thought a man was entitled to a day's pay for doing a day's work.

52,176. There is the case of Robert Thorley, who came before the committee, and stated that he ran for ten days, and was paid 15*s.*; and by the unanimous decision

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of a committee of the House of Commons his vote was struck off?—I never heard of it before. I should have thought it unjust not to pay a man a day's work if he does a day's work.

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52,177. I believe you are a surgeon in this town?—Yes; I am a general practitioner.

52,178. Where do you reside?—In Waverley Street.

52,179. Have you been long a resident in the borough?—I have been about twenty years in practice. I am a native of the town.

52,180. Are you a freeman?—I am not.

52,181. Have you voted at some of the previous elections, up to the last election as a householder?—I have.

52,182. At what are you rated?—About 50*l.*

52,183. How long have you been qualified? twenty years?—About twenty years.

52,184. I believe you have assisted the blue party?—I did at the last election.

52,185. Were you not active for the blue party at the election of 1841?—No; I voted for the blue party then.

52,186. Sir John Hanmer and Sir Walter James?—I voted for those two at that election.

52,187. Were you on any committee?—No.

52,188. Did you canvass at all for them at that election?—I think not.

52,189. Though you were not on any committee, did you attend at any committee room at that election?—I do not remember that I attended at any committee room.

52,190. Did you get any names set down at that election in the way we have been speaking of?—No; certainly not.

52,191. I do not know if you have been in Court this morning?—Yes.

52,192. Did you get any names set down at that election?—I do not think I took any particular interest in it.

52,193. Did you make any payments connected with that election of any kind?—None.

52,194. Did any money at all pass through your hands?—No.

52,195. Through—that would be in and out?—Nothing that I know of; I do not remember anything.

52,196. Now in 1847, when Clay, Baines, and Brown stood, did you vote for Mr. Baines and Mr. Brown?—No; I voted only for Mr. Baines. I signed the requisition to Mr. Baines. I think I voted only for Mr. Baines.

52,197. Do you remember if you were upon his committee?—I was.

52,198. What committee were you on?—I was on the South Myton committee. I think, but during the latter part, after Mr. Brown was spoken of, a committee was formed in our district, in our ward, the South Myton ward; a branch committee room, simply for the purpose of getting up voters, and I was elected deputy chairman of that branch committee.

52,199. Of Mr. Baines?—Of Mr. Baines.

52,200. What do you mean by it was principally for getting up voters?—We were not aware that there would be any opposition in the first instance, but when we found Mr. Brown was coming down, I was asked, as a member of the committee, to exert myself a little in getting up voters from the west end of the town.

52,201. Do you mean getting a list of them?—In getting them brought up to the poll.

52,202. When was this room you are now speaking of engaged?—I should think three or four days before the election.

52,203. I do not quite understand the use of this particular room?—It was my own suggestion.

52,204. It was your own suggestion?—Yes; I think it was.

52,205. What was it for?—In order that we might have some place in that particular district at which we could call and give any directions about such parties as were to be sent up to the poll. Mr. Foster, if I remember right, was the chairman, or Captain Hayden, I am not sure which.

52,206. I understand you to say it was very near the committee room?—No; it was on account of there being no committee room near that this room was taken.

52,207. Where was your committee room at that election, the one to which you belonged?—I think, if I remember right, it was in Osborne Street; I am not sure.

52,208. The committee at which you attended was in Osborne Street?—I never attended a committee meeting.

52,209. Did you not attend the committee at all?—No, I never did.

52,210. Not when Mr. Brown was announced as a candidate?—Not that I am aware of.

52,211. Where was this room?—The committee room?

52,212. No, the other room?—That was in St. James's Square, near the church, near my house, at that time.

52,213. That you say was taken two or three days before the election?—Two or three days before the election.

52,214. Did you attend to that room?—Occasionally. There was very little business done at that room; it was more for the sake of having a place there.

52,215. Do you mean th keep the poll in, or was it for the books belonging to the poll?—The list in connexion with the voters in that particular district, where you could find out the precise place in which those voters lived, and that we could go and see if those voters had gone up to the poll.

52,216. To see if they had gone up to the poll?—To see that they had gone up to the poll.

52,217. The room was engaged three or four days before?—Yes, it was.

52,218. Were there books at the room in which names were placed of voters?—A kind of poll book, an alphabetical list of voters, I believe, it would be. It would be some guide for us, merely the names of those voters who lived in that particular part of South Myton.

52,219. Was it near the polling place?—No, it was at a distance.

52,220. The polling place was in Osborne Street?—Yes, at the further end of the town. It was for the convenience of the clerks; rather than have those books at my house, they suggested we should have a spare room.

52,221. Was the committee held at your own house?—No; there was no committee.

52,222. The books would be at the committee room—the ordinary books?—Yes, but they were sent to us, I think.

52,223. Were there perons set down upon that list, in the ordinary sense of the words "setting down" upon the list?—No, certainly not; there was no setting down. It was merely to facilitate the looking after voters, and getting them prepared to go the poll; seeing they were canvassed and sent up. There had been no canvassing, if I mistake not, up to that time.

52,224. Did you commence about the time of Mr. Brown being announced?—Three or four days—just before the election. It was in consequence of Mr. Brown being announced that this canvassing was carried on by three or four of us.

52,225. In consequence of Mr. Brown's announcement I suppose there was a good deal of excitement at that election?—There seemed to be.

52,226. That is, consequent upon it?—Yes, in consequence of it.

52,227. Only three or four days before the election was begun?—He was brought to the town very late in the day.

52,228. During those three or four days, do you know whether any course was taken of setting down the names of runners, the same which had prevailed at former elections?—Not the slightest; but it was thought necessary by myself and a few others that not one should be canvassed. We had thought it unnecessary previous to Mr. Brown's coming, and we were anxious to secure Mr. Brown's election. I was afraid that, by bringing in Mr. Brown so late in the day, many might be tempted to vote for Mr. Brown. And as regards Mr. Baines, having signed the requisition, I believe, I thought it my duty to do all I could to secure his election.

52,229. You do not know of any lists being made at that election of Mr. Baines?—No, not at all.

52,230. Did you make any payments at all that election?—I do not think any. We had no staff of men. We had a clerk and a doorkeeper; I believe those were all who would get paid, I have no doubt, at the central committee.

52,231. You do not know of any payments being made at your committee?—At the central committee I know nothing about.

52,232. At the last election of 1852, I believe, you were chairman of the South Myton ward?—I was.

52,233. Who was your vice-chairman?—In the first instance, Mr. Preston and Mr. William Croft.

52,234. Who were your clerks?—Moses Margeson was one, and Mr. Plaxton was another; I do not know his Christian name.

52,235. For Moore and Butler?—Yes. I had better explain. South Myton ward is a very extensive ward, and contains something like 1,300 or 1,400 voters.

52,236. We know it is a large district.—I was going to observe, that after the committee had sat once or twice, probably it was thought necessary to form another committee room, so that I lost one of my vice-chairmen, who went to be chairman of the second committee room.

52,237. What was his name?—Preston. Another gentleman went from me, Mr. Charles Wells, as his deputy chairman, and I got another deputy chairman in his stead.

52,238. They went to another room?—Yes, in Osborne Street.

52,239. Was it Preston?—Yes, Charles.

52,240. Of what place?—Bellevue Terrace.

52,241. Is that a list of the committee?—As far as I remember. My deputy was William Croft, and Mr. Robert Ash was another member of the committee.

52,242. Who was active on the committee besides yourself?—Very few of them active

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men, I am sorry to say. Mr. Croft was an active man, Mr. Robert Ash was an active man, John Jackson was an active man.

52,243. And you yourself? I believe you attended pretty constantly?—I was very frequently in and out; I could not remain long at a time, but I did the best I could.

52,244. Your clerk, can you give me his name?—Morley Margeson.

52,245. Did he have the care and charge of all the books and papers?—No; altogether there was a good deal of division of labour among us.

52,246. But you had books and papers, such as all the district committees appear to have had; books of every kind?—Minute books, and things of that sort.

52,247. He attended to the minute books?—Yes.

52,248. What became of them?—I do not know. A week after the election I was requested to send all the books and papers, relative to the election, to the central committee; I had a note to that effect, and I sent the note to my deputy, Mr. William Croft, with a request that he would attend to it. When I had a request from the Commissioners a few weeks ago, to send in all books and papers, I saw my deputy chairman, and he assured me they had been sent in, according to my request, to the central committee, a week after the election.

52,249. Mr. Croft told you that?—Yes; I do not know what became of them.

52,250. We find there was a resolution of the central committee that a certain number of persons were to be employed, and all applicants' names were to be entered on lists—all applicants for employment. Such a resolution of the central committee, we hear, was sent to all the district committees, of persons that were set down as applicants?—I do not remember such a resolution. There may have been one.

52,251. Did you have applicants at your room for employment?—We had some.

52,252. Did you put them on lists?—No, I did not,

52,253. Was it done at the room, I mean?—I believe that there was a list of them in one book.

52,354. An was that in the course of business?—With the names of those men who applied to be runners.

52,255. Can you tell me about the number that would attend?—I cannot at all; I have not the slightest idea.

52,256. Do you think as many as 100?—No, it was divided. We had about 800 voters in one particular district; we divided the district, and called one part of the ward the Pottery district, which was my district; and the other, I think, was called the South Myton district, which was under the control of Mr. Preston.

52,257. This is the resolution I advert to, that at the committee no runners be employed beyond those actually engaged; and then they go on to say that the names of all applicants for runners to be taken down by the district in which they reside.—I have put down, since I received your request that I would do so, the names of every runner I remember to have seen or put down, or know anything at all about, on this bit of paper (*handing in a paper*). You observe some with a cross affixed to their names; those men were engaged first—we had those from the first to the last.

52,258. Three of them?—Yes, I believe there were. We had some directions that we were to employ three or four runners up to a certain day, and those men were employed from the first.

52,259. And the others?—The others I remember seeing in the room, but I do not know whether there are any more. I do not believe they were frequently there.

52,260. Do you remember amongst the instructions, you being present at the time, it was agreed that the number of days was not to exceed four, for which they were to be set down?—I have heard it stated this morning. I have heard it stated; I was not prepared to hear the statement. I never knew it before.

52,261. For what number of days did you set down persons in your district?—Do you mean were set down to do the work of runners, actual work as runners from the very first, three or four names?

52,262. For what number of days? It has been stated a good many times that persons were set down; what number of days?—I think it must allude to the latter part of the time.

52,263. Were persons set down after the resolution was taken off?—There was a good deal of talk about a great number of men being engaged to carry out the election, and I believe at that time a greater number of men were set down; but I am not at all aware there were any particular number of days.

52,264. They were not included in this list, of course?—I think they would not. Those men would probably be there occasionally. They might be changed; I am not aware. Those four were there alternately—changed with the other four.

52,265. When you come to say you set down a great many in consequence of their being wanted, those were not wanted in that short list?—No; those men were working men.

52,266. Why would they not?—I cannot tell you that. I have no doubt my deputy, Mr. Croft, would be able to tell you.

52,267. Do you remember a single name, not having seen them in the list?—I know nothing about any men.

52,268. You and Mr. Croft could make it out together?—I asked the clerk, Margeson, if he had the list.

52,269. You have some other papers; have they been prepared in consequence of a note you have been troubled with?—I have brought them in consequence.

52,270. Do they relate to the election?—They do to a certain extent. I fancy they are furnished to each committee room.

52,271. What are they? are they in the nature of instructions to the committee?—Yes, some; and we had an abstract from the Bribery Act. I beg to observe that extract was read to the district committee.

52,272. Now, we also hear, that in most districts there were rooms engaged as committee rooms?—Yes.

52,273. Sham committee rooms they have been called; were there any such rooms as those in your district?—I do not think there was one; not to my knowledge, certainly. There was a room taken by myself two or three days, perhaps, before the election, but it was taken with a bonâ fide belief that it would be wanted, in order that voters might be taken there before proceeding to the poll. It was close to the booth.

52,274. Where was it in?—Osborne Street.

52,275. At what house?—It was Ware's, a furniture broker in Osborne Street.

52,276. What money was paid for it?—I think he was to have two guineas for the the week. He let it for a week.

52,277. Do you know Margeson, your clerk's, address?—St. James's Square; perhaps 15, or some number close to the church,

52,278. What was the course of payment of those employed at your place, clerks and other people?—Weekly, I think.

52,279. A regular list?—There were lists.

52,280. Pay sheets?—I made out the first, and probably the second.

52,281. The money was sent to you in some way?—I received no money except the first time.

52,282. Who made the payment?—I received the first money from Mr. Henry Barkworth. He called on me with the money; that is, after I took in the list, and handed it over to Croft, something like 7*l.* or 8*l.*

52,283. Who paid after that?—Croft paid all after that. That is the only money that passed through my hands during the election.

52,284. The only money of any kind?—The only money of any kind.

52,285. You have heard of this scheme of Mr. Wells? You had a great many persons you found who were wanted, without any reference to Mr. Wells' scheme?—I think it was principally.

52,286. Did you furnish any number of men—any quota of men from the district?—We furnished some of them. Some of our best runners we lost.

52,287. You did not think much of it?—I never could understand it.

52,288. How many of your best runners, or others, did you furnish in furtherance of the scheme? Do you recollect how many?—I know we lost some of our best runners; we lost their services.

52,289. Do you remember what quota you were to contribute from your district?—I think a dozen.

52,290. Did you furnish the names of twelve?—I think it would be; I am not certain upon that point; I think they would be furnished.

52,291. There is a resolution on the books for increasing not beyond a dozen, but it was long before the mention of this other scheme; this plan was only two or three days before the election?—I do not know that we furnished more than twelve.

52,292. Did you send twelve?—I think Mr. Croft informed me that we had to send either nine or twelve, to the best of my recollection.

52,293. What list did you take them from?—I do not know; I did not send them personally.

52,294. Did you not select them? did you miss them?—I missed those good men; I believe Metcalf we lost, and three or four of the best men.

52,295. Do you know a man of the name of Thomas Newlove?—Yes.

52,296. He was one of your runners?—Yes, he was a very good one.

52,297. I am told you gave him some money to buy a litter of pigs on condition that he would vote for you, is that so?—No, it is false.

52,298. What was the matter about the pigs?—It is quite false.

52,299. There was something about a litter of pigs?—I know nothing about any pigs.

52,300. Do you remember Thomas Newlove, of Neptune Street?—Certainly I do; but I never paid him any money.

52,301. Have you heard there was any money given to him to buy pigs?—I do not remember hearing about the pigs.

52,302. This is the first you have heard of them?—The first I have heard of the animals.

52,303. I am told you lent him some money to buy pigs with, on condition that he would vote for you, and he then voted for Clay and Goderich?—I know nothing of the kind.

52,304. Do you know anything of the lots of voters we have been speaking of? Did any of them make application to your committee?—I do not know positively that any

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made application to my committee, except on the morning of the election. I have heard that there were those lots; I believe it was pretty generally known throughout the town that there were lots of voters open to purchase.

52,305. Did you have any communication with Jefferson's party?—No.

52,306. You did not deal with him at all?—No, not at all; I never heard of Jefferson before.

52,307. Did any of them come and offer themselves to you on any occasion, either on the day of or shortly before the election?—On the morning of the election I was busily engaged in attending to my duties; I forget what the particular duty was at the moment.

52,308. In the committee?—In my own house, when I think, Margeson came up; I was busy writing, and he said there is a man from the Pilot Boy come to ask whether you really will have those men or not.

52,309. Did you see him?—No. I did not see him; I had heard there was a lot of men at the Pilot Boy; my answer is, I do not want his men.

52,310. You did not see the man at all?—I did not.

52,311. Did you send a message back by Margeson?—I think it was him; I afterwards understood that an orange flag was hung out at the Pilot Boy.

52,312. You did not see any of them yourself?—No.

52,313. Do you know any of those places where payments were made in disguise at former elections?—No.

52,314. Have you heard of other parties of a similar description?—I heard there was a lot at Wharam's, but I never saw any of them, and I never heard the names.

52,315. Did you hear of the name of Nicholson?—I heard of Nicholson's lot; I never saw Nicholson, and never heard of his terms.

52,316. What was the district Nicholson was in?—I am not sure whether the Pilot Boy or not; I do not know who was at the head of that lot.

52,317. The Pilot Boy lot had a person of the name of Brown at the head?—I do not know; I thought Nicholson was at the Pilot Boy. I never had any communication with him. I do not know what that lot was. I fancy it was not bought by anybody; that is my impression. It fell down between two stools; I think I made some remark at the time, that it served them right, or something to that effect, which I applied to them on the morning of the election. The Pilot Boy lot, I do not know who was at the head of them.

52,318. Do you know anything else?—No; I can give no further information.

52,319. On the subject of any election? 1841, 1847, or 1852?—I do not know. I may remark that I noticed, I think it was given in evidence here, by one of the witnesses, that a number of South Myton voters—blue—were bottled up, as it is termed, at the National school rooms, in Porter Street. I beg to deny all knowledge of such a thing. I do not believe there was anything of the kind. I do not know that the school room was used for any purpose connected with the election. One committee room was held at a school room, but it was a school room I hired.

52,320. Was it continued up to the close of the election?—It was; Gawthorp school-room it was called.

52,321. What was the name of the man?—Newbold, of List Street. There is another thing I have been told, that I bribed a man at Cottingham, and that I used some undue influence with him to bring him here. There was a market gardener, and perhaps they may say it was to furnish potatoes for the pigs; I may observe it is a complete fabrication. I happened to be attending a man of the name of Laming, a large market gardener at Cottingham, and I solicited him for his vote; he promised me his vote conditionally, and I accepted him on those terms, and they were these: he was suffering severely with rheumatic fever, and he said, if you get me well I will vote for you, and I will not vote unless you do; of course I got him better.

52,322. You got him well enough to vote for you?—He voted for us. I do not acknowledge to having given him anything by way of bribing him.

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52,323. Where is your residence in Hull?—Albion Street.

52,324. Are you on the register as a 10*l.* householder?—I suppose so; I am on the register.

52,325. What is the rental you pay within the borough?—£75.

52,326. How long have you been a voter?—Since the Reform Bill.

52,327. Have you lived all your life in Hull?—No; I came here after the close of the war in 1817.

52,328. You voted in 1837?—Yes.

52,329. What is your business?—A merchant.

52,330. You, I believe, have taken an interest in the elections?—Yes, since the Reform Bill.

52,331. And taken a part in them?—Yes, certainly.

52,332. You are not a freeman?—I am not a freeman.

52,333. At all the elections in which you have been engaged, do you know that that system was carried on, of securing vote sby some money payments?—Yes, by leading them to expect that they should have it.

52,334. And carried on to any considerable extent?—Yes.

52,335. By both sides?—No doubt of it.

52,336. Were you active at the election of 1841 for Hanmer and James?—Yes.

52,337. Your own name has been struck off the poll for bribery?—Yes, of course under false pretences, because the evidence upon which the vote was struck off on that occasion was not true. A man at Barton stated I treated him in a public house, whereas I was not in the public house at the time.

52,338. The committee took a different view of it?—Yes, they did.

52,339. Your attention was closely called to the question of bribery on that occasion? Oh yes.

52,340. In 1841 were you on any committee?—Yes, I was at the central committee; I was not a member of the committee, but I was at the central room.

52,341. It was for James and Hanmer?—Yes.

52,342. Did you yourself canvass?—Yes, with the candidates, very frequently.

52,343. Did you take any part in more essential matters?—No; I had nothing to do with the particular part of the election.

52,344. Being a member of the central committee for James and Hanmer, do you know the amount of money paid at that election?—I was not a member of the central committee, but I was at the central committee.

52,345. Being there, did you hear at the committee the amount of money expended at the election?—I dare say I did after the election was over; I was not privy to the payment of it.

52,346. How much was it?—£6,000 or £7,000.

52,347. For the two candidates?—For the two; I believe so from what I have heard.

52,348. Did the same system of setting down names prevail?—Oh yes; it has always been so.

52,349. Do you know of any of the particular circumstances of the 1841 election? did you take any part in them?—Nothing further than canvassing with the gentlemen and assisting to get their votes.

52,350. That is, the mere nominal canvass?—At that period we had a Mr. Quin here, and Mr. Cracknell was the solicitor, he managed all the books and matters.

52,351. Was Mr. Quin a solicitor?—No; the editor of the Hull Packet, and he was a leading electioneering man.

52,352. Is he alive now?—I think not; he went to London afterwards. He is dead, and so is Mr. Cracknell.

52,353. They were the two principal persons who managed the election?—Oh yes; they managed the thing, the matter of fact they managed.

52,354. Who was the chairman of this ward for James and Hanmer?—I think it was Mr. Hassell; I am not certain.

52,355. Mr. Clifford Pease was the chairman?—Oh yes; he was. I did not know.

52,356. Do you know who was an active man on the central committee, who is alive now? can you tell me the name of any person who would be active there?—At that period I cannot tell; if you can tell me the names of the parties that were down, I can tell you who was the most active.

52,357. Was Mr. Gleadow?—Yes, Thomas Ward Gleadow; and Mr. Robert Gleadow also was an active man at the time.

52,358. Mr. Beadle?—Yes; John Beadle, and Mr. Barkworth.

52,359. Which one?—The late Mr. Barkworth, the father of the present, and Mr. Gadstone, now living in Surrey.

52,360. Would he be a very active member?—Yes, he would.

52,361. And would know most of the secrets?—Yes; I think he would.

52,362. Anybody else?—I do not recollect.

52,363. Who was the paymaster?—I cannot tell you; I do not know anything about paying; it was managed by the solicitors, the paying was at that time.

52,364. Who was the solicitor?—Mr. Cracknell.

52,365. He had some very able assistants?—I dare say he had.

52,366. Do you know how the people were paid?—No.

52,367. Nor where?—No; I know nothing about it.

52,368. Mr. Dryden,—was he one?—Very possibly; I cannot say I recollect particularly the name.

52,369. Was Mr. Sidebottom active?—Yes; he was one employed I should think.

52,370. He would probably know a good deal?—Yes; I should think he would.

52,371. Was there anybody active in the way Mr. Steeples was?—I think Mr. Steeples was there at that that period, very likely.

52,372. Was Mr. Linwood there?—I remember the name, but I do not know the man.

52,373. The elder Steeples, you think was at the central committee?—I think very likely.

52,374. You do not recollect who was the clerk?—No; I do not.

52,375. Can you tell me of anybody likely to pay money or give us any information of

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the election?—Indeed I cannot: I do not know who paid the money. I fancy it was done entirely through Mr. Cracknell's management, and the other gentleman I named, Mr. Quin.

52,376. Were you in 1841 partly engaged in paying yourself?—No.

52,377. Do you know a man of the name of Farthing?—Yes.

52,378. Farthing had the West Sculcoates committee?—I do not know.

52,379. Do you know a lady of the name of Mrs. Hopper?—I have heard the story related of some money paid through a door; that is a perfect lie, there was nothing of the kind as far as I am concerned; certainly it is a fabrication made by some of the gentry who delight in making mischief.

52,380. It was said that money was paid at a house in Saville street?—I heard of it.

52,381. Were you there at all?—I do not believe I was ever in the place; I know nothing about it; I had nothing to do with it. I was not in the district committee at that time.

52,382. Did you hear from your party that money was paid in such a house?—No, I know nothing about it at all at that period.

52,383. Did you hear, during the election, or after, that the money was paid to the voters by persons disguised?—I was not aware that such a thing took place; I have heard it mentioned in Court.

52,384. I mean at the time?—I am not aware of it.

52,385. Nor paid in such a manner that the person paying could not be seen distinctly?—I know nothing about the payments at that period.

52,386. Do you know a person of the name of Binks at all?—Binks, the painter; there is such a man. I don't know anything of him.

52,387. Were you at his house during the election at all?—No.

52,388. Canvassing or paying money?—I paid no money at that election to the best of my recollection.

52,389. You would recollect if you were there paying voters?—I think I should.

52,390. You say you were not there?—I think not.

52,391. Can you have any doubt about it?—I have no recollection of it; if you can draw it to my mind, I shall of course acknowledge it; but I do not think that I was.

52,392. Did you hear that money was paid at Binks's?—I know nothing about the paying of the voters at that period.

52,393. Did you hear of it during the election?—I cannot say.

52,394. Or afterwards?—I really do not recollect anything of that sort.

52,395–6. In 1847, did you act at all in the election of that year?—Not at all, I merely voted.

52,397. At the election of 1841, do you know whether your son was engaged in paying at this house in Saville street?—No, it is not likely that he was; he was too young at the period to have anything to do with elections.

52,398. As far as you know, he had nothing to do with the election?—Certainly not in 1841; I had a half brother here at that period, Stephen Robert Cattley.

52,399. Can you tell me whether he was engaged?—I do not know that he was.

52,400. Did you hear at any time that he was engaged?—No; I do not recollect it.

52,401. Have you reason to believe that he was?—I really have no reason to believe that he was; I do not recollect it; Mr. Farthing will tell you, for he had the management of the committee and will be able to tell you.

52,402. Where is he?—He resides in Hull.

52,403. Do you know where he lives?—I think he lives in Charles Street; his office is in High Street

52,404. What is his business?—He manages a business for a gentleman here.

52,405. Will you give me some direction by which we can find him?—William Farthing; a note addressed to him simply, will find him. I believe he lives in Portland Place.

52,406. He manages a business?—Manages an oil business for Mr. John Wood; his office is in High Street.

52,407. It was the elder Farthing, was it not? there is father and son?—I conclude that it was so; I do not know that it was; he had a son, but I think he was too young to have anything to do with the election at that period; he was a young man then, and now he has gone abroad.

52,408. Were you on any committee in 1847?—No.

52,409. Were you at all engaged in any election?—No; I merely voted.

52,410. Who for?—Mr. Baines. I do not know whether I voted for Mr. Brown or not; I think it probable that I did. If anybody asked me of our party, I should have done it. I was not interested in the election, for they were none of my colour.

52,411. Do you know anything about the election whilst it was going on?—No; I took no interest in it.

52,412. You had nothing to do but voting?—Nothing but voting and going to a luncheon the day after that; the friends of ours gave a little jollification; I joined with them.

52,413. A private matter?—A private matter.

52,414. The poll book states you are of Albion Street, and voted Baines and Brown?—That is right.

52,415. At the last election you were chairman of a committee of the blue candidates in West Sculcoates; how long before the election did you begin to act in that capacity?—Three or four weeks I should think.

52,416. Did you receive notice from the central committee, or otherwise, of an agreement with the orange party as to the number of messengers to be employed?—Yes, I think there was something of that sort; we had to take on a small number of people to assist.

52,417. A small number only?—A small number only.

52,418. Were you also told of Mr. Wells' advice, that no person should be paid but those actually employed?—I do not recollect that.

52,419. At all events, you did not take much notice of it?—It was not advice that I should have given myself, although I dare say it was very legal.

52,420. You know that an active canvass was commenced in your district?—Yes.

52,421. From the very beginning I presume there was a pressure upon you to set names down for employment?—Many men of course offered themselves; we did not take them on for the first fortnight; we kept them off as much as we possibly could till we got near the time.

52,422. You kept them off, but did you set their names down?—Probably some of them we did.

52,423. And told them they would be employed when you wanted them?—Yes.

52,424. Were they satisfied with that?—I dare say they were, some of them.

52,425. You perfectly let them understand at one time or other they would be employed?—Of course, they expected it.

52,426. From the beginning you say you did not take much notice of the advice of Mr. Wells: did you from the beginning employ more than two messengers at the room?—Oh yes; I dare say we did.

52,427. A good many more perhaps?—I cannot tell you how many, I am sure.

52,428. In the course of the canvass there were a great many names set down in your district?—Yes.

52,429. Is your district a very large one?—Yes.

52,430. And you paid those men from time to time?—Those who were employed were paid weekly We began the first week and paid them, a few men coming at the time, 10*l.* or 12*l.*, or something of that sort, and then said, now you have had your turn we must give some other fellows a turn, and we tried the effect of that. On Monday morning I was walking up Saville Street and I saw one of my men, who I thought a decent fellow, standing at No. 21. I was perfectly satisfied then how the thing was to go; but however we avoided it as much as possible taking on runners.

52,431. Had you instructions or advice from the central committee to employ men for only a certain number of days?—I do not know I am sure; perhaps we had, I am not very closely controlled by instructions; that is not my idea of electioneering.

52,432. You are a very experienced electioneerer in Hull?—I have seen a few of them.

52,433. When you are engaged, you generally act according to your own views? You go in to win?—I do not think I am very easily controlled on subjects of this nature. If I do not think they are going right, why I am apt rather to go a little my own way.

52,434. The way you believe the best necessary to win the election in Hull?—Decidedly; you cannot win it without, that is perfectly certain.

52,435. Whatever you may be told of the letter of the law or the views of your central committee, you proceed to win the election?—I go as close to the letter of the law as I can with anything like a prospect of doing good.

52,436. In the first week you say you paid 10*l.* or 12*l.*?—Yes.

52,437. Did that increase very much towards the end?—Rather.

52,438. How much?—I think the next week was something like 20*l.*, or something of that sort; I did not keep the account myself.

52,439. And what the next week?—I do not know.

52,440. What do you think was the largest one?—The largest I should think would be after the election.

52,441. How much do you think that would amount to?—I have not any list but the one I sent to Mr. Sheen.

52,442. Be good enough to look at these lists (*handing some papers,*); will those be the lists of persons set down in your district?—I do not know, I must refer you to the clerk.

52,443. Just look through them and see.—Here are some names here.——

52,444. Of persons employed?—Partly.

52,445. In whose writing are those names?—I am sure I do not know; they are not mine, probably the clerk.

52,446. Who would be the clerk?—A man of the name of Johnson.

52,447. Where does he live?—I do not know; the man behaved extremely ill; he got his pay weekly, and when the time came when he was wanted, he was so drunk that we could do nothing with him at all; he threw us all into confusion. I would not pay him, nor was he paid in any way; I knew nothing more of him.

52,448. I dare say you know how he voted, if you discharged him?—I do not know.

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I think it probable that he did vote for us. I think at the time he was very drunk, and we had to fetch him out of the public house to do it.

52,449. What was his Christian name?—James.

52,450. Where does he live?—At Witham.

52,451. Who was your vice-chairman?—Mr. George Craven was my vice-chairman.

52,452. Was he very active?—Yes, he was. The fact is, Mr. George Craven had the principal management of the books, and the arrangements, and looking after these things. I only became chairman at the request of himself and some other parties, on condition that I should not have to attend to accounts and books, because I could not do it.

52,453. James Johnson, I see, voted for Clay and Goderich?—I was not aware of it.

52,454. You say Mr. George Craven was very active?—Yes.

52,455. Who was also active upon the committee?—In canvassing, Mr. Charles Horncastle.

52,456. In the early canvassing, not the nominal?—In the early canvassing, John Loft; Mr. Allcock, the druggist; Mr. Eccles, the grocer; Mr. West, a bricklayer; Mr. Richard Osborn, and Mr. Turpin in Russell Street.

52,457. Was there another clerk than Johnson?—Yes; there was a man of the name of Barron.

52,458. Would he be there always?—Not always. He owed some of the opposing party some money, and was so arrested. I believe he was away a day or two.

52,459. Would he be able to give information?—Yes; I think he would, in some degree. There is a Mr. Brown, also a clerk. He is a clerk with Mr. Richard Moxon, of the Yorkshire Fire Office.

52,460. Charles Brown is that?—I think his name is Charles.

52,461. Was the man who was arrested, arrested on the polling day?—No; I think not. I got him back again.

52,462. When did you get him back again? in time to vote?—A day or two before the election we got him out again; some of his friends helped him out, I suppose. Then there were two doorkeepers I had the whole time. Brown was a very active man in canvassing, and making up some of those lists, for anything I know.

52,463. Have you ever looked at those lists?—I see some of the names; I know one name.

52,464. I find some of the parties themselve voted blue; will that lead you to suppose their names were set down?—I think many of them would be so.

52,465. Do you know whose writing that is (*handing the book.*)?—They were written in the committee room. I did not attend to the accounts. That was the agreement that I had.

52,466. Look at that paper. (H.) Can you tell me what that paper is?—That is a paper I sent to Mr. Sheen. This paper I found at my office. My eldest son and Mr. John Hill had a committee room in Charles Street,—a second committee room,—and these had come from their room. I think he brought it to the office with him. Not having seen these men to pay them—these runners—he got the money at the central committee. He had gone out of town. He paid the greater part of them, and some that were not paid came to me; that I kept a list of, and that is how I had it.

52,467. That would be the list of runners at the other committee room, kept by your son and Mr. Hill?—Yes; I think so. One or two of these men were runners. I paid two or three of them in my son's absence.

52,468. Where was the committee room your son son Hill had?—In Charles Street.

52,469. Were there other committee rooms—sub-committee rooms?—Yes, which were not used. There was Edward Smelt, a coal dealer, he insisted on having a flag, or else he could not vote. We did not want his room; he objected, and said he must have a flag.

52,470. Did he insist on having 6*l.*?—No; he got 2*l.*

52,471. We have been told that he got 6*l.*?—I do not know who paid him, but he did got 2*l.*

52,472. What other rooms were there?—A man of the name of Turpin, a canvasser, in Reform Street, he would have a flag, and he canvassed a good deal for our party, and, I think, was very diligent. I believe he got 2*l.* for his room.

52,473. Anybody else?—I do not know any others.

52,474. You knew the system of securing votes by means of paying for rooms, did you not?—Of course; this man Smelt would not vote unless you took a room.

52,475. Do you know of the system being carried on before the last election?—Yes; it had been done before.

52,476. Had it been done on your side?—I think very probably. I cannot speak to the fact. I had nothing to do with the district committee till this election.

52,477. Two seems a small number. Can you say whether there were more than two at the last election?—I have given you two extra ones. There were three or four committee rooms. I am not aware of any others.

52,478. Not of those we call sham committee rooms?—There were two sham committee rooms. I know of one in Osborne Street which was a very useful one; it is a large district.

52,479. Even the useful room, did you take that from a person whom it was desirable to secure?—Yes.

52,480. In fact, whether the things that you required for the election were useful or

not, did you make them a means of securing doubtful persons?—I do not think Mr. Smelt was. I cannot say whether he was very staunch or not; he professed to be so. The other man, Turpin, was a very staunch man on our side. I have no doubt at all about that. The man in Charles Street, I do not know anything about him; we wanted his vote, and he wanted to let his room.

52,481. What was his name?—Page is the name, if I recollect.

52,482. Where does Turpin live?—Reform Street. I think he can give some information about matters.

52,483. Where was your district committee held?—At the corner of Saville Street.

52,484. Do you mean Captain Turpin?—Yes; I think he has been a captain, under a shipowner.

52,485. Did you pay him for a room?—Paid ten guineas for that room.

52,486. Did you make that a means of securing his vote?—No; it was a room we had fixed on; we had had it before. I went there as a matter of course.

52,487. Merely because it was useful?—No: we wanted to take it the whole time. The man would not take less than ten guineas for it.

52,488. It was at Mrs. Hopper's house, was it?—No; I have not had the honor of seeing Mrs. Hopper for many years.

52,489. Look once more to these papers, to the letter P, and tell me what that can mean?—I know nothing about that.

52,490. Do you know a man of the name of George Holland, of Francis Street?—No.

52,491. Did you ever send for such a man to your office?—No.

52,492. Did you get him canvassed?—No.

52,493. Or use his influence?—I do not know such a man.

52,494. Did you have anything to do with the Barton people?—I was over at Barton, with Messrs. Moore and Butler.

52,495. Did you have any part in the more essential part of the business?—No. One of the voters, who has been here, has stated that I promised 3*l.*, but he did not get it. There is a little difference between him and me. He wanted me to promise, and I would not; I went to inquire, for I had nothing to do with the out-voters in West Sculcoates ward. I went and found the man had been trying at the central committee to get 2*l.* there.

52,496. Was it Baylis?—William Baylis. I know the man very well; we had had him on a former election. All these Barton fellows wanted to be paid.

52,497. Baylis was struck off in 1847, I see. He asked you for 2*l.*, I see?—Yes, and I refused to give it to him.

52,498. Did you refer him anywhere?—I told him he must go where the other Barton voters were; I had nothing to do with the Barton voters.

52,499. Where is that?—I do not know. I meant to do something for him; I meant to get the man his expenses. When I found at the central committee he had been applying there, I thought he was only trying to gag me, and I would not have anything to do with him.

52,500. Was there another man of the name of Edward Thompson?—I did not see him here at the election: I know him.

52,501. Did you see him at Barton?—I did.

52,502. Did he ask you to get him 2*l.*?—They all asked something. They wanted drink, and we gave them none. Formerly we used to do so, and they were dissappointed on this occasion. We made up our minds we would give them nothing.

52,503. You had nothing to do with the out-voters?—No.

52,504. Would they go to Mr. Barkworth?—Very possibly.

52,505. Do you know whether he was appointed particularly to deal with them?—I do not know that he was, but when I named this man having been there to me, Mr. Barkworth said,—"Oh, confound the fellow, he has been here; it is of no use your interfering with the out-voters, we will look after them," or to that effect.

52,506. Who said that?—Mr. Barkworth.

52,507. Did you hear of any lots of voters?—No; I had no application at my office from them.

52,508. Not in your district?—Not to me; they did not apply to me.

52,509. Not any lots at all?—No; I did hear casually, in the street, of such men, that they had applied to other people.

52,510. Was there any place in the district, separate from the committee room, where these were set down?—No.

52,511. Such a place as Legitt seems to have kept?—No; we had nothing of that kind.

52,512. What became of the books and papers kept at your committee?—I sent them all to the central the moment I saw we were beaten. I told the clerk to tie up the papers and send them to the central, and I have never seen them since.

52,513. There were payments made after the polling day?—This was paid after the polling day.

52,514. Had you not papers with you when you were paying?—I never paid any of the money. When the men were paid the weekly payments, I got the money and left

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the list with the clerk Brown; he was the man who paid, and he would know more about the payments than I do.

52,515. You say you sent all the books and papers to the central committee?—Yes; I told the clerk to bundle them all up and take them there.

52,516. Would the weekly pay sheets have the names of the persons who were set down upon them?—Of course the men who were on those pay lists, were set down, because they were employed.

52,517. Who were paid weekly, the others?—I am sure I do not know.

52,518. All persons who applied to be set down were employed at some time or other?—They were considered as employed, at least.

52,519. And all were paid?—I expect so; I do not know of any who have a claim; I am not aware of any.

52,520. How many can you say? Can you give me an idea how many names were set down in your district committee?—I really do not know; I did not keep the account, you see; if I had kept it, I should know something about it.

52,521. Should you think there were 200?—I should think not fifty.

52,522. These are the lists?—Many of those were regularly employed men.

52,523. We find those together?—My vice can tell you better than I can. You will have it under hand presently.

52,524. Can you tell me about it?—I really cannot say, because you see, for instance, this list came from Mr. Hill of Charles Street, but I cannot pretend to say; you must excuse me from doing so.

52,525. I do not know the distinction you draw between those actually employed and those not. They were all, from the persons who had applied, to be paid, were they not?—Of course they were.

52,526. When they applied to be employed, you understood them by that application to say, "if you will employ me, I will vote for you"?—Of course.

52,527. I suppose you thought, if you did not employ them, there might be some doubt about their consistency?—They would take it for granted, if they got their names set down they would have no doubt they would get paid.

52,528. The difference between those actually employed and those nominally employed, as you have observed, would be the strict letter of the law, of which you have spoken, would it not?—I am told that I am not very particular about the strict letter of the law in elections; I know very well that we lost the election from not putting enough men down; we were too strict in that way, a good deal.

52,529. Did you expend any other money than that you spoke of, during the election?—No; I spent nothing but what was paid in the committee room, not a shilling.

52,530. Those weekly pay sheets that you have spoken of?—Yes.

52,531. Those from your sub-committee room?—Yes.

52,532. How many vice-chairmen had you?—Only one.

52,533. Mr. Craven?—Mr. George Craven.

52,534. Was not your son also a vice-chairman?—No; he and Mr. John Hill went to Charles Street and took a room.

52,535. They had a little committee of their own?—Yes.

52,536. Supposing you had had the entire management of the election, I dare say you think the ultimate result probably would have been different?—I do not know that.

52,537. What do you think about it?—I think we should have made a better fight.

52,538. The Barton voters, your knowledge of them seems to have been considerable. Do you believe they are all amenable to money, are they not?—Yes; I think they are the greatest evil, the out-voters, that we possibly have to contend with.

52,539. Do you not consider making out-voters is objectionable?—Yes; they open the door to bribery.

52,540. Did you see the two Baylis's?—I only saw one, the father; I think he told me he had been to vote and he had gone to see some friend. I did not see him at all. I know the old man very well; he is an old man.

52,541. I find a record of him in the memorable year 1837; on that occasion they voted blue and were both struck off for bribery; this time they both voted orange?—They did? then they got paid for it you may depend upon it.

52,542. From your knowledge of the elder Baylis, he usually left the arrangement of these matters in the hands of his son?—I should think not, not formerly.

52,543. Do you know whether he did upon the last occasion?—I only saw the young man; he came to my committee room in the morning of the election.

52,544. Did you learn from the son that he was bargaining for the two votes?—The son told me his father had voted for us, and that he should do so if he could have this money. I told him that I should not promise him any such thing.

52,545. You understood the younger Baylis was bargaining for himself and his father?—He led me to understand that he had always voted for us, so he intended to cheat me.

52,546. You said you usually had resort to more energetic measures?—Yes.

52,547. Did you hear of the plan prepared by Mr. Wells?—Yes; I heard of it on the day of election. I did not hear any instructions from him; I had left the management of the taking the accounts to the clerks and my vice; I did not pretend to take an account of the election.

52,548. Did you consider it rather a strong measure to increase the staff 417?—I did not know how strong it might be; it did not act well; it did not answer the purpose he designed it for.

52,549. It did not answer as a piece of machinery?—No.

52,550. It was rather injurious, was not it, as a means of providing employment?—I should fancy that had not occurred to Mr. Wells, that that was the object of it. I think he thought that he had made a very clever plan to get a quick return of the electors; I should give him credit for not having the other notion.

52,551. If it had been left to you to frame a scheme for giving employment, do you think you could have done something better?—No, I do not think I could.

52,552. Even you, with all your experience?—I do not pretend to any great deal of experience.

52,553. The scheme was perfectly new to you?—Perfectly new to me.

52,554. From your long acquaintance with the poll books of voters in Hull, how many persons do you think there are who do not vote except for money?—I have never taken out the numbers.

52,555. I do not tie you down to the exact number. In your judgment, how many do you think there are who do not vote except for money—in your judgment and experience?—I cannot pretend to say.

52,556. What would you say? How many do you think?—I think 600 or 700.

52,557. Do you not put them beyond that?—No; perhaps I might. There are many men who want to be paid, who ought to be ashamed of themselves for asking for it. I really cannot pretend to give you the number.

52,558. Supposing those persons, who only vote for money, or expect money, were altogether struck off the register, do you think the struggle would be a pretty close one between the parties?—I think it would.

52,559. Very close?—I think it would.

52,560. I need hardly ask you, whether you think the result of the election would depend upon that party who is able to secure most of those who insist on being paid?—Yes, I do.

52,561. I understand you to say, you think the last election you did not employ enough?—We did not promise to pay enough, which is the same thing.

52,562. That had reference only to those who vote for money?—Just so.

52,563. You think the last election, you did not employ or promise to pay enough?—I do.

52,564. I think you said your son was the chairman of the committee in Charles Street?—He and Mr. Hill were there together.

52,565. Look at that note from your son to yourself. (83.) It is addressed to you, and probably signed by your son.—This is his signature.

52,566. I want to know what it means?—He has employed them at Charles Street room.

52,567. As what?—Runners.

52,568. What does he say?—"I beg to inform you the following have been employed in the committee."

52,569. Did you set those names down in your list, on receiving them from your son?—I should think they would be set down.

52,570. What was the object of sending that note to you?—That we might consider these men as of our party.

52,571. People who would vote for you?—Yes.

52,572. And to be added to your list?—To be added to our list of voters.

52,573. I have turned to the poll book, and I see they all did vote for you?—Yes; that is from one committee to the other, because the account of the promises went from my committee room, not from this one; all their promises would have to come to the Saville Street room.

52,574. It was a kind of branch of yours?—Merely so.

52,575. They would report to you, and on to the central committee?—Yes.

52,576. You would report those, as being to be put on the list, on receiving that note?—Yes.

52,577. You said about 600 expect to be paid, you think?—Perhaps there were more, for anything I know.

52,578. To which class of voters do you apply them, or to both?—I think generally the labouring men expect to be paid.

52,579. Are they generally freemen?—There are also a good many small housekeepers who want to be paid also.

52,580. In your experience, has the usual payment been about 30*s.* for each?—I cannot say, because I have not been in the habit of paying; I had not anything to do with the money transactions of former elections.

52,581. At the last election, was not the usual rate of payment 30*s.*?—Not quite so much; on this list, there as are many at 10*s.* as at one guinea or one pound.

52,582. Supposing 600 are paid in that way, by a direct money payment of 30*s.* a head, that would make up 900*l.*?—Yes.

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52,583. Now, the expenses of the last election, in all probablity, amount to nearer 8,000*l.* for the two parties?—I think I have gathered that.

52,584. Now, you would not say that for the purposes of carrying on a pure contested election—a pure one—that the difference between 900*l.* and 8,000*l.* is a necessary expenditure, would you?—No, certainly not.

52,585. What was the purpose of spending the difference between 900*l.* and 8,000*l.*?—That I do not pretend to say, what number should be paid, or were paid.

52,586. You have told me, you think 600 would be about the number requiring direct payment?—I may think very wrong upon the subject; I do not know whether it was 600, or 1,600; I have never taken it out.

52,587. Have you ever formed any judgment of the motive with which so large a sum as 8,000*l.* is expended?—No; it has not been a matter for my consideration at all. If money is spent and paid, that is quite sufficient; I know very well there are very heavy expenses as well as paying the men.

52,588. Would there be a considerable dissatisfaction if any two candidates were to come on one side and profess not to spend more than 400*l.*?—They would have a very poor chance here.

52,589. Supposing they were to undertake to pay these 600, or a large proportion of them, that you spoke of, 30*s.* a head, and spend no more?—Probably they would find out that there was another 600 that wanted to be paid.

52,590. If they were to spend nothing in extravagance for goods?—I think it is a very objectionable thing having so much expenditure paid in goods of all kinds; it is perfectly ridiclous.

52,591. Is it not necessary to maintain the success of the election that it should be?—I do not think it absolutely necessary. Formerly we used to have a band of music which cost an immense deal of money.

52,592. You would advise that the candidates on each side should agree not to do it?—My opinion is, that some alteration should be made in the present system; they are obliged to spend a great deal of money.

52,593. Generally?—Generally in the town; in the simple article of cards, with crowns and anchors on them, and such things.

52,594. Are such orders given for the purpose of satisfying certain classes of people?—There is a continual application for those things at the committee room, for hundreds and thousands; there is never enough.

52,595. There would be dissatisfaction if those applications were not complied with?—Yes; a man comes and says, "I have a wife and half a dozen children, I must have a card a piece," and he gets half a score; and so the thing goes on to an enormous extent.

52,596. The application is from people who want them?—Yes; you must give them or they go away and say we can get plenty of the orange cards if you will not give them.

52,597. Do you think the money influence is carried so low as even to the value of a card?—Yes, I think so; I think people would be very much dissatisfied if they did not get them.

52,598. Would that dissatisfaction extend so far as to influence their votes?—I should not be at all surprised; a man may get out of temper and say, "I will not vote for those fellows, for they will not give me a few cards," likely enough.

52,599. How do you suppose the large expenditure for flags and printing and so on acts?—I never could understand. I think if all parties would be content to be without it, it would be quite as well. Formerly we used to have a band of music for each party; we had fifty fellows to engage to protect the band, and probably when they met the adversary band they had a regular fight for it.

52,600. Does this additional expense create materials for employing people?—I do not think it does.

52,601. What is the object of it, or what is the intended effect, rather? how does it operate?—The effect is to satisfy the parties who are voters, and to gratify them.

52,602. Does the satisfaction or dissatisfaction extend to the effect of inducing people who do not have an opportunity of reading the printed journals to abstain from voting, and is it for keeping up the spirit?—No doubt it is designed with that effect.

52,603. Take the notices, the printing of large numbers: you printed on the last occasion a large number of speeches?—Yes; I do not think it would have any beneficial effect; I dare say there would not be a fiftieth part of them read.

52,604. Do you think that accounts for your losing the election?—I do not think it has any effect at all.

52,605. A mere waste of money?—I think so.

52,606. They do not influence the election at all?—It would be a great deal better if they would do away with flags and cards too.

52,607. According to your idea it is a mere folly, and has no influence; then why not let the orange people indulge their own extravagance and folly?—I do not think that would do.

52,608. Why not?—If one man makes a fool of himself the other must do the same.

52,609. I do not see why you should follow it if it is to have no influence?—I do not know whether it may or not; probably people like to have a yellow ribbon or a blue ribbon at their breast.

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52,610. Nearly 8000*l.* of strangers' money was expended in Hull in the course of a fortnight or three weeks; is that, do you think, a desirable result of the election?—I do not think I can give any opinion further than this, that I should say the system always has been followed, and some parties have been paid, and always expect to be paid as they always have been paid.

52,611. Would there not be great dissatisfaction against either of the party who should first put an end to that system?—Yes, I dare say there would.

52,612. Amongst whom would the dissatisfaction be? amongst the tradesmen losing custom?—I think very possibly.

52,613. You think it possible that the tradespeople would refuse to vote if suddenly one party withdrew the practice of giving extensive orders to the tradesmen?—I think it is very probable; I have no doubt at all at the election of 1847, when Mr. Brown came down, that man was brought down entirely by the tradespeople.

52,614. You believe that?—I believe so. I think the election would have gone off entirely without a contest at all if it had not been a design that there should be some money expended. That is my opinion; it was done a very few days before the election. Some Conservative tradesmen went and interested themselves to get this man, and of course, although many of the Conservative men voted for Mr. Brown, they did it more with the design to support any party with Mr. Baines, whom they had requested to come forward, and to keep Mr. Clay out, whom they were not particularly fond of.

52,615. You consider it was by no means a political contest in 1847?—I do not think it was; he was brought entirely with the object of making a stir in the town.

52,616. And to cause money to be expended?—Yes, consequent upon that.

52,617. Some of which you think would go into the tradespeople's pocket?—A good deal of it.

52,618. And some of those who got up the requisition?—A good deal of it.

52,619. That being so, before the parties determined on having two blue candidates, was there any careful examination of the register made so as to give an estimate of the probable result of the contest?—I dare say there was, but I was not privy to it.

52,620. Was there any general estimate, so far as you are aware, prepared by, or laid before the general committee?—I should think most likely there was, but I did not see it; I did not begin till the election was begun.

52,621. If that was so, who would be able to give some information about it?—I think the solicitor ought to be able to give you the information of the election.

52,622. Who would be the person who would be prepared. Mr. Wells has stated he came very late into it, only the 4th of June he was retained.—I really cannot say; I did not attend to that point at all; I never heard that such a thing was done. Formerly we had a regular statement from one solicitor, Mr. Cracknell; when he was our solicitor, in two or three instances, he gave in a very concise account of the very probable result.

52,623. The result of the contest of 1841 would probably lead you to believe,—supposing everything had been done,—it would be very reasonable to expect that two blues would have succeeded?—Yes.

52,624. In the mean time it occurred in 1847 the blues did not succeed in getting one candidate,—could not even get any man to stand?—No.

52,625. How do you account for that? were the blue party afraid to venture?—I suppose they did not choose to stir in it.

52,626. You are a person having a strong feeling; can you in any way account for why it was the blue party could not get a man of their own in 1847, seeing that at the previous contest they actually returned two?—I think it was their unwillingness to disturb the town, and we were very much pleased with Mr. Baines. He had been our recorder here, and was a man we all respected very much, and I for one was quite willing he should come again.

52,627. Probably you heard your party were to make most strenuous efforts to get up a blue candidate?—I do not know.

52,628. Would you have heard that Sir Robert Inglis was written to, and London was hunted for a candidate?—I did not hear it. I was not interested in it at all. I was quite willing when I found Mr. Baines was coming forward, to be satisfied with him. I was in hopes it would have avoided a contest. I think most of our party were under the same feelings.

52,629. Do you know that your party were in communication with Sir Robert Inglis, and other gentlemen in London and Liverpool, and that Liverpool and London were hunted?—I was not consulted about it, and I am not aware of it; probably it might be the case, but it was my feeling, like many others, that it was much better to avoid a contest if we could bring in Mr. Baines; and certainly, as the matter stood, it would have been right to have done so.

Thomas Lidgard.

THOMAS LIDGARD sworn, and examined.

52,630. Where do you live?—South Parade, Anlaby Road.

52,631. Do you occupy a house?—Yes.

52,632. At what rent?—£6.

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52,633. Are you a freeman of the borough?—No.

52,634. Have you ever been a voter?—No.

52,635. Have you been in Court during any of the previous inquiries, on the examinations of any of the witnesses, where your name has been mentioned?—Yes.

52,636. Do you know that you are the person we have been calling Leggit by mistake?—Yes.

52,637. You never were a voter?—No, never.

52,638. You have been employed by parties in electioneering matters?—A little, both this last election and the election previously.

52,639. In 1841?—No.

52,640. Did you take any interest in the election?—No; not at all.

52,641. In 1847 I believe you took a considerable interest?—No; I was merely an assistant under Mr. Bannister.

52,642. How came you to be employed by Mr. Bannister?—Merely assisting in anything he told me to do, that he was not able to do I did for him.

52,643. When were you first employed?—I think it was two days during the election, the nomination day and the polling day.

52,644. Were you employed extensively setting down voters?—No.

52,645. How many names did you set down?—I set down as voters.

52,646. What did you do?—I was there to do anything he gave me to do; anything he was not able to do I went out and did it for him, as far as was in my power.

52,647. What did you do?—If he thought there were any likely to be on one side of the question he sent me to solicit their votes.

52,648. To canvass?—Yes.

52,649. What else?—Nothing else.

52,650. How were you to secure them?—I could not secure them at all. I solicited for votes, and got them to go to the poll, parties I knew; I had a conveyance to go to the poll.

52,651. You had an extensive acquaintance with many of the freemen?—Yes.

52,652. Which you told to Mr. Bannister when he employed you?—Yes.

52,653. That was the reason for it?—Yes.

52,654. How many years have you been in Mr. Bannister's employment?—I have been employed for several years.

52,655. Will you say how many years?—Not in election matters, in the shipping interest.

52,656. What were you employed in in 1847?—That was all I was employed in.

52,657. Canvassing?—Yes; nothing else.

52,658. What were the means you took to secure their votes?—I do not know any means, only my own word. Mr. Bannister stated if I could get any men to come up as runners, they would be paid 5*s.* a day for their services during the time.

52,659. How many do you think you told it to?—I am sure I do not know; I cannot tell.

52,660. Three or four hundred, do you think?—No; perhaps twenty or thirty, the outside, I should think. I was principally in the committee room along with him; I was not always out.

52,661. You told them you would get 5*s.* a day for two days?—Yes.

52,662. Did you tell that to the committee, or did you go among them?—When I went among them I got them to go up and be put on as runners.

52,663. Did you not put their names down?—No.

52,664. Kept it all in your head?—I cannot put it down. I am no bookkeeper; I did not put anything down.

52,665. Did you report their names to Mr. Bannister from time to time?—Of course they reported their own names. They went up to the committee room and gave their names, and they put them down in the Blue Bell.

52,666. Where was that?—In Prospect Street.

52,667. How many were there with Mr. Bannister to put the names down?—Several of his clerks. I do not know them; I cannot say.

52,668. Mr. Bannister, or his clerk, or anybody put them down?—Mr. Bannister put them down himself, I believe.

52,669. How many were there? how many voters?—I cannot tell; perhaps I told thirty to go. I cannot tell the quantity, I am sure.

52,670. Besides those that you told to go up, how many others came there?—I do not know; there were several came while I was there.

52,671. So we have been told?—There were several. All that I ever could say is, I never saw anything given, and any bribe or any promise of bribe. I know there were several respectable tradesmen came into that room during the time I was there, the polling day morning.

52,672. Who were these respectable tradesmen?—I do not know. And they said, "Now, Mr. Bannister, what is to be done this morning?" He says, "What do you mean to do? do you want to be put on as runners? If you have a mind to work and be paid for your day's work when you are done, I will put you on."

52,673. Cannot you tell us the names of any of these respectable tradesmen?—

No, I cannot mention one; they were all strangers to me. I understood by some of the clerks they were respectable tradesmen and shopkeepers that were in the room at the time.

52,674. And what were these respectable shopkeepers doing?—I do not know; they were not satisfied with being paid by the day, but they wanted 5*l.* or 10*l.* for their votes, the same as they had done this last election.

52,675. Was Mr. Wride there?—I am sure I could not say.

52,676. What did Mr. Bannister say to them when they said they wanted 5*l.* or 10*l.* for a vote?—They did not say so. I suppose they wanted that.

52,677. What reason had you for that?—Because Mr. Bannister proffered to put them down as runners. They would not accept of that; they said, "That will not do for us; we must go somewhere else."

52,678. Why did you mention 5*l.* or 10*l.*?—It is only my own single idea. They were not satisfied like the working men, and I supposed they wanted more.

52,679. Why should you suppose they would be satisfied with so small a sum as 5*l.* or 10*l.*?—I am not certain they would be satisfied with that, but it appears they were not satisfied with being on as runners.

52,680. That was not enough?—They said, "That will not do for us," and away they went.

52,681. Were there a good many persons there driving bargains?—Several persons came during the time. He would not accept of any; he said, "If you like to be put down as runners we will put you down, and you can come to-night and get your money, and not a farthing else."

52,682. That is all that Mr. Bannister used to say?—Yes; all that I ever heard him say.

52,683. Now altogether during the nomination day how many do you think came? was the room always full?—I am sure I am not able to say.

52,684. During the time?—I was sometimes in and sometimes out. I was in a good deal.

52,685. Were they coming in constantly?—Yes; of course they were.

52,686. What is your judgment of the number that was set down that day? We have got one list which was rather full.—I am sorry I am not able to say.

52,687. Do you think it was 400?—No; I think not.

52,688. 350?—I should think not that number either.

52,689. Tell us your judgment?—I should like to say the thing right if I can. I do not know it. If I was to say 100—I do not know; I cannot give any particulars.

52,690. One hundred is about it?—Say 100 perhaps, but I am not certain of that.

52,691. That is about as near as you can think of it?—Perhaps it may, somewhere thereabouts.

52,692. Of these 100 how many do you think were respectable people?—I am sure I do not know; I cannot tell; there were a good many.

52,693. What do you call a good many?—Perhaps twenty; that was a good many in one small committee room.

52,694. Did this last all the day, down to the evening?—Yes; from the morning until the evening.

52,695. And when evening came were they paid?—All the runners were paid every night.

52,696. How many do you think were paid that night?—I am sure I do not know; I cannot tell.

52,697. I ask you again, do you think there were 500?—No; not out of the 100.

52,698. You were there in the evening, when they were paid?—Not always there.

52,699. How many do you think were paid by you?—When I was there perhaps twenty or thirty, but I cannot tell.

52,700. Two or three hundred perhaps?—No; it could not be 200 or 300 out of 100.

52,701. People might have been paid who were not set down?—I do not know the amount that was paid, and I do not know the quantity that were paid.

52,702. We know the money which was spent, which was 3,000*l.*, therefore we are trying to get it out by degrees?—This is only in one committee room in Hull. There were a many committee rooms besides that.

52,703. I think it right to tell you we know the sum that was paid was 3,000*l.*?—I do not know I am sure, or I would tell you in a moment.

52,704. How long were the payments going on in the evening?—Until seven o'clock.

52,705. Till midnight?—No.

52,706. How late?—That committee room during the time that I was there was closed at eight or nine o'clock.

52,707. What became of you?—I went home.

52,708. Did you not do anything more at night?—No.

52,709. At what o'clock did the payments begin?—I should think four or five o'clock; six o'clock perhaps.

52,710. Which do you mean? which did it begin at, four, five, or six o'clock?—Between five and six they would pay, so that we might get done in time.

52,711. The paying began between five and six, and lasted until between eight and

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nine o'clock?—Not till much after eight o'clock; the place was generally shut up by nine o'clock.

52,712. Was it a little after eight?—I cannot tell; it is a long time ago.

52,713. These consisted, some of them, of your own friends, who you had introduced there?—Some were.

52,714. Do you remember any of these friends of yours that went?—I am sure I cannot pick any out particular; they were all working men that worked along with me,—so much I knew them all by sight. I could not pick above half a dozen of the names out.

52,715. They were all working men?—Yes.

52,716. Did they go in one by one?—Yes; sometimes I took two together.

52,717. The people who were being paid, how was it managed?—They got paid one at a time, of course.

52,718. They went into the room one by one?—Yes, and got the money and came out again.

52,719. Were you there for any purpose?—No; only just as messenger for Mr. Bannister, as I said before.

52,720. In the afternoon what were you doing, at the paying time? Were you there for the purpose of identifying the persons as your own friends?—No, not at all.

52,721. What were you doing?—I was there merely as attending on Mr. Bannister and as a doorkeeper. I stood against the door to let the people in.

52,722. You were doorkeeper?—Yes; anything.

52,723. And let them in one by one?—Yes.

52,724. Now can you tell us about how many were paid?—I am sure I cannot, I have no idea at all.

52,725. Will you swear it was not 100? Remember you are on your oath.—I cannot speak to anything of the kind, because I do not know.

52,726. You must tell us some number; I put the number you began with first?—It would not be over 100; I should say not more than the 100 to my knowledge. I cannot say.

52,727. Do not answer the question quite in such a hurry, but listen to it: Will you swear upon your oath that the number did not exceed 100?—I cannot swear that.

52,728. Will you swear that it did not exceed 200? that there were not more than 200 paid that night?—I do not know there were 100 paid at any time.

52,729. Be very careful; you are not the first person we have examined about this, and will not be the last, therefore I ask you to be cautious in answering the question: Will you undertake to swear upon your solemn oath that there were not more than 200 paid that evening? Consider before you answer the question?—I cannot swear because I was not there at all times.

52,730. Listen again and be careful: Will you swear that there were not more than 300?—I cannot say anything of the kind. I should calculate about 100 myself.

52,731. But you will not swear that there were not 300?—During the time I was there, yes; but there might be many paid before I was there.

52,732. I am talking of the particular evening.—If I knew it I would tell you, but I do not know it and I cannot say so.

52,733. Will you swear there were not 400 paid that night?—I cannot. If I knew exactly I would tell you as well as speaking one word.

52,734. You believe there were about 100, but you will not swear there were not 400?—There might be 500 for what I know, but I did not see that amount.

52,735. What o'clock were you there the next morning?—I think about eight o'clock, to the best of my knowledge.

52,736. The next morning?—Yes.

52,737. Were you not there before the poll began?—I thought it was the nomination day you were speaking about.

52,738. So I was; now I go to the next day?—I was there about half past six o'clock.

52,739. I mean at the Blue Bell?—Yes, in Prospect Street.

52,740. At the same place?—Yes.

52,741. Did the setting down continue during the polling day?—I was out a good deal during that day.

52,742. Go by steps: were there some names more set down on the polling day?—Of course there would be more set down on the polling day.

52,743. Was Mr. Bannister there by half past six?—I think not.

52,744. How soon did he come?—I do not know; I cannot tell.

52,745. He came before the polling began?—Yes; there were a many of the clerks not there at the time they ought to be.

52,746. He came some time between half past six and eight?—Yes; somewhere thereabouts.

52,747. What were you doing before Mr. Bannister came?—I was doing nothing, only I was there in readiness.

52,748. There were a great many people there helping you, were there not?—There were a few.

52,749. A great number?—Not a very great number; there were a good many there of course. They were all waiting for the leader coming.

52,750. Do you mean Mr. Bannister, or Mr. Brown?—Yes; of course he was our leading gentleman.

52,751. Did you see Mr. Brown at the Blue Bell?—No.

52,752. During the day?—No; I never saw him there. I never saw him in the room at all.

52,753. Were you the first at the Blue Bell in the morning?—The polling day morning I should think I should, as I lived in Brook Street—I think I was first there.

52,754. During the course of the day, how many more do you think there were set down?—I cannot tell, indeed; I was very little there during the time.

52,755. Some additional names were being set down during the day?—Yes.

52,756. Did that last up till nearly three o'clock—two o'clock, say?—There were continually names set down during the time.

52,757. Till two o'clock?—Yes.

52,758. Mr. Brown, we hear, gave up the contest between two and three?—I had a conveyance to take them to different parts.

52,759. You were taking voters up to the poll?—Yes.

52,760. Did you pay any of the voters you took up?—No.

52,761. They went in cabs, I suppose?—Yes.

52,762. Who engaged the cabs?—I do not know.

52,763. The cabs were already engaged?—Yes.

52,764. Plenty of them?—Yes.

52,765. And "Vote for Brown" written outside?—Yes.

52,766. Your business was to see that they voted for Brown?—Yes, of course; I took them to the poll booth, and requested them to do so.

52,767. And then came back to report how they voted?—No, I did not.

52,768. They came back and reported themselves?—Yes, they came back themselves. I left them at the polling booth door, and came away.

52,769. Then they found their way back, I dare say?—Yes.

52,770. And got their money?—And got their money, I expect.

52,771. Were they being paid during the day? paid immediately, or not paid till the evening?—Not paid till the evening.

52,772. At what o'clock did the paying begin on the polling day?—I am sure I do not know.

52,773. You were there, were you not?—Yes; I should be there during the greater part of the time. I think they would start about the usual time, four or five o'clock.

52,774. About four or five o'clock paying began?—Yes; it would begin the usual time, five or six o'clock, or perhaps four.

52,775. How late in the day did you take voters up for Mr. Brown?—Till the very last moment.

52,776. Are you sure of that?—Yes.

52,777. Did you not hear that Mr. Brown resigned between two and three o'clock?—I took them up to the very last moment.

52,778. Did you not hear that Mr. Brown resigned between two and three o'clock?—I took them up myself.

52,779. My question is, did you hear Mr. Brown resigned between two and three o'clock?—I was not aware he had resigned.

52,780. Then you did not hear it?—No.

52,781. Is it new to you now to hear that Mr. Brown resigned between two and three o'clock?—I never took any notice of it. I know very well I took some menin to Humber Street to poll, at the last moment.

52,782. As soon as the poll closed paying began?—The pay began when the polling was finished and done.

52,783. I dare say you found a few voters waiting to be paid?—Of course, poor fellows, they were always ready for the money.

52,784. How many, do you think, were paid that evening? can you tell within a few?—No, I am sure I cannot.

52,785. Might there have been as many as 500?—I do not know, indeed. I do not know any quantity.

52,786. How long did it last?—I think the polling day night we closed about dark; about nine o'clock, the polling day, when we knocked off.

52,787. It was nine o'clock at night before they finisehd?—Yes; about eight or nine, somewhere thereabouts.

52,788. Then the pay continued next day?—I do not know. I was not there after.

52,789. Did you not assist Mr. Bannister?—No, not after that day.

52,790. How many do you think then were paid?—I do not know; indeed, I do not know. I kept no account. I was not aware of anything of this. I cannot put anything in my pocket. I am not like people who can put things in their pocket, and keep a memorandum, because I am not able to do so.

52,791. How many about do you think there were, 500?—I do not know.

52,792. There might have been 500? is that so?—I cannot tell. I do not know that.

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52,793. Do you know whether there might have been as many as 500?—I am not aware what quantity there might be.

52,794. It was a considerable number, if it lasted from four o'clock until nine—five hours?—I do not know, I am sure. They all require a little bit of time to get the money, of course.

52,795. Was there a good stock of silver and gold ready?—There was silver sufficient, I believe, for every man that was there. I do not know that there was any fault found.

52,796. What money were you paid yourself?—I was paid at the rate of 5*s.* a day myself.

52,797. How much did you get?—10*s.*; I only got two days.

52,798. Was that the same as the others got?—Yes; they all got alike.

52,799. The men that were paid after they voted?—I do not know; of course, they were voters. I was no voter; I merely volunteered myself.

52,800. All the men that were paid after they voted, did they not get 10*s.* apiece?—I think they got something, after what I heard.

52,801. They all got 10*s.*, and some got 1*l.*?—I do not know; I had nothing to do with it.

52,802. In 1852, did you also assist Mr. Bannister?—No.

52,803. Who brought the money to the Blue Bell?—I do not know.

52,804. How the money came, you do not know?—No.

52,805. Did you bring it?—No; I never saw who brought it, till it was on the table, and I saw Mr. Bannister pay the men with it.

52,806. Who assisted Mr. Bannister besides you in paying the money?—He had his clerk.

52,807. Was that Mr. Wride?—I am not sure whether Mr. Wride was there or not; I do not know.

52,808. If he was not, who was?—There were several clerks, but I did not know the names of the clerks.

52,809. Did Mr. Bannister pay you?—Yes.

52,810. Himself?—Yes.

52,811. Did you see there the lists that were being paid from? did you see the papers?—No. I think that he had a book, or something of that kind.

52,812. In 1852, you were also employed on the blue side, were you not?—Yes.

52,813. How did that happen? how did it begin?—I lived in Reform Street, at the bottom of Scott Street, at the time.

52,814. How far is that from Minerva Terrace?—It is quite a different part. I was going to tell you where I did live.

52,815. I want to have it on the notes, that is, a distance from Minerva Terrace?—Yes. I applied first to Mr. Bannister again, for a situation during this last election. "Well," he said, "Thomas, I am uninterested altogether, but I have no doubt if you apply to the central committee room, they will engage you, being a useful party in the cause." I said, "I have a room in my house, in Reform Street, will make a very good committee room." Mr. Bannister said, "There is a house next to me you can have a room in, if you do not destroy the room." "Well," I said, "that room will suit my purpose much better; I shall be among my friends in the shipping interest, and it will suit my purpose much better." He said, "You may take it, but you must not destroy it." I said that would answer my purpose.

52,816. That would answer your purpose?—It answered my purpose better than my own room.

52,817. What purpose?—Of getting runners.

52,818. Did you get runners, and put their names down there?—Yes.

52,819. You put them down?—I did not put them down; I had a clerk to put them down.

52,820. What is his name?—I had two or three. I had three on finishing. The first person I had they called George Hare; I had him four days, and two days he was drunk out of the four, and of course I unshipped him.

52,821. Where does he live?—I am sure I do not know. I had another party after him, they called Coates; whether it was John or William I do not know.

52,822. Where did Mr. Coates live?—He lived in Francis Street then; he lodged along with a man named King. I have not seen him for months. I do not know where he is.

52,823. What is his Christian name?—I do not know whether it was John, or what it was. I had him three days, two days sober, and one day drunk, and they found him in the town, with an orange bill pinned to his back, singing out "Blue for ever."

52,824. You unshipped him?—Yes.

52,825. Who was the next? where did you get another?—I got a young man they called Purvis; he had been in the Lincolnshire Railway Company's service.

52,826. You had a little refreshment going on in this room?—No; never a smell.

52,827. That was the reason he was obliged to go elsewhere?—We had not any.

52,828. Where did Purvis live?—He lived against Daniel's, the Jew's, in a cook shop; he was lodging along with his wife's mother, abreast of Wellington Street end.

52,829. Where does he live now?—I do not know.

52,830. Where did you light on him?—I met him at the water side; he being at the

Railway. I met him at the water side, and I thought, he being a decent fellow, I would take him. I thought the others were the same.

52,831. How long did Purvis stay?—He stopped the whole of the time.

52,832. What is his Christian name?—I do not know. I will get it for you.

52,833. How long before the election was it you took this room?—About three weeks, or a month.

52,834. Who used there to be at this room, besides yourself and the runners?—The clerks.

52,835. No other besides yourself and the clerks?—No.

52,836. These clerks were busy taking the names down?—Of course they always stopped; a part of them were out of the place altogether. If anybody came to put their names down, and I was out, they stopped till I came back. Me and the clerk would both be out sometimes, and then I would put one of the runners in charge till I came back, and I said, "If anybody comes, keep them until I come back."

52,837. You used to go and convass for runners?—Yes.

52,838. And send them to the room?—Yes.

52,839. How many runners do you think came there, and had their names set down?—I think they had about a hundred once, but there were a good many run me. I think the outside was somewhere about a hundred I had first.

52,840. Many of them ran away?—Yes.

52,841. And you did the best to fill up their vacancies?—I did, as soon as possible.

52,842. And how many do you think you got in the room of those that ran away? another hundred?—I think I polled about seventy odd. Seventy odd I polled, out of my lot that I had altogether.

52,843. How many do you think you lost?—I had about a hundred altogether, and I polled seventy.

52,844. I thought you said you had a hundred at one time?—Yes; but part of them ran me, and I think I completed about seventy. I might poll a few more, I do not know, but I think I had a hundred, the outside.

52,845. Of the remaining thirty, did you see them with the orange colours afterwards?—I heard talk of a many of them.

52,846. Have you a list there?—No, I have no list.

52,847. Who had the list?—All the documents I had in that room, went to the central committee room.

52,848. Mr. Bannister came from time to time, I suppose, to see how you were going on?—No; he was never in the room.

52,849. Did he not go there from time to time?——

52,850. You went to him?—I did apply to him several times when I was afraid of doing anything wrong. I asked him a few questions, as to whether I should do right or wrong.

52,851. What sort of a question did you ask?—There were several parties applied to me to give them something and have their names put down; I wanted to know whether it was right or wrong.

52,852. They wanted some earnest?—Yes. I wanted to do the thing that was right, and that was not allowed, and I received my order from the central committee room, and nothing was to be given in that way.

52,853. We know to a shilling how much you had?—I do not; if I knew I would tell you.

52,854. That we have heard already.—I sent it in to that effect.

52,855. How many days did you set them down? for four days for a plumper, and two days for a split vote?—I never mentioned such a thing.

52,856. What was the understanding?—We started four days the first commencement; I paid them 5*s.* a day what I had on for the first time, and after that I paid them 3*s.* 6*d.* till after the election was over. I paid them at the rate of 3*s.* 6*d.* a day but stopped a shilling a day until after the election was over, afraid my runners would run me, as there were so many temptations laid before them.

52,857. Did you pay away in that way all the money you received?—Every shilling.

52,858. All of it you paid in that way?—I paid it all in that way, every penny; there was not a penny otherwise.

52,859. Did you get the money from Mr. Bannister?—No.

52,860. Who did you get the money from? direct from the central committee?—Mr. Wride, I believe, fetched it from Mr. Wells; I believe he did, I do not know. He brought the money to me, of course. The clerk called the names over; Mr. Wride was at one end of the table, and I at the other, and Mr. Wride took the money and put it down, and when all was paid he took the list away.

52,861. How many days were the men paid who were paid 3*s.* 6*d.* a day?—They were all paid 3*s.* 6*d.* a day after the first four days, and I think there were about six the first four days that got 5*s.* a day.

52,862. It was about three weeks before the election, was it not?—It was.

52,863. Were they paid 3*s.* 6*d.* a day until the election, or only a certain number of days?—For all the time till the election took place they were paid.

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52,864. The first you had on were paid 5*s.* a day for four days?—Yes; I believe th a is the number as far as I can state.

52,865. Were they paid weekly?—Yes, every Saturday night.

52,866. The first that were paid 5*s.* were about six I think you say?—Yes; I think there were about six, to the best of my knowledge.

52,867. Do you remember their names?—I am sure I cannot say; there was Thomas Bust.

52,868. Who else?—Thomas Leeke.

52,869. Can you give us the names of the other four?—I am sure I cannot say; George Lythe was one.

52,870. Can you remember the other three?—I am sure I do not know that I can.

52,871. The other men, were they paid weekly?—Yes, they were all paid weekly. I dare say you have a list of them all, better than I know; I cannot call them to mind at present.

52,872. Those added, were they paid every day from the time, put on until the election came?—Yes; I never paid any off till the election was over, all that I clapped on.

52,873. Some of them were paid as much as three guineas?—I do not know; you see what they got, of course; I have no account of it.

52,874. How many did you pay the second week?—I do not know; I cannot tell that, I am sure.

52,875. The rest were 3*s.* 6*d.* a day?—Yes.

52,876. How much money do you remember was distributed in that way the previous election?—I do not know; I never counted the money. When the money came to me on Saturday night, it was in a bag, and I gave every man the money he wanted out of the bag, and when they were all paid, I gave Wride the bag and he took it away. I do not know what was in it and what remained; I did not want the handling of it any more than paying the men for their labour, and done with them.

52,877. Who was present when you paid?—Mr. Wride, the person who brought the money.

52,878. Mr. Wride, you, and your clerk?—Yes.

52,879. Was that all?—Yes.

52,880. Were most of these persons acquaintances of yours, these runners?—They knew me, most of them.

52,881. And you knew them?—Of course; and I should know them by sight now, not by name; they would all know me.

52,882. Most of them, I should think, knew you by name?—No.

52,883. How would you address them?—There are some Duncans, clockmakers.

52,884. And Ion, was he one, do you know him?—I do not know; I cannot bring to recollection.

52,885. Robinson?—I do not know him.

52,886. Do you remember him as one Charles Robert Robinson?—Yes; I think I recollect a man of that name, but he was a stranger.

52,887. Do you remember William Stather, was he one?—I do not know; he is a stranger to me.

52,888. The man who lives in Temperance Street?—I do not know him by name; I do not, indeed.

52,889. William Root?—William Root was one of the first, if I recollect right. I do not know whether George Smith was one; I cannot say; I do not know whether he was or not.

52,890. But you believe he was?—Yes; I am sure I could not say.

52,891. William Harrison, do you remember him?—Do you recollect him by name.

52,892. William Coverdale?—A sailmaker,—I think I remember him.

52,893. Altass' Gallery he lives in?—Yes; I recollect the man.

52,894. John Farnell?—Yes; I think he was a sailmaker.

52,895. William Horner, was he one of them also?—I do not recollect.

52,896. John Taylor, of Scott Street?—There was a John Taylor, a sailor; I do not recollect whether he was one.

52,897. Charles Worsdale?—I do not recollect him.

52,898. Do you remember William Palmer?—I cannot say; I do not know the man.

52,899. A man of the name of Edward Dobson has been here, do you recollect him?—Yes; he was a basket maker, he was a runner; I remember him.

52,900. There were some men of the name of Lowery?—Yes; there were some Lowerys.

52,901. Four of them, were there not?—I do not know whether there were four or not; there was one.

52,902. Samuel, George, John, and Henry?—I knew they all went that side; I do not know about them. I recollect one of them; I do not know whether there were others or not.

52,903. George Lowery, of East Street, Drypool?—Yes; I think I had not got that name.

52,904. Samuel Lowery, of John Street; John Lowery, of East Street, and Charles

Lowery, of 4, Church Street?—I think I had only one Lowery to the best of my recollection.

52,905. Which of them was it? where did he live?—I think he lived in Drypool.

52,906. Any of the Stephensons, do you recollect them?—I recollect some of the Stephensons.

52,907. William Stephenson, do you know the man?—I do not; Thomas Rogerson, I know him.

52,908. Are you sure you do not know anybody of the name of Stephenson who would be there?—I cannot be sure, but I cannot recollect the name.

52,909. You think there was one of the name of Stephenson?—I think I have some recollection of Stephenson, but I will not be positive.

52,910. George Whitaker?—Yes; there was a Whitaker; I think he was a sail-maker.

52,911. Percival Beautyman, was he one?—Yes; I think there were four Beautyman's.

52,912. William Palmer?—I think I recollect something about Palmer, but I cannot tell you.

52,913. According to your belief, was he one of them?—I thought I had recollected some one of them.

52,914. Robert Young?—I do not know him by name.

52,915. There are several men of the name of Young we hear, in your party, had you any of them at your place?—I am sure I do not know; they were all in the list, and the list went away every Saturday night. We never saw them more, and as I said I could not make any memorandum of them; the list was correct.

52,916. George Treke, was he one?—I do not know; I am sure I cannot say.

52,917. You do not remember him?—No.

52,918. John Colley, do you remember him?—Yes, of Porter Street.

52,919. And Charles King?—Yes; Francis Street, he lives in.

52,920. And John Nicholson, do you remember him?—I do not recollect at present a man of that name.

52,921. Do you remember any of the Nicholsons?—No.

52,922. Used these men to stay at the room?—Yes; their orders were to come every morning at eight o'clock.

52,923. What came to them then?—I found them all the employment I could; I sent them out with lists, and sent them on board ship to get runners.

52,924. You sent them to get more runners?—Yes; I kept them all employed to the best of my ability.

52,925. Still you found it rather difficult to find employment for them all?—I did sometimes, but I did my best towards keeping them at work.

52,926. You would send them to see what o'clock it was, I suppose?—Anything, as long as it was doing something. My orders were, to give every man a job that had not had one; and when I was out of the room, my second mate would.

52,927. Who was he?—The man I used to leave.

52,928. What is his name?—Thomas Bust; he had been master of a ship.

52,929. Did he seem to understand the business pretty well?—I made him understand it as well as I could.

52,930. You told him to keep the men at work as well as he could?—Yes; that is his duty.

52,931. Anything better than nothing?—Yes, of course.

52,932. I suppose there was some money coming to these people, when the election was over?—Yes; they got the remainder.

52,933. Who paid them?—I paid them.

52,934. With the assistance, I suppose, of the others?—Yes; they were paid in the usual manner.

52,935. You paid the arrears?—Yes; they had the arrears of pay.

52,936. You had the poll book at the time, to see that they had voted all right?—Our lists were taken round to every committee room to see that they had not got paid in other places before we started to pay them, so that they might not get paid twice over; it was taken round to see that they were only paid once. I did not want to waste other people's money more than my own.

52,937. Was it taken also to see that they had voted all right?—Yes, of course.

52,938. Then, when you found that they had voted all right, and had not been paid before, you paid them?—Yes.

52,939. Did any of these thirty, who ran away from you, try it on to see if they could get any money after the election was over?—No.

52,940. They knew better than that?—Yes.

52,941. They would not have had much chance with an old hand like you?—They would not have had a chance from me, if I knew it.

52,942. Still, I thought that they might try it on?—Yes; they will try it on sometimes.

52,943. But they knew better than to try it on with you?—I do not like anybody to be robbed.

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52,944. Are you sure none of them came?—Not that I am aware of, none of them; they might try it on, there might be some, but if they did, they did not get paid.

52,945. Will you say you did not see Nicholson? he was a well known person in this town, William Henry Nicholson?—I am sure I do not know him.

52,946. He carries on the business of a farmer of votes; he sells votes, and he tells us he sold eighty in one lot for 160*l.*?—I had several came to me, but I would do nothing for them.

52,947. Had you many came to you?—Yes; I had all that lot from the Pilot Boy, and several carpenters came to me.

52,948. The Pilot Boy, Wharam's?—Yes; and carpenters, independent of them that were working about the yards, continually came to me to know what could be done.

52,949. What the price was?—Yes; what we could give them. I told them not so much as a gill of ale, and I told them, "if you have a mind to be put down as a runner, you will get your wages, if not, you will get nothing else here."

52,950. Did you tell them what the runners were getting a day?—Yes; and they would be paid in the same manner.

52,951. Did they say 5*s.* would be nearer their price than 3*s.* 6*d.*?—I do not know that that was mentioned; they said, if I would not take them on, they would go elsewhere and get it, it did not matter.

52,951a. Who were the carpenters?—The first party that came to me was a man of the name of King; he had gone at the election previous along with the same tribe; he neglected last election to get anything, and he thought he might as well have a few shillings now as nothing, and he said he would leave those fellows he was at the Pilot Boy with. That was the nomination day.

52,952. He was from the Pilot Boy?—Yes; he came to me and wanted to know what could be done.

52,953. What is his address and his Christian name?—I am sure I do not know.

52,954. Do not you know where he lives?—His brother lives in Francis Street.

52,955. Is his name Matthew?—He is a carpenter, and that is all I know.

52,956. And you cannot tell us his Christian name, or where he lives?—I am sure I cannot, I know the man—I know so many, but I do not know their names. I said to him, "You had better by half have your name set down while you are here, and make sure," and he said he would have his name set down; and I said, "Go to the Pilot Boy, and if you can get all them parties set down in the same string, I will set them all down in the same way;" and he went, but they never came near hand.

52,957. Was he paid?—Yes, he was paid.

52,958. Did you pay him?—I think he was paid two days, to the best of my knowledge.

52,959. You paid him, and King was to go and get the rest?—I did not pay him; I put his name down as a runner, and he was paid afterwards.

52,960. You sent him to run to the Pilot Boy to fetch all the rest?—If they would come. He went, of course, but he could not persuade them to come; they were going to the other party.

52,361. Do you know any others who came to you?—No; I do not recollect any others.

52,962. Wharam's party, did they come to you?—I think not. I heard talk of them, but I do not think they came to me, that party; I do not know. There were several came and said, "There are five or six of us;" but I do not know where they came from.

52,963. Do not you know who they were?—No, I do not recollect who they were.

52,964. Do not you remember any of the other names of the persons who were set down?—No.

52,965. I have given you all the names that I have upon this paper before me?—I do not recollect at present.

52,966. Upon consideration you may be able to tell us?—I am sure I will tell you all I know.

52,967. Cannot you make out a list of people whom you set down?—I am sure I cannot.

52,968. You know them all?—I should not know them; I knew them by sight and so on, but I never knew their names. They were men who would know me, but I did not know them; my business took me among so many different parties on board ships.

52,969. Used you to tell Mr. Bannister from time to time what was going on?—He was not interfering with it at all; he would have no communication with it at all.

52,970. Who paid for the room?—It never was paid for at all to any one, to my knowledge.

52,971. It was Mr. Bannister's own room?—I believe he had the house to let, and the only thing he said to me was "You must not destroy the house." Of course I took care of the house not to destroy it, but there was no charge, not to my knowledge, by anybody.

52,972. How soon did you begin reporting to the central committee, because they say they never heard of you till just before the election?—I was there every night from the commencement.

52,973. At the central committee?—Yes.

52,974. Who did you see there?—I saw Mr. Wells, Mr. Thomas Ward and all. I received my information from them, whatever I did have.

52,975. You saw Mr. Wells and Mr. Ward every day?—Every evening I was there.

52,976. And received your instructions from them?—The instructions came to me, to my committee room, of what I was to do.

52,977. And you reported what you had done to the central committee?—Of course; only I was cautioned particularly to do nothing wrong against the law.

52,978. And you told Mr. Wells, from time to time, what was going on, and his answer was, "Mind you do not do anything that is wrong"?—Of course; that is all the caution I had. I did apply some time to the central committee room to allow us the privilege, as there was so much given from the other party. I begged permission to give as many shillings as the other party did pounds, as there was a fear of getting the other men in, and they said "No; we will not give the money."

52,979. You think if you had given away as many shillings as the other party did pounds, that you would be sure of winning the election?—Yes; I am sure of that. There was too much tide; I asked that question and sent in to the committee room myself.

52,980. Did you talk to Mr. Cattley?—No.

52,981. Mr. Gleadow?—No. I sent a note into the committee room; I do not know who got it.

52,982. Who wrote it?—My clerk

52,983. Which clerk?—Purvis.

52,984. You wanted to give the money, and they would not let you?—No; hey tied us to that.

52,985. They tied you to the plan of merely having runners and paying them?—Yes; every man for his labour, that was all.

52,986. There was no harm in doing that, I presume?—I should think not; I have always been in the habit of paying men that worked for me.

52,987. The central committee did not think that there was anything wrong, or Mr. Wells did not think so?—I should think not; the other parties were giving so much.

52,988. You can write, can you not?—No.

52,989. What is your name?—Thomas Lidgard.

52,990. Here is a note in your writing, with your signature?—Not mine.

52,991. It is a note with your signature?—No; it is not mine.

52,992. Not your writing?—No; and if you want any satisfaction upon that, if you apply to John Thorney or his son, they will soon satisfy you.

52,993. You did not set down any who were not voters?—No; I did not set down anybody. I am not able to do so, and I am very sorry for it.

52,994. Did you direct any to be set down, not being voters?—No.

52,995. This is the paper I am referring to, "Dock Basin." Is that your place?—Yes.

52,996. This is the note that has your signature written by somebody else: "Sir,—We have many applications by the porters and others, at this room, for places and runners; the parties have no vote, but state that they had a partial promise from you this morning: please say whether these men are to be employed or not.' That is sent by you to Mr. Steeple. Do you recollect telling your clerk to write that note?—Yes; I have a recollection of that.

52,997. What persons did that note relate to? Were these porters and so on?—They were the men that were on the packet side; there are a lot of those men that carry gentlemen's luggage, and they wanted clapping on; and of course, I could not clap them on.

52,998. Why not?—Because they were not voters.

52,999. Therefore you could not clap them on?—No; because they were no use to us.

53,000. What answer did Mr. Steeple send to that letter?—I do not recollect.

53,001. Try?—I do not recollect, I am sure.

53,002. Did you get any answer?—I do not know; I should think I should have an answer of some sort, but I do not know.

53,003. You paid your people, I think you say, from week to week?—Yes.

53,004. Do you recollect without remembering the names, whether you paid a good many more the second week than you did the first?—Yes; we should pay for more the second week.

53,005. A good many more?—Yes.

53,006. This commenced about three weeks before the election?—Yes.

53,007. You have spoken of being at the Blue Bell upon these occasions, these two years, 1847 and 1852?—Yes.

53,008. Were you also at the Shakspeare at any time?—No.

53,009. Did you see Mr. Davis at the Shakespeare?—Yes, of course; that is 1841, and not 1847.

53,010. Were you at the Shakespeare in 1841?—Yes; several times.

53,011. Do not you remember paying some money at the Shakespeare in 1841?—No.

53,012. Were you there with Mr. Bannister in 1841?—No

53,013. What were you at the Shakespeare for in 1841?—I went with Mr. Davis.

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53,014. Edwin Davis?—Yes.

53,015. Do you remember being there in 1841 with Mr. Davis?—Yes.

53,016. Did you pay some people there?—No.

53,017. What were you there with Mr. Davis for?—I was there several times.

53,018. With Mr. Davis?—Yes.

53,019. What for?—On one occasion Mr. Davis had stated of my runners before the polling day, that all my men wanted the balance of the money paid up, or else they would not vote for us.

43,020. That is the last election you are speaking of, 1852?—Yes.

53,021. I ask about 1852, and you speak of 1841?—I know nothing of it.

53,022. Nothing of what?—Of 1841.

53,023. But you said 1841?—I ask pardon then; it was a mistake.

53,024. Then when was this that you were there in 1852?—I think it was the day before the nomination day.

53,025. And Davis was there?—Yes.

53,026. State what passed about these runners?—I will tell you what passed, if you will allow me: as to my men, these poor fellows, they are considered the best fellows among the lot of burgesses. I got one gentleman among them and he confused all the rest of the poor fellows; he said, "We will have all our money to-night, or else we will not poll for them,—all the back money."

53,027. Where was that said?—That was said in my committee room, my men came to me and said so.

53,028. Who was the man that said that?—I will tell you the man that started it,—Robert Rowen—he was the man that confused these men of mine. He said, and they all said together, they would have all the back money paid, or else they would not poll.

53,029. How many were present do you think when Rowen said that?—I am sure I do not know; I took him to Mr. Davis and another or two, to decide the subject.

53,030. This was very like a mutiny?—It was like a mutiny; of course it was.

53,331. It was a regular mutiny?—Yes; they were all up in arms immediately.

53,032. How many were in arms, about?—Perhaps there may be about a dozen of them; I cannot say.

53,033. If they did not have the back pay, that they would not vote?—That they would not vote.

53,034. Upon that, did you send for Mr. Davis?—No.

53,035. Did you go to him?—Yes, I went to him; if you will allow me I will tell you: Robert Rowen came to me and said, "We shall have all the back money paid, which we are all promised, and if you do not pay it up we shall not vote." I said, "I can do nothing of the kind." I said, "You will not get one farthing of the back money until after you have polled." This I said to them, and they said they would have it. I said, "No, you will not have it from me." They said, "We have been to the central committee room," which they had been. They had been very tormentary to the central committee room; they wanted redress there, but they knew nothing of them, and he goes to Mr. Davis; they were at him; and then Robert Rowen came to me and said Mr. Davis had told him I could pay them if I liked. I said, "Come along with me to Mr. Davis, let us have you at once," and away we went to the Shakspeare, and I said, "Mr. Davis, I understand you have been confusing my men, saying that I can pay them if I like." He said, "I deny it." I said, "I can do nothing of the kind, and I should never attempt if I could." He said, "I said nothing of the kind; the only thing I said to your men was, that any promise you made we should be answerable for." This man went up with me, and I said, "Now Robert, you hear what Mr. Davis says." He said, "It was so-and-so told me this." He first said Mr. Davis told him, and then he put it off to some one else, and I said, "None of your gammon; it is all gammon altogether."

53,036. And you did not pay them?—No.

53,037. Did Mr. Davis go back with you to your room where the men were?—No, I think not. I said, "Mr. Davis, I hope you will not interfere with my men any more, leave them to me if you please," and he said he would not, and he did not.

52,038. He did not seem to interfere much; the man came and told you a story?—Yes.

53,039. Did they all go to Mr. Davis, or only Rowen?—Only Robert Rowen.

53,040. Did all those men vote for you?—Yes.

53,041. And you paid them?—Yes.

53,042. Have you given us the names of those twelve men? They are remarkable persons.—What twelve?

53,043. You say there were twelve who mutinied; the mutineers.—I said there might be twelve, but I could not pick them out.

53,044. How many went to Mr. Davis?—Mr. Rowen, and another or two followed.

53,045. Do you recollect who followed?—No; I recollect the gentleman who brought the mutiny out.

53,046. Did you compare your list with Mr. Davis's? He says you compared your list set down with his list.—We generally did, so that we might not have his men upon our books.

53,047. Did you do that at every committee room?—Yes.

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53,048. Not only the central, but at every committee room?—Every committee room once a week, to see that there was nothing done wrong.

53,049. And if found to be in some other list, were they struck out of your list or the others?—Just which they thought proper; if I considered them my men it was struck out of theirs.

53,050. And you went every week to every committee?—Yes; every week to every committee before we paid them.

53,051. You are speaking of the men who left the orange party; do you know a man of the name of William Leeke?—Yes.

53,052. He could not run, I believe?—He could walk.

53,053. Was he not very lame?—He is a man who has had a paralytic stroke, but he is not disabled from walking, and running occasionally perhaps; he is a man who can walk about.

53,054. He was one of your runners from the beginning?—He was.

53,055. He could vote?—We did not request him to run, because there were plenty of them, without him, that could run, if we wanted any.

53,056. Did you tell Mr. Bannister what the purpose was, or explain to him what the room was wanted for?—Yes.

Adjourned till to-morrow at ten o'clock.

THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY.—Thursday, 21st July, 1853.

Mr. HENRY BARKWORTH sworn, and examined.

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53,057. Do you occupy a house or any premises in this town?—Yes, I occupy premises; I am a partner in a firm.

53,058. What is the amount either of the rent or the rate?—I believe it is about 330*l.* a year rated at; I do not know what the rental is exactly.

53,059. You are in partnership?—Yes.

53,060. Who with?—My brother, John Balderson Barkworth.

53,061. As merchants?—Yes.

53,062. Are you a voter as an occupier of premises within the borough?—I voted as an occupier of premises.

53,063. How long have you been qualified?—I really do not know.

53,064. How many elections have you voted at?—Only in 1847. I voted in 1847 as a freeman, and was struck off by mistake from the freeman's register, so I voted as a householder.

53,065. Last time?—Yes; and in 1847 as a freeman.

53,066. Who did you vote for in 1847?—For Baines and Brown.

53,067. Did you take any interest in the election of 1841?—No, none at all.

53,068. Nor in that of 1847?—No, none at all.

53,069. In 1852, I believe you were a member of the committee organized on behalf of Messrs. Moore and Butler?—Yes.

53,070. And you voted for those gentlemen?—Yes.

53,071. Which committee was it that you were a member of?—Of the central committee.

53,072. From the commencement of its organization?—Yes.

53,073. We hear that you superintended some arrangements for paying the Barton and other voters?—I had nothing to do with the Barton voters at all.

53,074. Out-voters?—Yes; but that did not comprise either the Barton or the Hedon voters.

53,075. What were these arrangements that you did undertake?—I settled the accounts.

53,076. Begin at the beginning: how came the subject mentioned?—It was undertaken by Mr. Pease, and he had not time to attend to it, and so about three days before the election I took it in hand; that was how I began it.

53,077. And premises were taken in Quay Street?—I went to Mr. Lambert the day before the election, or the night before the nomination day, and he let a room for the purpose of paying the out-voters, to prevent confusion in the central committee.

53,078. It was either the night before the nomination or the nomination day?—Yes; I think it was the day before the nomination day.

53,079. What had taken place, with reference to the out-voters before that?—Nothing at all; they had not been seen after at all until within three or four days before the election, I believe.

53,080. They had been written to?—Yes, many had; but things had not been done systematically as they ought to have been, until about three or four days before the election.

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53,081. Had you any lists of who they were? of their names?—Yes, by degrees; but I think the proper book was only copied about two days before the election; they were got together by piecemeal.

53,082. Probably that is the book marked B. C., the alphabetical list of non-resident voters?—Yes, that is it; but I think there were two or three books.

53,083. Were the observations and marks in it made under your superintendence?—There are a few in my own handwriting.

53,084. And probably the whole were made under your superintendence?—No, it was not indeed.

53,085. You had it probably after it was made?—This book was made up from other books where minutes had been made, and it was copied out afresh before the election.

53,086. Is that the book from which you paid? it has various marks.—It has the amounts put here, that were paid on account.

53,087. Is that the very book that you had when you paid them?—I did not pay them, but this is the very book no doubt.

53,088. There is another book apparently made for the same purpose, but containing not quite so many names in it; can you tell whether that was made before?—This book would be compiled from that, and something else.

53,089. They were both books laying upon the table, the two alphabetical books, only one contains more names than the other?—Yes.

53,090. They were paid from one or each of these books?—No, they were not.

53,091. Were they paid from a book?—No; they were paid from a list that was made out for Mr. Dixon,—only a list in a penny memorandum book from which they were paid. I put down in it how much they had had on account, and how much he was to pay them, and who he was to pay.

53,092. That was done on slips of paper?—No; in a penny memorandum book.

53,093. Do you know what became of that book?—I burnt it.

53,094. When was it burnt?—I burnt it with some other old papers in the spring of this year.

53,095. Before you burnt it, or at any other time, were the entries transferred into any other book?—No.

53,096. Did you burn a good many other papers relating to the election?—I burnt a lot of pay lists; at least the weekly accounts.

53,097. Were most of the pay lists that were burnt, burnt by yourself?—I do not know of any others; I burnt all that were given to me by Mr. Ward. I cannot speak to other people.

53,098. In the spring of this year?—Yes.

53,099. Were they burnt before or after the hearing and inquiry before the election committee?—It would be after that election committee.

53,100. Had the election committee terminated?—Yes, I think it was; it was when Mr. Ward was ill at home. I think it was after the election committee finished; I know Mr. Ward was ill at home at the time.

53,101. After the members were declared to be unseated?—I think it would be so; that is the time, I can only speak from memory, that Mr. Ward was ill at home. I think it was after the petition was done with.

53,102. Were they burnt in London?—No.

53,103. Were you up in London at the time of the petition?—I was up before the petition came on.

53,104. But during the time of the inquiry, I mean?—No.

53,105. There are some entries of payments made, though not many, in the alphabetical book; are they entries that were not in the memorandum book that you destroyed?—Those would be payments on account, I think, entirely; I think so, to the best of my memory.

53,106. I observe here the letters M. B. and C. G., meaning of course, the initials of the candidates and figures put opposite to them. Were they put after they voted?—I am sure I cannot say.

53,107. Does it mean to record the promise or the performance?—I really cannot say how that was; before they were paid we ascertained how they had voted; I do not know whether these were inserted after the election or before the election. A great many books were posted up after the election which were perfectly useless.

53,108. Were all the out-voters, who voted for Moore and Butler, paid?—Yes.

53,109. And none of those, I take for granted, who voted for Clay and Goderich?—Of course not.

53,110. Whether they promised to vote for you or not, you would not pay them?—There were one or two men who got money on account, and then voted for Clay and Goderich.

53,111. Voted against you afterwards?—Yes.

53,112. Of those who voted for Clay and Goderich you paid none afterwards?—Of course not; we should not pay people who voted against us. I believe I had this book at the central committee to see that the people voted, and looked through the return list and made these entries, and sent them on.

53,113. It was done by you, or under your superintendence?—Yes; and if he voted right, he would go to Quay Street and get paid.

53,114. Would they be paid immediately?—In most instances they would.

53,115. Or did you give a ticket at the central committee, and send them to Quay Street?—In most instances the voter got his polling card certified by the Conservative law clerk.

53,116. The law clerk, did you say?—The agent, whoever he was. There was an agent at each booth, and he would say, "So and so has voted Moore and Butler;" and he would take that ticket to No. 7, Quay Street, and get his money.

53,117. Were the sums that each voter was to be paid fixed before they voted, or was it made the subject of arrangement after they had voted?—They were all fixed before. I fixed them the night before the election, as to how much each man was to receive; there were some few deviations from that, but not many.

53,118. You fixed it before you knew exactly what the expenses would be?—No; I fixed them at the first class fare.

53,119. Tell us how you fixed the sum—by what process you arrived at the specific sum?—I went through Bradshaw's Guide, and took out the first class fare each way, and allowed from 5*s.* to 10*s.* for expenses.

53120. So that it would be a very simple process when it came to paying, all these details being arranged beforehand by the means you have pointed out?—Yes; but I do not think there was much above half of them paid at Quay Street, after all.

53,121. Where were the rest paid?—A great many people paid them themselves. For instance, if a man had a friend living in London or Glasgow he paid them himself, and he reimbursed him afterwards. For instance, if the men were in better circumstances they would pay their expenses themselves, and I paid them afterwards.

53,122. And you allowed from 5*s.* to 10*s.*, a varying sum?—Yes; according to the distance.

53,123. Over and above the first class fare, each way?—Yes.

53,124. To all sorts of voters, whatever their station in life might be?—Yes, from 5*s.* to 10*s.*; I did not consider it unreasonable, and I did not think it necessary to split straws for such a thing, for the sake of a few shillings.

53,125. The question is not whether it was unreasonable?—No; I stated the fact before.

53,126. You paid the first class fare to all, whatever their condition in life might be?—Yes.

53,127. How would you enter those who would have to come some distance by the road?—I really do not know that anybody did. I do not think there was anybody come by road, that I know of.

53,128. They might have come eight or ten miles to reach the nearest railway station?—I do not remember any such circumstance.

53,129. Were they paid anything beyond that, by way of refreshment or loss of time? or was 5*s.* or 10*s.* considered to cover that?—I do not think any of them exceeded 10*s.*; perhaps that half-sovereign was calculated as for loss of time, or expenses, or something of that sort.

53,130. Barton, Hedon, and Cottingham, you said you had nothing to do with?—I did not mention Cottingham, but I did not pay in Cottingham.

53,131. Were there any others besides those three, that were not included in your arrangement?—No, I do not remember any; I think there was no one else.

53,132. Hessle and Skidby?—No, there was no expense; a carriage was sent there.

53,133. From Hessle and Ferrily, they would come by rail?—I did notpay any of them.

53,134. Was there any limit within which you did not pay?—At Barton there was an agent, and at Hedon there was an agent, and I do not know anything about it.

53,135. Was Mr. Grayburn your agent at Barton?—I do not know that he was.

53,136. Do you know who arranged for Hedon?—No, not at all.

53,137. Was there any agent at Barton?—I do no know.

53,138. I thought you said there was an agent at Barton?—I believe there was, but I do not know of my own knowledge.

53,139. We do not ask the name, but the fact?—There was an agent at Barton; I believe so.

53,140. We do not trouble you for the name, merely the fact that there was one at Barton?—Yes.

53,141. And at Cottinghams?—I do not know that there was at all.

53,142. You have not heard that?—I have not heard that.

53,143. At Hedon?—I do not know that there was at all.

53,144. Did you hear?—I rather think there was, and I think there were some neighbouring Holderness villages that he took into his circuit; I am not quite sure.

53,145. Skidby?—That is close to Cottingham; if there was one at Cottingham he would take that, but I do not know.

53,146. How were you furnished with the money?—I got some, I think, from Mr. Harris, and some from Mr. Ward.

53,147. Do you know how much it was altogether?—I believe about 160*l.* went through my hands.

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53,148. Did you disburse it—Mr. Ward has mentioned the sums—did you disburse them all?—No; I did not disburse hardly any of it, but I settled it.

53,149. Mr. Dixon paid it?—Yes.

53,150. He actually paid it?—Yes; he accounted to me for it; 160*l.* was accounted to me for from various people.

53,151. Which you had from Mr. Ward?—No; Mr. Harris gave Dixon his money, but he accounted to me for it.

53,152. You had 160*l.* altogether?—Accounted for to me; I had not the money.

53,153. Mr. Dixon assisted you in the payment?—No, he did not assist me at all; he paid them himself.

53,154. Dixon sat in Quay Street?—Yes.

53,155. And made the payments when the tickets were presented?—Yes.

53,156. That is assisting you?—I do not know that it is assisting me; it is assisting the cause.

53,157. He assisted in your department?—It was thrust upon me entirely.

53,158. You were at the central room?—Yes.

53,159. And Mr. Dixon at Quay Street?—Yes.

53,160. And the tickets were given which Mr. Dixon paid?—Yes.

53,161. Then you and Dixon between you settled the affairs of the out-voters?—He settled it as far as 70*l.* went; the other 90*l.* he had nothing to do with.

53,162. Who did that?—It was made out of payments on account of people who paid people themselves. For instance, Mr. Brodrick had two or three seamen come from Newcastle; he paid those himself, and I paid him again; and Austin had a brother or two from London; he paid them himself, and I paid him. I reimbursed Mr. Wells all the money he paid on account. I merely settled the thing and arranged it, that is all.

53,163. The 91*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* which is put down, who paid that?—Various people. As I told you before, I reimbursed any advances that were made.

53,164. That constitutes all the repayments and previous advances?—No; partly that and partly people who paid it for themselves, which I had nothing in the world to do with, except to pass.

53,165. There is a sum of 5*l* has been mentioned,—a particular sum of 5*l.*?—Yes; I have heard of it.

53,166. We understand you desired a previous witness to make a communication about it?—Yes; he had been accused of it, so I thought he had better say it was me.

53,167. Probably you would like to make a statement yourself?—No; except that Mr. Baines did not pay his own debts, and left it to us to pay.

53,168. What did you hear about that?—I understood that the Holderness committee had undertaken that these men should have the 10*s.* apiece upon Mr. Baines' account.

53,169. The Holderness committee for Mr. Baines?—Yes; for Mr. Baines.

53,170. They had not cleared off old scores?—No.

53,171. That is to say, the 10*s.* a vote?—Yes, the 10*s.* apiece; Mr. Brown had paid them I understood.

53,172. Were these Brown and Baines' men?—I was told so, but I cannot say of my own knowledge.

53,173. 10*s.* apiece we hear was the price upon that occasion?—Yes; and Mr. Harris having been upon the Holderness committee, these men held him personally answerable for the money.

53,174. The Holderness men?—Yes; they singled him out as having to do with this present election.

53,175. They singled out Mr. Harris, who had taken an interest, I believe, on behalf of Mr. Baines?—He was on the Holderness committee.

53,176. Who had taken an interest for Mr. Baines in the Holderness committee?—Yes.

53,177. Did you heard what the persons' names were?—No; I never heard them named.

53,178. They held him personally liable?—Yes.

53,179. You did not hear the names of the men?—No.

53,180. Did you hear their number?—Yes.

53,181. How many did you hear that there were?—Ten of them.

53,182. Who did you hear that from?—I really cannot say; I do not know.

53,183. When did you hear of it?—At the commencement of the election.

53,184. What do you mean by the commencement of the election?—The commencement of the canvassing.

53,185. That is about three weeks before the election?—I do not know how long it was.

53,186. About that? a fortnight or three weeks, or a month?—I do not know; it might be a month or three weeks.

53,187. The commencement of the election might be the polling day?—No; the commencement of the canvassing I mean.

53,188. A few weeks before?—Yes, a few weeks before.

53,189. Had you heard repeatedly during the canvass complaints of these non-payments?—I cannot say repeatedly, because it was all done in a day or two, or a couple of days. I heard from somebody in the Holderness ward that the men were complaining

loudly about not paying the 10*s.*, and they called Mr. Baines a blue candidate, which he had no pretension to be, and they all seemed to hold our committee answerable for the claims.

53,190. You understood, in plain English, that they would not vote for Mr. Harris's candidate, whatever his principles were, unless Mr. Harris's former debts were paid?—No; but I understood there would be a great commotion, if they met Mr. Harris, that they would dun him for it.

53,191. And would not vote?—No; I never heard that.

53,192. But is not that what you understood?—No; I think they would have voted for the blues anyhow, but I think there would have been a very great unpleasantness, particularly as Mr. Clay's men were being paid the 10*s.* two or three days before; it was that that set these men in motion.

53,193. Is that so, that you had heard that the back demands of Mr. Clay were being paid?—Yes.

53,194. Do not you observe the distinction that there is in one instance? Mr. Clay was the candidate again, and Mr. Baines was not?—I said it was a great shame that we should pay Mr. Baines's debts. I always said so, but it was for expediency. I paid it for expediency sake.

53,195. It would have been a hazardous experiment to have omitted to pay them?—No, I do not think it would have been a hazardous experiment; I think the men would have voted for Moore and Butler, but I think if Mr. Harris had gone down to Lime Street to canvass the men, he would have been set upon by a mob.

53,196. What do you mean by expediency?—It settled the thing, that is—

53,197. It made things smooth?—Yes.

53,198. Did you ever hear who they were?—No; I never knew a single name except the foreman's name.

53,199. Who was he?—It was in Mr. Spivey Cooper's rope yard.

53,200. But who was he?—I do not recollect his name now.

53,201. Tell us what occurred when you paid the money?—I did not pay them the money.

53,202. When you paid the money is my question?—Who I sent it by?

53,203. Tell us what occurred?—I gave it to our foreman to give to another man to take to Mr. Spivey Cooper's foreman.

53,204. I want to know what was the name of the person you gave it to?—Edward Cornwall, our foreman; the man was not in that I intended to take it, so, as I was going away I gave it to him to take to them. I gave it to him to give to Henry Bayley.

53,205. When was that?—I am sure I cannot say.

53,206. I do not ask exactly, but about the time of day?—About half past six in the evening, just before I was going home.

53,207. On the nomination day?—No; the beginning of the canvass.

53,208. Were there a good many men employed at Mr. Cooper's ropery?—I do not know; I only heard of ten that wanted Mr. Baines's half sovereign, that is all I know about.

53,209. You gave the money in your own premises?—Yes.

53,210. Do you remember who it was who told you what the sum, and what the number was?—No; I do not know. I have not the least recollection who it was.

53,211. Was it Mr. Harris?—No. I asked Mr. Harris if it was him, and he said no, distinctly not; therefore I do not know who it was.

53,212. Did you hear it in the committee?—No, I did not.

53,213. Where did you hear it?—My impression is that I heard it from somebody in the Holderness ward. I went down there the same as other wards very often, and I think I heard it there.

53,214. While canvassing?—No; I cannot say while canvassing; it was from some one connected with the Holderness ward committee to the best of my belief.

53,215. Was that 5*l.* charged to the expenses of the late election?—No.

53,216. Then were you out of pocket the money?—No; I cannot say that I am out of pocket, because I stopped it from my subscription to the election. I subscribed so much less to the election than I should have done if I had not paid the 5*l.*

53,217. Had you agreed to subscribe a sum at this time?—Yes; I had agreed to subscribe a sum. I did not give my name in particularly, but I made up my mind what I should give.

53,218. And when pay day came, you paid 5*l.* less?—I did not agree with anybody; I paid my subscription.

53,219. I understood that you had mentioned the sum that you would give?—That would be so.

53,220. And then when pay day came, that you paid 5*l.* less than that sum?—Yes.

53,221. Is that the list of out-voters from which the alphabetical list was compiled (*handing a paper to the witness*)?—That I cannot say, I am sure; this is a rough draft.

53,222. This seems to contain entries made in it from time to time?—Yes.

53,223. One man has put against his name the words "Radical, no use."—No; it is no use in or out of town to pay men who are Radicals.

53,224. Memorandums of that description were made in it from time to time?—Yes.

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53,225. Opposite the word "Hedon" is a bracket, and the name of Iveson?—Yes; Iveson was the man who was to canvass them.

53,226. You are charged in Mr. Ward's book with the receipt of 25*l.*; that sum you have not spoken of, I think; do you know of the receipt of 25*l.*?—No; I am not charged with 25*l.*

53,227. You have spoken of 160*l.*; you are charged in Mr. Ward's book with the sums of 25*l.*, 71*l.* 1*s.*, and 95*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.*; those two last sums make up the 160*l.*?—That is all that passed through my hands.

53,228. In addition to the 70*l.* and 90*l.* which you have spoken of, you are charged with 25*l.* and 9*l.* 10*s.* in Mr. Ward's book?—I had nothing to do with 25*l.* or 9*l.* 10*s.* I believe Mr. Ward told me this morning, the 25*l.* he had advanced to Mr. Harris, and the 9*l.* is for after claims, after I settled my account; some people who had been missed out, who had not claimed before I settled my book up, came forward, and Mr. Ward paid them himself.

53,229. I understood you to say something passed about the 25*l.*?—I had nothing to do with it. Mr. Ward told me this morning he had given that to Mr. Harris to make advances with; so I understood him this morning.

53,230. The 9*l.* 10*s.* you did not disburse yourself?—No.

53,231. You say you burnt several of these things; did you burn them of your own inclination or by anybody's direction?—By my own inclination.

53,232. Had you any direction at all to do so from anybody?—None.

53,233. What was your reason?—My reason was, Mr. Ward gave me his little book with these papers to examine his book from; I never had time to do it until he was ill at home, when he sent for his book to make an analysis of the expenditure, and then when the new canvassing books for the forthcoming election were brought to me by Mr. Fowler, I had no room in the drawer that I had devoted to electioneering purposes; these things I could not understand, or make head or tail of them, so I bundled them into the fire. I made an end of one election before I began another.

53,234. You bundled some things in that did not want to be made head or tail of, you burnt that little penny book of your own?—I finished off one election before I began with another; I had not room for them, in point of fact.

53,235. That little penny book is the one that you made the payment from?—Yes; they would not throw any light upon the matter if you had them.

53,236. Who entered the payments in that book?—Mr. Dixon entered them as they were paid; each man wrote his name in the book.

53,237. You burnt the pay lists?—What do you call the pay lists? they were some weekly accounts.

53,238. What do you call them?—I never heard them called so till the other day, that is why I call them so.

53,239. I ask you this question—Before you burnt the papers and while you were examining them?—I never did examine them except that I saw they were a mass of confusion.

53,240. Did you compare them at all with the totals in Mr. Ward's little book?—No; not at all.

53,241. You had that little book?—No; I had not, because he had sent for it to his house to make an analysis of the expenditure, and I had not the book with me.

53,242. Then you never compared any of the vouchers with the totals?—No.

53,243. In short you did nothing with the papers?—Nothing at all except burn them.

53,244. How long did you keep them?—I think I had them about two months.

53,245. And burnt them just after the petition?—I burnt them to make room for the other papers which I wanted to make use of the drawer for; the drawer was so full.

53,246. Full of what?—The street books and canvassing books for the forthcoming election.

53,247. You mean for the election that is now coming on?—Yes; but when it is coming I do not know.

53,248. At that time the writ was suspended?—We did not know whether it was suspended or not; we ordered the books the very day the petition was ended.

53,249. The very day the petition was ended it would be known there would be no new election?—I did not know it.

53,250. The same day, and cotemporaneously with the decision, it was ordered that the writ should be suspended?—I did not know that, or I should not have ordered the books.

53,251. And what is more, it was known that this commission was to proceed, it was known that a future inquiry would take place the very day the committee unseated the late members?—I did not know it.

53,252. I understand that after voting, the parties came to the central committee room and got a ticket?—No; many of them went straight from the polling booth to No. 7, Quay Street.

53,253. All who went to No. 7 had a ticket?—They had their polling tickets; there was a sort of polling ticket issued before the election, with the number of the register and so on upon it.

53,254. Some came to the committee room?—Yes; I should think that the most of them came to the committee room.

53,255. I asked you that.—It struck me that a few who got their certificate from the agent went straight to Quay Street, others came to the central committee room to have it examined from the sheets, how they polled.

53,256. When they came to the central committee room for that purpose, were any initials or marks put upon the ticket when they took it to Quay Street?—I dare say I should endorse it, or the clerk would, "This man has polled right."

53,257. Who would be the person who did that?—I did it for an hour or two.

53,258. Who else would be engaged in that?—I think Mr. Burstall, he came in when I went out.

53,259. At the central committee room?—Yes.

53,260. Was it done openly in the room?—Yes; there was nothing to conceal about it, as I know.

53,261. Were the committee coming in and out in the ordinary way?—That was the polling day.

53,262. I am aware of that. There were a great many people in and out of the committee room?—Everybody came in, all classes.

53,263. To the central committee room?—Yes; everybody came in that liked who was a Conservative.

53,264. You had returns from time to time from the poll?—We had the fly sheets sent from every booth as the people polled; I think that was the arrangement, but I really forget.

53,265. You referred to the fly sheets to see how they had voted?—Yes.

53,266. And endorsed the ticket which was paid by Dixon?—Yes.

53,267. Did you say that room was taken the day before the election?—Either the day before the nomination or the day before the election; I do not recollect which.

53,268. Did anybody assist Mr. Dixon in those payments?—I think he had a little boy to assist him to do something there, a person whom he knew.

53,269. None of the committee were there?—Nobody.

53,270. You spoke of some complaints made, that Mr. Baines had not paid for the former election, as to the people in Mr. Cooper's yard?—Yes.

53,271. Did you hear other complaints that he had not paid?—No; I cannot say that I did.

53,272. Did any other people come or apply who made complaints of a similar kind?—No; I heard of none.

53,273 Did you see Lidgard from time to time at the central committee room?—I do not know him by sight; I never heard his name until this commission began.

53,274. He has told us that he was there frequently?—I never heard of him or saw his face until now.

53,275. Did you hear of the man at the Minerva Terrace?—About two days before the election I heard that there was this thing going on at the Minerva Terrace.

53,276. Which thing?—I do not know; not a committee room, you cannot call it a committee room.

53,277. Setting down?—Yes.

53,278. An opposition house to Mr. Wilde's?—Of a smaller character, I think.

53,279. Here is an entry referring to Mr. Baines,—"Thomas Naisby, and Joseph Naisby say they want 1*l.*, owing from Mr. Baines."—I never heard of the entry.

53,280. It says, "Refer to Mr. Harris"?—I do not know anything about it. I never heard of the name before.

53,281. Did you pay Mr. Whytal Walker, the petitioner, any money?—No.

53,282. Did you not pay him 10*l.*?—Not that I remember; not a single shilling.

53,283. I understand he says you did pay him 10*l.*?—No; if I did it has quite escaped my memory, for I have no recollection of it.

53,284. Besides the payments that your attention has been drawn to, did you make any others?—I was paying money for Mr. Ward the whole time, but I accounted to him for every farthing except the 5*l.*; there is not a single shilling I disbursed that is not in Mr. Ward's book, except the 5*l.*

53,285. What payments other than those you have mentioned did you make, what kind?—The first week I paid the districts.

53,286. The messengers?—No; I paid the chairman of the districts their weekly bills.

53,287. For their messengers and people?—Yes.

53,288. Did you make any other payments that are not in Mr. Ward's book?—No, not a single shilling.

53,289. Which book are you referring to?—The books you have had before you.

53,290. But the little book?—Yes, the little book.

53,291. I thought you said you never looked into that book?—I never said anything of the sort; I did not compare the vouchers with it; Mr. Ward has told me that everything is in there, and that is all I speak from.

53,292. I certainly understood you to say that you had it two months and never looked into it.—I did not examine it; Mr. Ward told me all the expenditure was in there; I accounted to him for every shilling.

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53,293. Did you make any other payments?—Not that are not in that book; 1*l.* 18*s.* I paid to a man.

53,294. Besides these payments of the 71*l.* and the 91*l.*, did any other monies pass through your hands?—Yes; it was passing through my hands the whole election.

53,295. Will you tell us, generally, what for?—I really cannot say; for instance, I should get a post office order for a man on account of his travelling expenses; no other money that I know of.

53,296. Did you pay any voters?—No, not a farthing. Do you mean to say I bribed them?

53,297. No; we do not use that word. Did you pay any of the men who claimed to be paid as runners?—No; they all went to the districts.

53,298. Did you pay the post office order to bring Mr. Lambert from Spilsby?—I do not know the name.

53,299. Did you pay the post office order to bring somebody from Spilsby?—I do not know; I might have done so, but I forget it.

53,300. Do you mean to say that the papers which you have burnt prevent you from giving a more accurate answer?—They would not throw any light upon it at all.

53,301. Would not some such entry be found somewhere?—If Mr. Lambert of Spilsby had 2*l.* paid to him on account of expenses, it would be taken off the sum total when paid to him.

53,302. Where would it be shown?—On the fly sheet of the book. If there were 3*l.* to be paid to Lambert, I should say, "2*l.* paid on account;" that is the way it would be done.

53,303. Do you remember the name?—No; not the last in the world.

53,304. Or the person?—No; not the slightest.

53,305. Do I understand you that the out-voters, after whom you had to look, were not those who live in the neighbouring towns, but those who happen to be living at greater distances?—No, there was no distinction that way; but the people who were not in Mr. Dixon's list were persons who had friends in Hull, and who were paid by them.

53,306. Those who were paid with the 160*l.*, were they not voters who lived in the neighbourhood of Hedon and Cottingham?—There was not a single farthing of the 160*l.* that went to Cottingham, Hedon, or Barton.

53,307. They were voters who were living in towns at a much greater distance?—Yes; some of them came from London, Liverpool, Glasgow, and Newcastle; all over the kingdom.

53,308. What would generally be the class of life of those persons?—I cannot say.

53,309. Would they be mere labouring men?—No; for instance, the 90*l.* was for people generally of the better classes. I think they generally had friends here and were paid in that way.

53,310. And the 70*l.*?—They would be many of them labourers, I think so; they would be mechanics or something of that sort, who had gone to neighbouring towns to work.

53,311. You have said you thought it expedient to pay the men who were claiming an account of Mr. Baines, and you have also said you thought they would have voted blue whether they had been paid or not; do you mean by that that although you thought they would vote blue, that you did not like to run the risk, and therefore paid them?—I did not wish Mr. Harris to be annoyed, and that was my reason.

53,312. Was that your only reason?—He was well known in Holderness ward, and I did not want him to go down there and be mobbed by some ten or a dozen people.

53,313. You said it would cause unpleasantness; do you mean by that, unpleasantness to Mr. Harris or unpleasantness to your cause?—I mean unpleasantness to Mr. Harris.

53,314. Only that?—Yes, I thought only of Mr. Harris; if there had not been an election going on I should not have sent the man 5*l.*, because he would not have been down there canvassing other people.

53,315. Then it was unpleasantness to him as a canvasser for the blue cause?—He did not canvass, but he was down in the Holderness ward a good deal.

53,316. If it was only to save your friend, Mr. Harris, why would you not have paid it, whether it was election time, or any other time?—Because he would not have been interrupted; he would not have gone there; there would not have been remarks made.

53,317. If it was only an account of Mr. Harris, as your personal friend, why did you deduct it from what you subscribed to the election?—The election was going on. You may have it how you like; I cannot make any more of it. I paid it because I thought Mr. Harris would be annoyed, and it would also be beneficial, and also, it would keep matters smooth.

53,318. You said "beneficial to"—and you did not finish that?—You may say it as you like; I thought the men were blue voters, and they would grumble and feel sore, and therefore I paid it. I cannot make any more of it.

53,319. Finish the sentence which you were going to say; beneficial to what?—Beneficial to the Conservative cause, if you like; I cannot say any more.

53,320. You said that you had prepared canvass books for the election that is to come?—I had not.

53,321. You have those books?—Yes.

53,322. You have seen them?—Yes.

53,323. Are there any marks or initials in those books which will show the persons who are likely to want pay?—No, not that I know of; I have never looked them over; they had no instructions on the point, and it is not likely there will be.

53,324. I mean, is there any entry in those books, or mark, which will enable you to say who were paid at the last election?—I believe not; in fact, I have not looked at the books; I feel certain there is nothing of the sort; I will send them to you in half an hour, if you like.

53,325. Who prepared those books?—Mr. Fowler.

53,326. He is the person who would be likely to know?—Yes; you had better ask him.

53,327. Were you at the blue supper?—Yes; I call it an orange supper.

53,328. Not orange, in the sense of blue and orange?—No; a body of Cawyal orange men quite different from the orange men of this town.

53,329. What day did it take place?—I do not know.

53,330. Did you subscribe towards it?—Yes.

53,331. How much did you pay?—A sovereign.

53,332. Is that all?—That is all I paid.

53,333. That is all that came out of your pocket?—That is all that came out of my pocket.

53,334. Did any of your family pay anything besides that sovereign?—My mother paid three or four pounds I think, but I am not sure whether that was so.

53,335. That was pretty near the whole of it?—And my brother John paid a sovereign.

53,336. Was it not principally paid for by your family?—That would be 5*l.* out of the 15*l.*, so that there would be 10*l.* left.

53,337. Did it cost 15*l.*?—So I heard in court.

53,338. Who originated it?—That I cannot say.

53,339. You did not?—I did not; I was asked to subscribe, and that is all.

53,340. Were you present?—Yes, I was asked to go and I went.

53,314. Had it any reference to the coming election?—No; it was not got up for that purpose; it was got up for the purpose of giving the orange men a supper, and blue voters were asked to fill up; that was my understanding at the time.

53,342. Blue voters, and orange men are pretty much the same thing?—I hope they are.

53,343. How many of the orange men are there?—I was told forty this morning; Mr. Pulleyn told me so; I do not know it of my own knowledge.

53,344. How many were there at the supper altogether?—I do not know.

53,345. Were there more than forty?—Yes.

53,346. Principally, I suppose, blues?—They ought to have been.

53,347. And it was intended they should be?—Yes; we should not have asked radicals.

53,348. Keep to the colours, if you please?—I was afraid of confounding it by orange men, and orange colours.

53,349. How many invitations did you issue?—None.

53,350. Did you have tickets?—None.

53,351. Did you understand that only voters were to be there?—A great many of the orange men are not voters; I should think three-fourths of them were not.

53,352. And the remainder was made up of blue voters?—Yes, I expect so.

53,353. It was thought it would be a good thing, in anticipation of the coming election, to have a treat of this kind?—I do not know that it was. Mr. Harris said it was the usual thing, and every year it took place.

53,354. When it took place every year, it was limited to the orange men, was it not?—No; it was limited to the Operative Conservative Society, members of that body.

53,355. Is that the same as the orange men?—No; I believe not.

53,356. How is it you mean to say it was a supper for orange men?—I understood at the time it was got up for that purpose; I heard Mr. Harris say so on Monday.

53,357. Which do you mean? you first say it is a supper given to the orange men, and then a supper given to the Operative Conservatives, which are not the same people?—I understood it was a supper of the orange men, and I understood Mr. Harris to say it was at that time of the year, when they always gave one to the members of the Operative Conservative Association.

53,358. What I ask is, whether the Operative Conservative Association, and the orange men, are the same?—No.

53,359. Still you say a thing that is not apparently reconcileable: you first of all say it was a supper given to the orange men, then to the Operative Conservative Association, and then you say that the two are not the same?—Mr. Harris said it was a supper given to the Operative Conservative Association; I say it was a supper given to the orange men. There we are at issue; we disagree as to the origin of it.

53,360. You consider it was given to the orange men, with the addition of blue voters, to make up on account of the coming election?—No; not on account of the coming election.

53,361. Why?—They were asked; I do not know who asked them; I did not. It

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was not on account of the coming election; Mr. Harris says, because it was the usual time of the year.

53,362. Mr. Harris said it was only usual to give it to the orange association?—Mr. Harris said it was usual to give it to the Operative Conservative Association, and as Mr. Harris said it was usual about that time, I considered it was given upon that account.

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53,363. Do you carry on any business in this town?—No.

53,364. What is the rent or rateable value of the premises which you occupy in the Borough of Hull?—I think the rate is 35*l.*

53,365. Have you been long entitled to vote as a householder?—Yes, I have been long entitled, but I believe I have never voted as a householder.

53,366. Have you been long entitled is my question?—Yes; since the Reform Bill.

53,367. Are you also a freeman?—Yes.

53,368. How long have you been free?—I took up my freedom in April, 1818.

53,369. Have you for many years taken an interest in the elections for this borough?—Generally so.

53,370. On the orange side or the blue side?—On the blue side in general.

53,371. Are you the Mr. Gleadow whose name figures in the blue book relating to 1837? did you take an interest in 1837?—In 1837 I should, in all probability.

53,372. Was there any other Mr. Gleadow at that time, who took a large interest?—There is my brother.

53,373. What is your brother's Christian name?—Robert.

53,374. Did you and he both take a considerable share in the proceedings, which took place previous to the election of 1837?—It is very probable.

53,375. The Mr. Gleadow, who is named in 1837, had a clerk who was extremely busy; would that be you, or your brother?—That would be my brother.

53,376. You were pretty well acquainted with what was going on in 1837?—I was one of the central committee, I think.

53,377. Did you take any interest in the election of 1841?—Yes.

53,378. Were you a member of the committee?—I was a member of the committee.

53,379. Of the central committee?—Of the central.

53,380. On behalf of Hanmer and James?—Yes.

53,381. And did you vote for them?—I did.

53,382. Were you also a member of the district committee?—No.

53,383. We hear that the general price paid was for four days, and two in 1841?—I do not know; I had nothing to do with the paying.

53,384. You had nothing at all to do with the finance department?—No.

53,385. Who had, do you know?—I think everything on that occasion almost was settled by Mr. Cracknell, the solicitor.

53,386. Although you had nothing to do with the payments, you probably were aware that a large number of persons, in 1841, were paid for their votes—many hundreds?—I have no doubt many would be.

53,387. Many hundreds?—Many would be, no doubt, the system was so bad.

53,388. The system had been in force for many years, had it not?—In the first recollection I have of electioneering, it was a natural thing for the burgesses to have their four guineas and two.

53,389. The price dwindled down after the first class was introduced?—I believe I was the one to propose that the polling money should be done away with, at a meeting of the burgesses, at the George, and had we been seconded by the other party, I believe the present system would not have arisen.

53,390. By the present system, do you mean the system of runners?—Exactly.

53,391. It did prevail to a small extent in 1832, afterwards, and then broke up?—Yes, it did.

53,392. The resumption of it was in full force in 1837, we know, because we have the details of that?—No doubt.

53,393. I presume, in 1841, all the members of the committee were cognizant that the practice had been resumed, and was then in full force?—They would be cognizant of runners, being put down as runners.

53,394. Yourself, among the number, was perfectly cognizant of it, and every member would be cognizant?—I heard of it. I am not aware that I put any one down myself, or that I saw any one paid; but I heard of it.

53,395. You were cognizant that it was going on, although you did not put the names down with your own hand?—I knew it was going on to some extent.

53,396. Although you were not aware to what extent?—No.

53,397. In 1847 did you take any interest?—No, not so much. I certainly was at the committee room of Mr. Baines several times.

53,398. Were you a member of his committee?—I believe I was a member, but I was at that time very lame, having recently broken my leg; consequently I could not take a very active part.

53,399. You voted for Mr. Baines?—I voted for Mr. Baines.

53,400. And Mr. Brown?—No.

53,401. Baines, only?—Yes.

53,402. Your accident prevented you from being very active?—Yes, it prevented me from being very active.

53,403. We hear great endeavours were made to get a blue candidate, and it failed; were you aware of that?—I never was aware of it until I heard it here. That was done by a section of the party who were called the Conservative association, I expect so. I learnt from Mr. Harris's evidence; I did not know that any endeavours had been made before.

53,404. They were a class of men who were always anxious for a contest, we hear?—No; I do not know that they are particularly anxious.

53,405. I do not mean the only class: I mean a portion of the class—the Operative Association and the Amalgamated Engineers are always on the look out for a contest if they can get one?—No doubt they would be glad of it, but I do not think they would be the worst.

53,406. It is merely one of the classes?—Yes.

53,407. Who leave no stone unturned to get a contest?—No doubt.

53,408. For the purpose of money?—Yes.

53,409. That is general among the lower class of burgesses, is it not? There is a general anxiety?—There is a great difference: there are a great many of them vote entirely from principle.

53,410. Do not suppose I mean the whole of them, but I mean there is an extensive desire?—There is a numerous body that are always anxious to be paid, both burgesses and householders.

53,411. Do you think that is more among the householders than among the freemen or more among the freemen than the householders?—I think some of the 10*l.* householders are quite as bad as any of the freemen, if not worse.

53,412. Do you mean as being set down as runners or what?—For their cupidity.

53,413. In what way do you consider that cupidity is exhibited?—In demanding pay for their votes, or a consideration of some kind.

53,414. The number of the householders is 3184; of that number how many do you consider, in your judgment, vote for pecuniary considerations?—Upon my honour, I cannot tell, I can form no idea whatever.

53,415. What is your opinion upon it?—I can have no opinion upon the subject.

53,416. You say many are; I merely follow up that question by asking how many?—I cannot tell.

53,417. Of course you cannot tell the exact number?—I can form no opinion.

53,418. You have already given us an opinion?—I say many of them are equally as bad and more particularly those that happen to keep public houses.

53,419. How many do you suppose?—I do not know.

53,420. I want your own interpretation of your own word; you used the word "many." You said, "many are as bad;" I want you to be so good as to translate the word "many" into a figure?—I do not know that I can do that.

53,421. You must have something passing in your own mind which makes you say "many." You would not apply that to two?—No; certainly not.

53,422. You probably do not mean to say of the 3184,—3000 are?—No; but very likely the 184 might.

53,423. Then what was passing in your mind, when you said "many," you now say is 184?—Very probably.

53,424. The number I understand you to say in your judgment is about 184?—Very probably.

53,425. Now, the number of freemen not householders is 1834; how many of those in your judgment do you consider vote from corrupt motives?—I should think one-third.

53,426. Of this number you named the publicans as most amenable to corruption; is that from a desire to have their houses taken?—I mean beer shops principally.

53,427. That is, they want to let their rooms and supply drink?—Exactly so.

53,428. Is there any other class that you can suggest?—There are some of the housekeepers that are little shopkeepers, who very often applied to have their rooms taken as committee rooms.

53,429. And others amenable to the ordinary mode direct payment for their votes?—Yes, no doubt.

53,430. Are there any other classes who you include among them?—No; I do not know of any other.

53,431. The three heads of corruption, that you put, are direct money payments, publicans who want it either for the sake of the consumption of liquors, and a third class of people, who want their rooms taken?—Exactly so.

53,432. Of the 600 freemen, how many of those, or the whole perhaps, do you consider vote from the direct application of money under the pretence of employment?—The whole; I told you so before.

53,433. Are they principally people who are paid really for their votes, under the pretence of giving them employment? is that the mode?—They are principally a class of

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men who live by their daily labour, and it is a hard case upon them to have to give up their work altogether and receive nothing for it. I agree with Mr. Ward entirely, that men who live by their own manual labour, if they are called off in this way to give their attention to electioneering, that they ought to be paid a fair day's work for the occupation of their time.

53,434. In 1847 you said you took little or no share?—Not much.

53,435. Can you give any information as to the subject of 1847, as to how the system was carried on?—I do not know much about it.

53,436. Do you know anything?—I cannot say anything except that the usual canvass books were made.

53,437. We will not go into that, but I mean with respect to the setting down?—No, I do not.

53,438. In 1852, I believe you also took an active part on behalf of Messrs. Moore and Butler?—I did.

53,439. And voted for them?—Yes.

53,440. And were you a member of the central committee?—I was.

53,441. What was the course of proceeding then? You were aware there were numerous applications according to the old plan?—Yes.

53,442. You were deputy chairman?—Yes.

53,443. Do you remember applications being made to be set down?—Not there.

53,444. Applications made to you which you referred to the district committees?—Very few, indeed, at the central committee room.

53,445. When they were made, what would you do with them?—Refer them to the districts—have nothing to do with them.

53,446. The district chairmen were men of the central committee, which gave great facilities for communication with them?—No doubt.

53,447. Consequently in the majority of those instances, it would be done by a verbal communication when you met the chairman?—If anybody applied to me, I should turn to the poll book and see in what district he lived, and then say, "Go to North Myton ward," or "West Sculcoates," or wherever it might be, and you must apply to the district committee there.

53,448. By the poll book, I suppose you mean the register?—I mean the register.

53,449. Were there many applications, or how many applications do you think there were made to you, which you so referred?—I should think from what I recollect that I had not thirty applications made altogether.

53,450. Do you remember the scheme being proposed by Mr. Wells?—Yes.

53,451. We hear it would have taken 478 voters to have carried it into effect?—I never heard of the number necessary to carry it into effect till I heard the evidence given here on Saturday.

53,452. You heard him say so himself?—Yes.

53,453. Were you aware at the time it would have taken so great a number?—No, I had not the slightest idea: I was thunderstruck when I heard it.

53,454. It would have the effect of giving immense employment?—I am sure he did not consider it in that light.

53,455. That we cannot have from one person, what is passing in another man's mind?—I had conversations with him.

53,456. Had you any conversation with him at that time?—He showed me the scheme he had arranged. We were talking about the difficulty of getting clerks and runners from the polling booths, in which we have always found a difficulty at every election, and I know that Mr. Turnbull had arranged the scheme, which would facilitate the returns from the booths very much. He had shown me what he had written. I certainly read it over, and I could see, I thought, pretty nearly what it meant, and at the same time I thought it was rather a complex thing to be managed by the district committees.

53,457. We have not had anybody who could understand it yet. I do not know whether you did?—I could hardly understand it.

53,458. You did not understand it?—Not exactly.

53,459. You did not understand that, to the extent of the number?—I never gave it a thought—I had nothing to do with it. It was not in my department.

53,460. Mr. Wells, we hear, was your legal adviser. Did he give you advice from time to time to be somewhat careful?—Certainly he did.

53,461. And do you agree with Mr. Cattley, had you been left to yourselves, you would have had resource to more energetic measures than was done?—No; because it was not the desire. I had nothing to do with it; my department was a very simple one.

53,462. What department was yours?—To check the expenditure as well as I could.

53,463. In what way did you check the expenditure?—By not allowing any order to go from any one so far as we could help it, except from the central committee. I see you have the counterfoils of the order book.

53,464. They are all signed by you almost?—The greater part of them, I dare say, are.

53,465. Is this a letter addressed to yourself—"17, Wellington Place, Friday morning," from Charles Wells? Do you remember receiving a letter from Mr. Wells?—I cannot say I recollect it. I received so many notes in the course of a day.

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53,466. "17, Wellington Place, Friday morning. Dear Sir,—The bearer, Richard Mitchell, his son, and John Johnson, having heard you were about to put on more men, he called upon me here to request a line to you. The father carries five votes, namely, the three above, one other son, and a brother or brother-in-law—all of them are safe, I doubt not; but I would suggest, if you are going to put on more men, to give one a job and promise the others as soon as you can, and give the old man the choice of which is set on. Yours faithfully, Charles Wells. To T. W. Gleadow, Esq., Hull." Upon the receipt of such a letter, would the course be to put on one, and give the others work as soon as you can?—I should put on no one.

53,467. Would the course of business in the committee be, on the receipt of such a letter as that, that it should be complied with?—I think I recollect the receipt of that letter.

53,468. What was done?—I think I gave it to Mr. Wells, and said, "There is an application for some one to be set down, therefore I give it to you; and if you wish any more assistance at the doors, you can do as you please.

53,469. It is a kind of general authority to him to grant it?—It is no authority—it is merely to get rid of the application.

53,470. It is merely to turn over the application?—I left it to him to deal with as he thought proper.

53,471. Did you canvass at all yourself?—No, I am not aware that I did canvass at all, but if I did, it would only be in one or two instances. I should think I may have called upon some one on my road to the committee room perhaps—I am not aware of it; I am not aware that I canvassed any one.

53,472. Did you see any of the voters canvassing, or who came to you?—No; there were not many of the voters came to me.

53,473. In Mr. Ward's absence, would you send money to the different district committees, as it was required?—Certainly not. I never had a shilling came into my possession.

53,474. Mr. Ward has said that he was absent frequently, and left the discharge of his duties to you?—That was only in case of any note coming for him.

53,475. Not in the case of money?—I never had any money. I never had a farthing.

53,476. You knew that Mr. Ward was from ill health absent?—He was very often absent, for he was very unwell.

53,477. And who would discharge his duty during his absence?—As far as the money was concerned, I believe, Mr. Harris and Mr. Henry Barkworth.

53,478. Do you remember a discussion taking place as to the deductions to be made from the different runners? in order to secure their votes money was kept back?—No. I fancy that took place when the chairmen and deputy chairmen of the districts came, and they met in another room; they always had their meetings in the front room.

53,479. It would be arranged among the different district chairmen, forming of themselves a second committee?—They formed a sort of committee, and one of the deputy chairmen generally went to preside over the meeting. I think I went there once; but I think one meeting would be the only one.

53,480. Which one was that?—That was the first.

53,481. Was that the resolution that was come to, that it was advisable to keep back a certain portion of the money?—I heard that talked of. I am not aware that I was present at the meeting when it was discussed.

53,482. And it appears by a minute in the book that the matter was discussed, and it was again rescinded, and kept going backwards and forwards; the plan constantly varied?—I do not remember the discussion; it seemed to me to be more a discussion between the different chairmen; some were for making the deduction, or rather detaining something.

53,483. Did you express any opinion upon the subject?—I believe not; I do not recollect that I expressed any opinion.

53,484. You acquiesced in either view of the case?—It was immaterial, I thought, which way.

53,485. Am I right in supposing, when the majority were for deducting, you acquiesced in that?—If I was at the meeting I should in all probability say nothing.

53,486. And when it was rescinded, you acquiesced in that?—Yes, as far as silence went, perhaps I did.

53,487. Were you present when it was ultimately resolved to increase the number by twelve each?—No.

53,488. How soon did you become cognizant of it?—I do not know that ever I was cognizant of it until I heard the evidence given here.

53,489. You do not remember the circumstance?—I used very seldom to look at that book.

53,490. It was upon the table, but you did not give yourself much trouble about it?—Yes.

53,491. Was your time when at the committee principally occupied in details?—Principally occupied in giving orders, and answering notes and questions, and so on.

53,492. Were you on any sub-committee relating to the printing, or anything of that

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sort?—I believe I gave nearly the whole of the orders for the printing, at least the greater part of them, I believe.

53,493. You were yourself a printing committee? Was there anybody took the same share in it as you did?—If I was absent, whoever happened to be the deputy chairman at the time would no doubt give an order.

53,494. It was principally yourself? I observe your name.—It was principally myself, I believe.

53,495. Were you present when the arrangement was made that Mr. Henry Barkworth should undertake the out-voters?—No, I know nothing about that.

53,496. Did you assist in making the arrangements for the payment of the Hedon voters?—No.

53,497. Nothing to do with it?—Nothing.

53,498. Do you know who did?—I believe Mr. Wells made the arrangement.

53,499. Did you trust greatly to Mr. Wells?—Yes, he had an agent at Hedon, and therefore he would write to him in all probability.

53,500. That would be his arrangement?—Yes.

53,501. Was he left to make such arrangements as he thought proper?—Decidedly.

53,502. Did the central committee rest in a great measure upon Mr. Wells for carrying into effect the arrangements for the election?—In a great measure; I should think principally.

53,503. Mr. Wells was occasionally absent, we hear—or appears to be by the minutes—two days at a time?—He was occasionally; he had other business to attend to.

53,504. Then he had a substitute there?—One of his clerks would act for him, I dare say.

53,505. I see charges are made for another gentleman. Was any deduction made from his account?—I do not know; I never saw his account.

53,506. Who were the active people on the blue side at the 1841 election?—The most active man would be the solicitor.

53,507. What is his name?—Mr. Cracknell.

53,508. He is dead?—He is.

53,509. Where was the central committee room, at the 1841 election, for Hanmer and James?—I think it was in Bowl Alley Lane; but I am not certain. The same place that we had this last election; I think so.

53,510. Do you recollect who was the chairman of it?—Mr. Clifford Pease, I think.

53,511. Where is he?—I saw him not many days in Hull; but he resides at the Isle of Man, I think.

53,512. Who would be able to give information about that election?—Upon my word, I do not know.

53,513. We want you to tell us, for Hanmer and James where were the other committee rooms or any of the chairmen? You can give us some names, can you not?—I cannot. I do not recollect who the chairmen of the different districts were.

53,514. Can you give us any of them?—I do not think I can recollect one. I think Mr. Hammond was the chairman in Holderness ward.

53,515. Charles Hammond?—Yes; in Holderness ward, that is the Witham district.

53,516. Were you on any committee?—I was on the central committee.

53,517. Was Mr. Sidebottom engaged in that election for the blue party?—I do not recollect.

53,518. Mr. Harris says he was?—Then in all probability he was, if Mr. Harris says so.

53,519. We asked a question of Mr. Ward, which he could not answer: be kind enough to tell us what all the crosses mean, did you make them (*handing some letters*)?—I can explain it.

53,520. What does it mean?—They were made by George Steeple, who attended the central committee room; he was a sort of keeper of the room; he used to see all the books were locked up every night, and taken care of, and he had a book of his own, in which he entered all the flagstaffs and matters of that kind, that were sent out, in order that he might be able to get possession of them again, and know into whose possession they went after the election; and he generally used to make his notes from them, and then cross them over to signify that they had been entered in his book.

53,521. Then every note that has that stroke upon it would have been read and examined by Steeple?—I do not know that they had exactly.

53,522. He could not have known the contents without?—It would have been read by him no doubt, and would have been marked to intimate that the business was settled as far as that note went, that the request had been complied with or no notice taken of it.

53,523. There are some not crossed, what was the difference between them? were those such as were taken no notice of, or what?—I cannot say; these are to district committee men, it appears.

53,524. I thing they are all addressed to the central committee?—No; there is no address.

53,525. What was Steeple's particular place? What was his particular duty at the committee?—He was a sort of acting clerk and overlooker of the messengers, and so on.

53,526. Of the messengers generally, do you mean, at all the district committee rooms?—No, at our own place; the central committee room.

53,527. When these letters were first received, I suppose they would be read by yourself or Mr. Ward, such as are addressed to the central committee?—I suppose they would.

53,528. And then he handed to Mr. Steeple to act upon?—Yes.

53,529. And this mark would donote that he had done so?—That they had been attended to by him.

53,530. Was Mr. Steeple an old electioneerer for the blue party?—A very old electioneerer.

53,531. Is he the same Mr. Steeple who is mentioned in the blue book of 1837?—Yes; George Steeple.

53,532. Do these letters chiefly relate to flagstaffs and colours, these crossed papers?—Those that are marked, principally related to those things.

53,533. Here is one that has a single mark, it is addressed to the committee of chairmen did you see this? "The bearer of this note, Mrs. Beautyman, is the wife of a voter who now resides at Wisbeach Place. Have a conference with her, respecting her husband, as the opposite party are endeavouring to get his vote." Do you remember such a person making such an application?—I do not.

53,534. You do not remember the lady coming?—I do not.

53,535. Would Mr. Steeple attend to it, or who would it be referred to? That has a single cross.—I am not aware that means anything; it has been done by one of the clerks.

53,536. Do not you recollect Mrs. Beautyman?—No; I do not.

53,537. What does the single mark mean?—I do not know.

53,538. Would that be Mr. Steeple's mark?—No; I am not aware that it would. I should think it probably would be made by one of the clerks, and a minute made in the minute books.

53,539. To show it had been attended to in some way?—That it appears to me is the meaning of it.

53,540. It amounts to a sort of cancelling the note?—Yes; exactly so.

53,541. And that would be the case without taking you through them?—Yes.

53,542. And it would amount to a cancelling of the note, and its being attended to?—Exactly so.

53,543. I see among others, some applications for committee rooms. The mark where it appears would denote the same thing, that it had been attended to?—Yes; that they had been read and no further trouble taken with them.

53,544. Do you call that attending to them?—No; many of those were not attended to, for they were taken no notice of.

53,545. How does that appear?—I do not know that it would appear in any way. There would simply be that mark, to show they had been brought under the notice of some one of the committee, and therefore it was not necessary for any person to trouble his head with them.

53,546. Not with the note any more?—No.

53,547. Do you know the man of the name of Lidgard, or Legitt he is sometimes called? Were you here yesterday?—Yes.

53,548. Did you see him?—Yes.

53,549. Had you seen him at your committee room?—I saw him once or twice.

53,550. What did he come there for?—I do not know.

53,551. Did he come to say nothing, or look on, or what for?—I do not know. I should be sitting at one end of the room, and when I saw him, he was at the other.

53,552. You would be in the chair?—I should not know; he did not address himself to me.

53,553. Did you know what he came for?—I did not.

53,554. Did you hear him say yesterday, that he made reports from time to time to your committee?—I am not aware of any.

53,555. Did you hear him say so?—I did hear him say so.

53,556. Do you not know that he did so without having heard him yourself?—No; I did not.

53,557. When did you first hear of his room?—I never heard of the room. I did not know he had a room.

53,558. Did you never know of the place at the Minerva Terrace?—Not until I heard it here.

53,559. If he came to make a report to the central committee, would he make it through other persons in another room,—some part of the other body?—I do not know what he meant by making a report.

53,560. He says he went to every committee district, and central, and made a report, and compared his book with them?—He might do so.

53,561. That is what he said.—Then he would not come to the room where I was sitting; he would go into the room below stairs, where the clerks were posting up the books.

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53,562. What I mean is this,—if he came to make a report from such a room as this, would he make it in the general committee room, or would he make it in some other committee room?—I think in all probability he would go to the clerks' room below, where they were continually at the register and district books.

53,563. And compare the list and such like?—Yes.

53,564. You think it would be made in that room?—I think so.

53,565. Do I understand you you never heard of this place until yesterday?—Until a day or two ago; until I heard it here. It was mentioned before yesterday, you understand.

53,566. Was it among other things the duty of the clerks, you have alluded to, to compare their own lists with the district lists, and lists that were brought from all places? Is that part of their duty?—I do not know. I should naturally conclude it would be so; but these were clerks under the control of Mr Wells, and what they were doing, I really cannot pretend to say.

53,567. Would they not compare the lists from different districts, that were brought in?—I have no doubt, if any lists were brought in, they would compare them with their books.

53,568. And any lists brought would be taken to that room?—Yes.

53,569. Who was the person who was the principal in that room?—I do not know that there was any principal.

53,570. Who were the persons who were not the principals? who were the ordinaries?—Mr. Fowler would be there.

53,571. There would be some head clerk, would there not?—I think Mr. Fowler may be considered as the head clerk.

53,572. And how many were generally there acting as clerks?—Six or eight, I should suppose.

53,573. From day to day?—Yes.

53,574. They would be among other things posting the names or comparing the names of persons employed on your side, the blue side?—I imagine so.

53,575. They would post them of course in some way in some book, in order to know who you might depend on at the election?—All the canvassing books would be prepared by them.

53,576. In this room?—Yes.

53,577. We have no book I think from your room of that kind that was kept by these clerks? where would they be?—I do not know where the books are. I have never seen a single book or paper, I think, since the election. They were left all at the central committee rooms, and what became of them I do not know.

53,578. Did you go through any vouchers at any time, and compare them yourself?—I went through the tradesmen's accounts, I think, with the order book just, to cheque them.

53,579. With the counterfoils?—Yes; I think you will find that every counterfoil is ticked.

53,580. Did they correspond?—Yes.

53,581. Did you go round the district committees from time to time, Mr. Gleadow?—Very often.

53,582. Every night, did you not?—Not every night.

53,583. I understand Mr. Wells says you went every night?—No.

53,584. I do not know whether Mr. Charles Wells or Mr. Robert Wells?—It would be Mr. Robert Wells, the solicitor.

53,585. You did frequently go with him?—Yes; very frequently.

53,586. What for?—To see what they were about, and if the committee had come to any resolution during the day, with regard to anything, then we communicated it to them.

53,587. Did you inquire what number of applicants they had put on the books?—No.

53,588. There was a general resolution that all applicants should be set down, in the list of resolutions at the central committee room on the 12th of June?—I do not know anything about that.

53,589. There is a general resolution at the central committee, that only a certain number are to be employed, but all applicants are to be put on lists; that is the substance of the resolution?—That is the usual course at all elections.

53,590. My question is, whether you saw that application list from time to time at the district rooms?—Never.

53,591. Did you go to inquire about the general business?—I merely went to see how they were going on and to keep them alive.

53,592. I do not know how your mere presence would do that. I dare say it would encourage them. Did you take them any money?—Never.

53,593. Do you remember a man of the name of Rowen coming and making an application to be paid in full?—No; I do not.

53,594. You may not know the man?—I do not recollect his name.

53,595. Do you recollect the man coming?—No.

53,596. Lidgard has told us that a man came to the central committee room the day of the nomination; do you recollect such an application being made by such a man?—No; I never saw him.

53,597. Where would that be made, supposing there was such a one, that the man would not vote unless paid in full?—I do not know.

53,598. Would that go to the clerks' room?—I do not know. In all probability they would ask to see some one, and some one would go out of the room to them.

53,599. It would not be made in the general room?—No.

53,600. It was your duty, I think you say, to control the expenditure?—As far as I could.

53,601. Did you find it difficult?—Certainly I did.

53,602. From whom did the difficulty come?—From principally some of the district chairmen who wanted to have more cards and more circulars than we thought were necessary for them.

53,603. And you were obliged to give way to them, I think?—Not always.

53,604. To a great extent?—To a great extent.

53,605. I think you say you gave most of the orders?—I did.

53,606. You divided them as much as you could, did you not?—Yes, certainly.

53,607, That was in order to satisfy more people?—We divided them in order that every one of our own friends might have a fair share.

53,608. They would have been discontented, you agree in that, if they had not had their share?—Possibly they might. I never asked the question, and I never heard a remark.

53,609. If you did it in order to satisfy them, I suppose you had it in your mind that they would be dissatisfied if you did not do so?—It is always usual to do so.

53,610. Would there not be dissatisfaction, you agree, if the orders had not been very large?—If there had been but two men in one particular line of business who we required goods from, we in all probability should have divided it equally between them. If one got all, and the second nothing, he would be dissatisfied.

53,611. Do you agree with what has been said by other people, that they would have been dissatisfaction among a considerable portion of the constituency if a large sum of money had not been spent during the election?—No doubt about that.

53,612. And you do not confine your dissatisfaction to the men who were merely paid as runners?—No.

53,613. Do you include them in the 184 who would vote from corrupt motives?—I should think so.

53,614. Do you mean that only 184 persons would be dissatisfied if a large sum of money was not expended during an election in Hull?—Oh dear, no; I did not say so.

53,615. Do you include the people who would be dissatisfied among the corrupt 184?—I am speaking of the tradesmen. I thought you meant those.

53,616. Do you include those tradesmen who would be dissatisfied among the 184, who you consider householders who were corrupt?—No.

53,617. You draw a broad distinction between dissatisfaction through preference being given to brother tradesmen?—Certainly.

53,618. And a person who votes for the sake of money, you draw a broad distinction between the person who would merely be dissatisfied because another tradesman was preferred?—I do not think among the tradesmen of that class that that would make any difference in the result.

53,619. They might feel dissatisfied, but it would have no effect upon their votes, would it?—No.

53,620. For instance, there is a bill of 90*l.*, I see, given for printing,—I forget the gentleman's name now, but it is immaterial?—That is the Hull Packet.

53,621. Do you include him among the 184 corrupt?—No, certainly.

53,622. Here is printing after printing?—There is certainly too much of it.

53,623. There are counterfoils following one after another. That gentleman might feel perhaps annoyed if you had sent all your advertisements to the orange side and none to him?—I should think he would have been dissatisfied.

53,624. Still you do not think, I presume, that that would in any way have influenced his vote?—No.

53,625. That the editor of a paper like the Hull Packet would turn round and become an orange party because you omitted a few advertisements?—Certainly not.

53,626. Do you think it influences their votes in any way?—No.

53,627. Do you mean to say, if these orders that were sent to a great many people, were totally withheld, that you should have the same confidence or expectation of their votes?—I am not aware in any instance it would have made any difference, as far as those orders went.

53,628. Can you name any one among the various tradespeople you employed who, you believe, would have voted against you if he had not received an order for goods?—I do not know any one. I know one man, to whom we gave an order, who voted against us.

53,629. Could one person have supplied all the printing and cards?—It would have been impossible.

53,630. From the number of them?—Yes.

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53,631. Then do you consider it was necessary to divide it, in order to get through the whole of the work?—We should not have got the printing done in time.

53,632. And was that the only cause of the division of orders?—I should say so.

53,633. Do you consider all the counterfoils that appear in this book for orders as having been absolutely necessary for the conduct of a fair election in Hull?—I do not know what you mean by a fair election.

53,634. I mean an election at which money was needlessly spent?—Then all this would have been unnecessary.

53,635. What is the total amount of orders, as appearing upon the counterfoils, to the best of your recollection?—I do not know.

53,636. The accounts came in from time to time; be kind enough to give me to the best of your recollection?—I heard it said here. The first time I heard of it was about a month ago. Mr. Ward told me the printing amounted to 400*l.*, which I was very much surprised at.

53,637. How much do you think would be necessary of that 400*l.*, as a necessary expense for a Hull election?—At least one half might have been spared.

53,638. Would you say three fourths?—I think I might say three fourths.

53,639. The orders would amount, I think, to nearly, or rather more than 2,000*l.*?—I do not know what they amounted to.

53,640. The amount that has been placed to the account of runners is 1,300*l.* on your side, and the whole cost of the election upon your side is 3,400*l.*?—3,600*l.*, I think.

53,641. The money expended in orders for goods, and cards, and other things in Hull would amount to about 2,000*l.* How much of that should you say is necessary in a perfectly pure election?—I should think one fourth.

53,642. Then for what purpose was the three fourths expended?—The cabs were a great expense.

53,643. You say one fourth was necessary, why should you then expend three fourths more?—Because it has always been the custom at contested elections to print a great many cards and other foolish things.

53,644. Do you agree with another witness, who has said that it is in order to satisfy the cupidity of many of the electors?—In all probability that is so.

53,645. Then, although it would not alter their votes, would it so far influence them as to make them desirous of having a contest always?—No doubt.

53,646. And they would be desirous of having a contest without any regard to political motives, but merely from pecuniary advantages?—I should think almost purely so; because the man who wants a contest does not care about politics in one shape or the other.

53,647. You consider the large amount of expenditure upon all occasions as wasteful extravagance?—I do.

53,648. With respect to the cabs, do you think the cabs are required at all? Do you think there is the slightest justification for spending sixpence for cabs, when there are eighteen polling places in Hull?—Some of the voters would not go from one street to the other.

53,649. It is necessary?—Decidedly not necessary, except upon these occasions.

53,650. If it was not that people were influenced by political purposes, no person would pay other peoples expenses?—No.

53,651. They would not go from one street to another without being carried?—Some of them would not.

53,652. Where that is at the people's expense?—Yes; exactly so.

53,653. Mr. Steeple, whom you have mentioned, is a person who would understand the meaning of the words, "Mind, do not be guilty of any bribery," about as well as any man in England?—I dare say he would.

53,654. He would know perfectly well the meaning of those words would be to be careful and not to be discovered?—Yes; it would be. He would know the meaning of that proclamation put out against bribery.

53,655. He would know that he was to be careful?—He would know that they were going to begin directly.

53,656. You say he would know the meaning of the proclamation. What do you suppose it would mean?—He would look at it as I should look at it,—as a hint to the opposite party to mind what they are about. But I took it as a hint that the orange party were about to commence paying directly.

53,657. A proclamation of a similar description was issued by both parties?—No; ours was not published in the same way.

53,658. You understood it was intended as a hint that the orange party meant to begin paying directly?—Yes, no doubt of it.

53,659. And you took the hint?—No, I did not.

53,660. The party did?—I told them at the central committee what I had seen and what I knew would be the result.

53,661. And what you understood by it?—And what I understood by it, certainly.

53,662. The ordinary result of these proclamations against bribery would be an intimation to those people to be careful?—I always find that those who talk the most about purity of election are the first to break suit.

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53,663. There is a remarkable entry in one of the books,—that the election was wrung from you by bribery against honesty and integrity?—That was written by one of the clerks.

53,664. A mere flourish of the pen?—Yes, I think so.

53,665. It is one of your minute books?—Yes.

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53,666. Where do you live?—No. 32, Charles Street.

53,667. What is your business?—An ironmonger.

53,668. Have you been a resident in the borough for some time?—Yes.

53,669. Are you a freeman?—I am an old burgess, but not of Hull. I am not a voter at present.

53,670. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes; but I am not on the register.

53,671. Did you not vote at either of the three last elections?—Yes; at the two former ones.

53,672. 1841 and 1847?—Yes.

53,673. Who did you vote for at the election of 1841?—Clay and Thompson.

53,674. Were you on any committee?—No.

53,675. Did you take any general interest in that election?—None at all.

53,676. Merely voted?—Merely voted.

53,677. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.

53,678. Did you take any interest in that election?—None at all.

53,679. Not on any committee?—No.

53,680. In 1852 you voted for the blues?—No; I had no vote.

53,681. You acted for them?—I acted for them.

53,682. You changed a little?—I was out of work, and the blue party gave me a job.

53,683. You mean that you had not any business at the time?—No.

53,684. Are you in business now?—No; I am journeyman.

53,685. At what committee were you put on?—The Wincolmlee committee, where Mr. Yeall was chairman.

53,686. Were you the secretary?—No.

53,687. In what capacity were you at that committee?—Merely a canvasser.

53,688. And I believe you were paid for it?—Yes, I was.

53,689. For how many weeks?—I think somewhere about four weeks.

53,690. At what rate?—At 5*s.* a day. I received somewhere about 6*l.*

53,691. Did you apply for that employment?—Yes, I did.

53,692. Why were you not upon the last register? how did that happen?—I made a removal, and that was why I was not upon the register.

53,693. It was merely by removal?—Yes.

53,694. You say you canvassed?—Yes.

53,695. In any particular district?—Yes.

53,696. What district did you canvass?—I have the canvass book by me.

53,697. We have probably asked for that.—It is one that I had of my own.

53,698. What book is that? what does it contain?—Merely a canvass book of the district I took.

53,699. Does it contain the names of voters in the district you canvassed?—Yes.

53,700. The names of them all?—Yes.

53,701. Of all the voters in the district that you took?—Yes.

53,702. Was that in Wincolmlee?—Yes.

53,703. Does it contain the promises?—Yes.

53,704. How is that shown upon the book? What was your entry when you got a man's promise?—I put a mark to it.

53,705. What sort of a mark? what mark denoted the promise?—The straight stroke.

53,706. Where you put the figure 1?—Yes.

53,707. I see M. B.; that meant one for Moore, and one for Butler?—Yes.

53,708. That meant that you got promises from those people?—Yes.

53,709. How long were you engaged in making this canvass?—About a month.

53,710. Will this book show all that had promised for Moore and Butler in your canvass?—Yes.

53,711. Did you make some payments to some of them afterwards?—Yes, I did.

53,712. How will that appear by the book?—That book has nothing to do with the payments. They were merely upon a list Mr. Yeall gave me to go round and pay them after the election was over.

53,713. What did you do with that list?—I gave it back to Mr. Yeall, and Mr. Yeall tells me he sent it to you when I made inquiry of him.

53,714. And all in that list were paid by you, were they?—Yes.

53,715. When was that done?—Perhaps about a week after the election, as near as I can tell. I cannot say to a day or two.

53,716. What particular people were they whose names are upon that list?—Different small shopkeepers and burgesses.

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53,717. All voters, of course?—Yes.

53,718. And had all voted for you?—Yes; and some for committee rooms, I believe, there is upon that list.

53,719. How was that list made out? what from?—I really cannot tell you that.

53,720. Who did you receive it from?—Mr. Yeall.

53,721. At the committee room?—No; at his own house.

53,722. Did you not help to make it from a book with him, of some kind?—No.

53,723. Were the sums which were named for those payments ready prepared and calculated?—All ready prepared. When I went into his house, he wished me to go the Saturday night and receive the money, and he gave me that list with it.

53,724. Was that the Saturday after the election?—No. I do not know when it was; it was a Saturday night.

53,725. Has the list got receipts to it?—I got the parties to put their names to it.

53,726. There is your signature upon that?—They used to give me a pound every Saturday night, and I signed it.

53,727. Who are the people? where were they to be found?—All those were people who were engaged as runners.

53,728. Is that a list of those who were engaged as runners and paid by you (*referring to the list marked A*)?—No; paid by Wright. These had nothing to do with it.

53,729. But you are one of them? your name is in that?—Yes.

53,730. Your signature there denotes the payments that you have spoken of as having received?—The pound the first Saturday evening, that would be.

53,731. Are the other names upon that sheet of paper the names of persons who were paid as runners in the same way?—Some of them are.

53,732. Who are they?—There is part of them runners, and there is a young man of the name of Roebuck, who was a young man engaged in the same way that I was.

53,733. He was engaged as a canvasser?—Yes.

53,734. They were all persons employed one way or other?—All of them are people engaged as runners or doorkeepers.

53,735. Whose names were down?—Yes.

53,736. Are the other sheets of the same kind?—All those first five are, I believe.

53,737. They all denote payments to runners and others?—Yes.

53,738. You say your canvass lasted some time: did you report the result of it to the central committee every day?—No; only to our own committee, every night.

53,739. And were the names that you had got promises from entered in some book?—Yes; they were entered in the book.

53,740. By yourself?—No; by the clerk.

53,741. Was that done daily?—Every day.

53,742. They were put on a list?—Yes.

53,743. Did you report some who were to be put down as runners, or applicants for employment?—No; they were sent in to the room to get their names down.

53,744. At the time?—Yes.

53,745. You did not enter them?—No.

53,746. Did you find many such in the canvass?—Yes; a good many.

53,747. What was your general direction to them?—To send them to the committee room.

53,748. Of the district in which they were residing?—Yes.

53,749. But you would not enter them in this book?—No.

53,750. Why not?—Because it would be no use in that book without they got their names down in the committee room.

53,751. All the other names that are entered in this book you reported to the Wincolmlee committee?—Yes; and the people who wanted their names down as runners, I wished them to go in there to get them set down, and they would have their names safe in the book. There was a proper list kept.

53,752. Of such persons?—Yes.

53,753. You considered them a separate class altogether from those you entered in this book?—A many of them would be entered, but it was merely to know the promises that we got in the canvass.

53,754. I ask, did you enter the runners' names, as well as the others, in this book?—Yes, of course; those two are the sheets I paid from (*referring to two sheets of paper*).

53,755. Is there a total of the payments?—Yes, 55*l.* 17*s.*

53,756. That would be the amount of your payments?—Yes.

53,757. Did you pay any more?—No; that was all I paid.

53,758. Anywhere?—Nowhere else.

53,759. Did Roebuck go about with you or did he go to separate parties?—He had a different district.

53,760. Did he have a little book given him of this sort?—Just the same.

53,761. This seems to mention the district you are to go to in the outset?—The streets that I had to attend to.

53,762. And Roebuck had the same kind of book?—Yes, he had.

53,763. Do you know Roebuck?—Yes.

53,764. Where is he?—He is somewhere near London, upon some railway.

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53,765. Did he make payments?—No; he went round I believe with me once; this was made at twice, two different times.

53,766. Were those payments made at the people's houses?—Yes.

53,767. All made at their houses?—Yes.

53,768. And Roebuck went with you on one of the two occasions?—Yes, he did.

53,769. Do you know if Roebuck had any separate list to pay upon?—No; he did not.

53,770. Did anybody else pay in that district besides you and Mr. Roebuck, to your knowledge?—I believe no one else.

53,771. Who supplied you with the money?—Mr. Yeall

53,772. Did you go to Lidgard's room?—No.

53,773. Or to Legitt's, as he is called?—No.

53,774. To Mr. Bannister's?—No; I went nowhere else.

53,775. Do you recollect giving a man 2*l.* in Mr. Purdon's shop?—No; nothing of the kind. I never got any money but what is upon this paper.

53,776. You do not seem much surprised at my asking you, as if you knew something about it?—I do not know that I need be surprised. I know nothing of it.

53,777. Do not you remember paying some man in Purdon's shop the sum of 2*l.*?—No.

53,778. You do not remember it?—No, I do not.

53,779. Was there a Charter House district in yours?—Yes.

53,780. Did a man of the name of Turnbull make any payments in that district?—Mr. Turnbull was the chairman for the other district.

53,781. Was there any other but Mr. Turnbull, the chairman of that name?—I do not know of any other.

53,782. Did those payments that you made include the Charter House district?—We had nothing to do with the Charter House district.

53,783. Was not that in Wincolmlee?—Yes, but it was another district; it belongs to Mr. Turnbull's district.

53,784. It was an offshoot of your place?—Yes.

53,785. Sculcoates North?—Yes; it was divided into two districts.

53,786. Did you make a payment to a man named John Wass?—Yes.

53,787. How much?—A pound.

53,788. And 20*s.* to Edward Wilkinson and his son?—Wilkinson I paid, I know.

53,789. A man of the name of George Bell, is he in your list?—George Bell I paid.

53,790. You say you paid all in that list, and none except in that list?—That is all I paid.

53,791. I believe you also paid Robert Clarkson only 10*s.*, and Samuel Loft only 10*s.*, instead of a pound?—There were some of them had only 10*s.*—Samuel Loft 10*s.*, and Clarkson 10*s.*

53,792. On referring to the poll book I see each of those gave you one vote instead of two; does that account for their only getting 10*s.*?—Yes.

53,793. Split votes you paid 10*s.*, and the others a pound?—Yes.

53,794. Did you pay anybody who had not voted for you?—I do not know that we did.

53,795. If you did, it was by mistake?—Yes.

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53,796. Where is your residence in Hull?—In Silver Street.

53,797. What is your business?—A printer and stationer.

53,798. What is the rental of your premises?—£90.

53,799. You are a voter as 10*l.* householder?—I am.

53,800. Are a freeman?—No.

53,801. How long have you lived in Hull?—About nine or ten years.

53,802. How long have you been a voter?—Since 1845.

53,803. Did you vote at the election of 1847?—I did

53,804. For whom?—Brown and Baines.

53,805. Were you on any committee?—I was.

53,806. Upon which?—The South Myton ward.

53,807. In what capacity?—As a kind of deputy deputy chairman. Mr. Day was the original chairman, and he was taken ill, and had to go out of town, and I was sent down as his substitute.

53,808. For which candidate were you?—For Mr. Brown.

53,809. Was Mr. Day the vice-chairman then?—No; he was the chairman.

53,810. Then who was the vice-chairman?—I cannot call to mind; I do not think that there was one.

53,811. Who was the clerk?—I am sure I forget his name; young Farthing wa assistant clerk.

53,812. Was he the person who did take an active part in the business?—He

53,813. Where does he live?—I believe he has gone to Australia.

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53,814. Who else was active upon that committee?—I scarcely know; it was a strange district to me. I had never been down there before.

53,815. Cannot you tell me the names of some persons?—There was a Mr. Charlton as well, but he has gone to Australia.

53,816. Can you tell me, if you will be kind enough, anybody who is now alive and in Hull?—I only went down on the nomination day.

53,817. Cannot you tell me one?—I cannot tell you; they are perfect strangers to me.

53,818. Did you take any part in inviting Mr. Brown to Hull?—None whatever. I was in Scarboro', and returned from Scarboro' on the Monday evening of the election week.

53,819. Was the first thing you had to do with the election on the nomination day?—Yes; on the nomination day.

53,820. And you went down to the committee to act as chairman?—Exactly.

53,821. Was there the usual system of setting down names or paying messengers at your committee?—Yes; there was setting down names.

53,822. That was in order that they might be paid?—Exactly.

53,823. Did that take place the whole of the nomination day?—I was out a very great deal; for that part had not been canvassed for Mr. Brown, and I was out a very great deal canvassing on the Wednesday, as that part had not been canvassed at all.

53,824. And was there also a large setting down upon the polling day?—I was out principally upon that day.

53,825. On the nomiuation day?—On the polling day.

53,826. Was that during the whole day, up to the end of the day?—No; about one or two o'clock we stopped putting names down.

53,827. Were any of the men whose names were set down on either day paid before they voted?—Some of them were; some of them were paid on the nomination night, and some of them were paid on the Thursday morning before they polled.

53,828. Who paid them?—Mr. Farthing and the clerk.

53,829. Mr. Farthing was one person who paid; who else?—The clerk who was there; I cannot call his name to mind.

53,830. Perhaps you will be able to recollect by and by what his name was. Was that under your superintendence, the payment?—No, not at all.

53,831. Where did the money come from?—Mr. Charlton got the money, and young Mr. Mitchell as well.

53,832. What is Charlton?—He is in Australia.

53,833. Where were they paid?—At Wharam's public house; there are two Wharams; not the Wharam you have had so much talk about.

53,834. Where was the public house at which they were paid?—At the corner of Porter Street and Waverley Street.

53,835. Was that the place where the committee room was held?—It was.

53,836. Then they were paid in the committee room?—Yes.

53,837. Did Mitchell and the other gentlemen bring the men there?—I do not know. On the Wednesday when they were paid I was still out canvassing; I should think I should be out from nine to ten o'clock canvassing, and I was very little in the committee room that day.

53,838. Had you any instructions as to the mode of setting down names, when you began to act?—No; I went, and I forget who I saw in the committee room, and he said we were to set down names, but not to exceed 100.

53,839. On the nomination day?—Altogether.

53,840. Those were your instructions, were they?—Yes, they were.

53,841. And you began to carry those instructions into effect as fast as you could?—Yes, exactly.

53,842. Did you succeed in getting the hundred?—More than that, for there were a lot at the Baltic Tavern that were altogether a separate lot.

53,843. The eighty at the Baltic Tavern?—Yes.

53,844. Did you get the 100?—I think approaching 100.

53,845. You do not think there was more?—There would not be more I am certain.

53,846. Did you treat with the parties at the Baltic?—Partly so. I was backwards and forwards two or three times during the morning treating with them.

53,847. Was that on the nomination day?—On the polling day.

53,848. Was that party headed by Nicholson?—I do not know one of the name; but one of them was chosen to speak for the rest.

53,849. Did you eventually agree with them for 2*l.* a head?—No; not so much.

53,850. How much?—A pound.

53,851. That was a pound on the part of Mr. Brown?—Yes.

53,852. Do you know whether they also had money from Mr. Clay?—They had.

53,853. Another pound?—Another pound.

53,854. That was the arrangement, that they were bought for 2*l.*, of which Mr. Brown paid half and Mr. Clay half?—We bargained for Mr. Brown; and Mr. Jones and young Mr. Galloway were there, and bargained for Mr. Clay.

53,855. Were the names taken down of the persons set down independent of the eighty?—Yes.

53,856. In what book?—In a book in the room.

53,857. Where is that book?—I do not know; I never saw the papers after the election that time.

53,858. Did you have the book in the committee room?—I left everything with the clerk.

53,859. This clerk whose name you cannot recollect?—Yes; I heard his name the other day, but I cannot call it to mind; it has been mentioned here.

53,860. I dare say you will be able to make yourself acquainted with it if you try?—I will do so.

53,861. Had you any bargain with other persons besides the eighty?—None whatever.

53,862. You yourself have no means of giving us the names which were set down at that committee room?—No, I have not.

53,863. Have you any books or papers?—Not one.

53,864. Did the same persons pay on the polling day as paid on the nomination day?—I think they did.

53,865. How early in the morning did they begin to pay on the polling day?—I got down about half past eight.

53,866. And they were paying then?—Yes.

53,867. Do you know how much the persons were paid whose names were set down?—I do not.

53,868. Do you know where is that list of eighty?—I am sure I cannot say; I did not keep the accounts, and I did not see them.

53,869. When you set the names down, did you make an agreement as to the sum they were to receive?—No.

53,870. Is that so?—It is.

53,871. Can you tell us anything else about the 1847 election, that you saw or heard at the time?—No, I cannot. I was occupied those two days in that district, and very nearly all Wednesday morning was occupied in treating with these eighty men at the Baltic. We were three or four times backwards and forwards from the central committee room to the men.

53,872. I believe, when you canvassed the parties in 1847, there was no disguise used at all?—No.

53,873. You promised them money?—We set their names down.

53,874. There was no pretence on that occasion for employing them?—No.

53,875. You say you set them down?—Exactly.

53,876. But there was no pretence of employment?—No.

53,877. At the last election, were you a member of the committee?—I was.

53,878. For the blue candidates?—Yes.

53,879. Did you vote for them?—I did.

53,880. You were the deputy chairman of the Lowgate ward?—I was.

53,881. How early did you begin to act at that election?—Well, there had been various meetings held—private meetings—in March, I think, or February, perhaps.

53,882. Did you take part in them all?—I went to very nearly all of them.

53,883. Were you one of the persons that was anxious that there should be two blue candidates?—No; if there could have been a compromise effected, I should like to have one and one.

53,884. Were you anxious that there should be such a compromise?—Yes.

53,885. And you expressed yourself so?—Yes.

53,886. At your own room?—Yes.

53,887. Were you acting in that committee for three or four weeks before the election?—I was.

53,888. For Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler?—For Moore and Butler.

53,889. Did you begin at once with the system that you had pursued in 1847?—No.

53,890. Were you told of the agreement with the orange party?—Yes.

53,891. And of Mr. Wells' advice?—Yes.

53,892. And you attempted to act in accordance with those?—Yes.

53,893. But you set down the names of all persons who applied?—Applications?

53,894. Yes, of applicants?—I did; but it was I believe with the intention that they should be employed at some time or another, if we saw needful to increase the staff.

53,895. Was it not understood that that would be needful?—Not at that time, it was not.

53,896. Did you understand at first that the last election was to be conducted in a different way from that in 1847?—Entirely.

53,897. That it was to be entirely a pure election?—Yes.

53,898. You understood so?—I did.

53,899. From whom did you understand that?—From Mr. Ward.

53,900. That was when Mr. Ward spoke to the chairman, and the deputy chairman?—It was.

53,901. The construction you put on his speech was, that it was to be a pure election?—

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No one could put any other construction upon it. His advice was so plain, that no one could put any other construction upon it than that.

53,902. Did you immediately begin to canvass?—I did.

53,903. As soon as you began to canvass, did you have applications for employment?—We had applications to have the names set down.

53,904. And what did you tell them in answer to that?—We told them that we would set the names down, and that if they were wanted they would be sent for.

53,905. Did they seem satisfied with that?—Yes, they did.

53,906. Without more?—Without more.

53,907. Those were the same sort of persons whom you had paid in 1847?—I was acting then in a different district altogether.

53,908. They were the same sort of persons?—Yes, they were.

53,909. Did you find them promise their votes without this intimation of yours, that their names should be set down?—Not freely.

53,910. But when you made that statement to them, they did promise you their vote?—No.

53,911. They still held off?—Yes, they still held off: they said they would see; that there was time enough, and they put it off.

53,912. But in the course of the election, you did increase the number of persons employed?—We did.

53,913. And increased them very considerably?—We did.

53,914. By that time, I dare say, you understood that the election was to go on in the old mode?—Well, to a certain extent, we did.

53,915. That is to the extent of all the persons whom you employed?—No; we could have set many more names down, if we really durst have done it. All the time I was setting the names down, I had great fear in what was paid. I knew that it was strictly against the orders which we had received.

53,916. You were acting contrary to the orders that you received?—We increased the number to twelve one week.

53,917. And after that?—We put more down.

53,818. I understand you, by your using the word set down, that you set down the names of all the persons that applied?—Yes; that was in the early part of the election.

53,919. It was all through the election?—At the latter part, those who could be, were engaged at once.

53,920. Did you refuse to set their names down?—Many of them.

53,921. Then they did not promise you their vote?—No.

53,922. You sent them away?—Yes.

53,923. Will you look at this book (*handing a book marked Lowgate Ward A. to the witness*)? was that book kept at your committee?—It was.

53,924. Are those names the names of the persons employed?—I think they are.

53,925. Whose handwriting is that?—Some of them are mine, and some of them are the clerks.

53,926. Who was the clerk?—Sidman.

53,927. Where does he live?—I do not know; he was a clerk in the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway office, at New Holland.

53,928. You do not know where he lives?—He lives at New Holland.

53,929. Were there more names set down as applicants than appear here?—I believe that this is a list that we paid from. All those that are down here were paid.

53,930. You believe that that contains the whole of the persons who were paid?—I think it does.

53,931. Who paid them?—I paid them.

53,932. Did you pay them at the end of every week?—I did.

53,933. Then you can say at once whether that contains the names of all who were paid?—I think it does.

53,934. Did you pay from that book?—No; every week we made out a list, and the dates are down there, when they were set down.

53,935. Were the lists made from that book, or was the book made from the lists, which?—The lists were made from this book, but there was another list kept as well, of the applications.

53,936. In another book?—I think so; I will see. Yes, there was another list kept of the applications for runners, and this is the list of those who were actually employed and paid.

53,937. Were there any persons, whose names had been set down as applicants, who were not employed and not paid?—There were.

53,938. How many?—I really cannot tell.

53,939. Do you mean, having set their names down as runners, you never employed them, or paid them?—Yes; those that were paid were transferred from those sheets into this book, and then if they were entered in this book, they were paid.

53,940. Did you make any selection?—Yes; we did.

53,941. How did you select them?—In the early part of it we selected those men who were out of work.

53,942. Had you any reason for altogether omitting the persons whom you say you did omit?—Except that our instructions from the central room were, in fact, to limit the number.

53,943. Was there any number fixed?—No; no number fixed.

53,944. Only that you were to employ them?—Those that we really wanted.

53,945. If there was a pressure for them?—The pressure from without compelled us to do it.

53,946. Why did you stop short of employing all?—We were afraid we should not get the funds to pay them.

53,947. You understood money was rather scarce on your side, is that it?—From the instructions that we received from Mr. Wells and Mr. Ward, we were led to believe that they would not encourage the system of putting the names down.

53,948. Did you have any such bargaining at this election as you had before with the eighty?—No.

53,949. No applications of the sort made to you?—None whatever.

53,950. Is there any list in that book of committee rooms taken?—There is.

53,951. Were those sham committee rooms?—All, except one.

53,952. Which is the exception?—William Jackson, Greenland Fishery, Bridge Street.

53,953. Why do you say that is the exception?—That was an additional committee room, at the extreme end of the ward, and our central committee room was a long way from it.

53,954. That room was used?—Yes.

53,955. Did you not select Jackson's room, with some reference to the securing Jackson's vote?—No; the reason was he was at the extreme end of the ward—the ward being a very long one. It was kept by a Mrs. Jackson; she has a son a voter.

53,956. You say one reason, what was the other reason?—We, perhaps, had an eye to his vote as well.

53,957. Was the younger Jackson a person who had applied?—I think Mrs. Jackson applied to us to let us a room.

53,958. And told you that her son had a vote?—I think she did.

53,959. What was the number of other rooms?—There were eight altogether.

53,960. Is that all?—That is all.

53,961. There were eight committee rooms in your district, that is all you know of?—Yes; that is all.

53,962. There are the names struck through of some of those committee rooms, are there not?—Yes; there are.

53,963. Why is that?—There is a Mrs. Nicholson, Pall Mall Court, she was of no use in the way of walking.

53,964. Is there any other name struck through?—There is a Mr. Bell, cooper, High Street.

53,965. Why is that struck through?—I do not know; it is not my writing at all. I do not know.

53,966. Would it be of any assistance in forming your opinion, to inform you that on looking at the register there is no person of that name who has a vote there?—Probably it would.

53,967. That would account for it, you think?—It is not my writing, and therefore I do not know.

53,968. Did you direct refreshments to be given to voters at different places?—On the nomination day, only in the morning.

53,969. Where was it you gave the directions?—It was in the committee room.

53,970. Where were they to have the refreshments?—At the Ship Inn.

53,971. What were your orders?—The reason of it was on the nomination morning it was very hot.

53,972. What were your orders?—We gave no orders whatever.

53,973. It was at the ship?—Yes.

53,974. Did you direct them to supply all the voters?—No.

53,975. What then?—A man of the name of Watson was employed as a confidential person, and he said there was a lot of men down stairs who had been running about all the morning, it was very hot. I said how many of them are there? just go down stairs and bring me a list of them. He went down stairs and brought me a list of them, I think what I remember, about fifteen, and under the names I wrote a note to M'Morren, the man who kept the public house, "Give these men one pint of ale each, for which I will be answerable."

53,976. Is that the whole extent of the refreshment?—It was, but they had altered the one into a four; it was originally one—one pint of ale each.

53,977. They said they wanted their allowance? that is the ordinary word, that is the same word as was used in 1837—refreshment or allowance; allowance means refreshment?—It is constantly so used.

53,978. In 1837 it was so?—Yes.

53,979. Was that your order for the refreshments?—On the polling day the committee had a piece of beef and some porter; that was all, that is the whole refreshment of the time including the pints of ale; it was 3*l.* 15*s.* for the whole time.

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53,980. Do you recollect a man of the name of John Harrison? It is said that he had been a runner for the orange party, and that you paid him some money to get him over?—If his name is not down there, he has not been paid by me at all.

53,981. Can you undertake to say you paid no persons that are not named in that book?—No.

53,982. During the whole election?—No; not during the whole election.

53,983. There is William Oliver junior, Charter House Square?—Yes.

53,984. Did you pay him anything?—I did.

53,985. Is his name in the book?—Yes; he was employed very nearly from the first.

53,986. Did you pay him as you did the others?—Yes, exactly.

53,987. Did you pay them before or after the election?—Those who were employed were paid every Saturday evening, and those in the election week, were paid on the Saturday evening after the election.

53,988. There was some employment made for those persons also, was there not?—There was.

53,989. Do you know a man of the name of Tadman, and another of the name of Dry?—Yes, I do.

53,990. Thomas Tadman and Ralph Dry?—Yes; Ralph Dry.

53,991. Did you employ those men on the nomination day?—They were paid for two days, and I think that those names are on the list of persons that I gave the order for the pint of ale each.

53,992. Did you employ persons to procure people to shout at the hustings?—No.

53,993. You know they were so employed?—I do not. I know we had Dry at our committee room on the polling day, and he was very active.

53,994. But do you know anything of a party of men being paid *5s.* each to shout at the hustings?—No.

53,995. Or to keep your party places on the hustings, or anything of that sort?—There were about thirteen or fourteen ship carpenters, not voters, who wanted a holiday, and they were brought by their foreman to the room, and I gave them *5s.* each.

53,996. They were not voters?—They were not voters.

53,997. What did you give them *5s.* for?—I suppose they wanted a holiday similar to the rest.

53,998. Did you with your candidates money pay anybody who wanted a holiday?—No; there are their names there.

53,999. What did you pay them for?—To go and help to shout.

54,000. How many were there?—Seventeen.

54,001. Do you undertake to say all those seventeen are not voters?—They are not voters; there is a heading made, "non-freemen" at the top, and some of them I see were paid half a crown.

54,002. Now, did you hear during the election of that scheme of Mr. Wells?—Yes, I did.

54,003. Did you supply your quota of men from your committee room?—No.

54,004. Why not?—We sent six, that was all we were desired to send.

54,005. All their names appear in that list?—They do; there is the heading, "list of confidential persons recommended from Lowgate ward for the clearing house."

54,006. I understood you to say you paid all the persons named in that book?—Yes.

54,007. You paid those men whom you say were not freemen?—Yes.

54,008. Is that the only book that you have as regards the election?—No; there is a minute book.

54,009. What has become of the application book?—They were all sent to Mr. Wells.

54,010. Mr. Wells, the solicitor?—Yes; except the pay sheets, and they were given to Mr. Ward after the election was over.

54,011. Where did you get the money from?—From Mr. Harris and Mr. Barkworth.

54,012. Did you take the pay sheets to them?—I did.

54,013. Every week?—Every week.

54,014. And the pay sheets you took to them had the names of the runners in them whom you paid?—Yes; and I kept a duplicate for myself.

54,015. Did you, when you took these pay sheets, have any entry of the names made there?—I left the pay sheet with them. I made two copies of it, one I left with them and one I took back to pay the money by, I had a list.

54,016. Did you give them a list of the names in order that they might not pay them again there?—That was done by the chairman; they requested us to leave one with them.

54,017. Did you leave that list in the clerk's room?—No, not in the clerk's room; it would be left with Mr. Harris or Mr. Barkworth, whoever gave us the money.

54,018. You did not give them to Mr. Fowler?—No.

54,019. Did the man, Lidgard, come to your committee room?—I never saw him there.

54,020. Do you know if he did come there?—I do not.

54,021. Do you know of any room in your district, where names were set down, besides the committee room?—I do not know of one.

54,022. It has been stated that the tradespeople of Hull are remarkable for their cupidity, do you agree with that? that that is the origin of the contests here?—As far as all parties were concerned, we were very anxious to avoid a contest.

54,023. Do you agree that the tradesmen of Hull originated the contest owing to their cupidity ?—It is coming rather home ; I can speak for myself, I did not require a contest.

54,024. Is that the character generally of the tradespeople of Hull ?—I dare say it is.

54,025. The printers generally, as you say, with the exception of yourself ?—No, I will not say that ; there are other tradesmen in Hull as well as printers.

54,026. I wish you to answer as to the printers ; they have been spoken of by several of the witnesses, as the originators of the contests. Do you think that the printers of Hull are eminent for their cupidity ?—Well, I do not know, I am sure.

54,027. I wish to have your opinion about the trade you are more conversant with than others : do you agree that your brother printers in Hull are remarkable for their cupidity ?—I should not like to say so.

54,028. What is your opinion, on your oath ? I would rather have the opinion of a person in the trade, who must know better than other parties. You know Mr. Cattley, one of the blue party, has so stated; do you agree with him ?—I scarcely know what answer to give to the question.

54,029. I want to know whether you agree with Mr. Cattley who has been examined, and who states that the contest is principally attributed to the cupidity of the printers and the lawyers ; do you agree with Mr. Cattley's statement ?—Of course it is better for the printers if there is a contest.

54,030. Do you agree that they are remarkable for their cupidity, and are the principal originators of the contests in Hull ?—I believe it was principally through a printer that the last contest was brought on.

54,031. That has been stated of the printers generally ?—Perhaps it may be.

54,032. You think that they are remarkable for their cupidity ?—I do not know that they are remarkable.

54,033. I wish to have an answer, yes or no ; you must know better than other people ? —No ; I have heard no feeling at all expressed by the printers.

54,034. Assuming that opinion to be expressed by Mr. Cattley, I want to know whether you believe it ?—I can speak for myself——

54,035. I say the printers, with the exception of yourself; you are the only virtuous printer.—I do not wish to be held up in that way.

54,036. You do not wish to be so held up ?—No, I do not.

54,037. I want to know whether you consider your brother printers generally, as a class, are remarkable for their cupidity, and, with the assistance of the lawyers, the principal orginators of contests in Hull ?—It makes it better for the printers.

54,038. That is not an answer to my question ; I want an answer, yes or no. I put it in the very terms it has been stated ?—If I were to say yes, I should give no proof at all of it

54,039. You think they are not deserving of it ?—No.

54,040. Do you think that there is any class of the tradespeople in Hull who are remarkable for their cupidity, and are the principal originators of the contests in Hull, for the sake of the expenditure ?—Well, I do not know that of one class tradesmen more than another.

54,041. You seem to consider the printers are not ?—Of course they derive more advantage than others, the printers, the lawyers, and the publicans.

54,042. I think I understood you to say, that you think it is not true that the printers are remarkable for their cupidity ?—They are anxious, of course, for a contest.

54,043. That answer does not satisfy me ; I will have an answer in the very terms of the statement, yes or no. Do I understand you to say, that it is untrue of the printers of Hull, that they are remarkable for their cupidity, and are the principal originators of a contest in Hull ? is that so ? Are the contests in Hull owing to the cupidity of the printers ? I will have an answer, yes or no.—I am sure I cannot say about other printers ; I do not know what opinion to give.

54,044. I will have an answer,—the best opinion that you can give. They are gentlemen in your department of trade.—Of course they are anxious for a contest.

54,045. I do not ask you that, you have told me that at least ten times. I do not ask you if they were anxious for a contest, I ask you whether the contest is attributable to the cupidity of the printers—yes or no ?—The printers only would not have the power of creating a contest.

54,046. I want a simple answer, yes or no. I will have an answer to that question. Are the contests in Hull attributable to the cupidity of the printers ?—No.

54,047. Do you consider that they are attributable to the cupidity of any class of tradesmen in the town ?—No ; not as a class.

54,048. Do you consider that they are attributable to them in any other sense, than as a class ?—No.

54,049. Although they may not be remarkable for their cupidity, is there not a great part of their constituency who are anxious for a contest ?—Certainly there are.

54,050. Is not that anxiety independent of any political motive ?—Perhaps, it may be.

54,051. Is it not for the purpose of reaping some advantage from the quantity of money that is always spent at elections ?—Quite so.

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54,052. And has not that been carried so far as to bring on a contest, when there would have been no contest otherwise?—I dare say it has.

54,053. Whom do you allude to as having brought on a contest? are you alluding to any particular class of people who have brought on a contest?—Mr. Collins has the credit of the last,—the editor of the Advertiser.

54,054. I do not ask you for names; I ask you whether you consider them as a class, —what class is it that you say has brought on a contest, independent of political motives? —I cannot specify any class particularly.

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Mr. Edward Francis Collins recalled, and examined.

54,055. I will ask you, did you ever bring on a contest, or be the means of bringing on a contest in Hull, independent of political motives?—Never.

54,056. You have heard the evidence just given, mentioning your name?—I mean to say now, that, whilst I should take no less a part in electioneering matters than I have ever done, I propose to myself in future never to derive any advantage whatever, or never to have any printing for the candidates.

54,057. It was to give you an opportunity of contradicting it, as your name was mentioned?—I never in my life had any interested motives, motives of a pecuniary kind, in bringing it forward.

54,058. I ask you on your oath, is it true that the political contests are attributable to the printers of Hull?—I do not believe so.

54,059. Is there a good deal of money spent amongst them or not?—Yes; much more than I think ought to be spent.

54,060. Is there much more spent amongst them than, in proportion, amongst any other class of persons?—Yes, I think so; and I think necessarily so, because the business of the printing is the principal means by which the appeals are made known to the public during the election contests, and they are the class of trademen who, under such circumstances, would be most employed.

54,061. What is the name of the principal leading blue paper?—The Hull Packet.

54,062. And the name of the editor?—Richard Wallis.

54,063. Where does he live?—At No. 24, Spring Street.

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Mr. Charles Wells sworn, and examined.

54,064. Where do you live?—In Wellington Place, Beverley Road.

54,065. Do you carry on any business?—I do.

54,066. What is it?—Coal merchant.

54,067. Are you a freeman?—I am.

54,068. Did you vote at the election of 1841 as a freeman?—No; that was before I was of age.

54,069. You did not vote then?—I did not.

54,070. Do you pay rent for a house?—No; I live in my own house.

54,071. What are you rated at?—£30 or 35*l.*, I do not know exactly.

54,072. Did you take any interest in the election of 1841, though you were not of age and able to vote?—I did.

54,073. For what party?—The two Conservative candidates, James and Hanmer.

54,074. Were you on any committee?—I was.

54,075. Where was the committee at which you acted?—In Cogan Street, a portion of the South Myton district.

54,076. Who was your chairman?—I am sure I forget, it is so long since; a Mr. Milner was either the chairman or the deputy chairman.

54,077. Was Mr. Milner constantly in attendance?—Yes, he was.

54,078. Was he an active member of the committee?—Yes; Mr. Milner, of the firm of Clarkson and Milner.

54,079. He is dead, is he not?—Yes, I believe so. His partner was also an active man.

54,080. Who also was on the committee, who is alive?—His partner, Mr. Clarkson, whom I have also mentioned, and, I think, a Mr. Day, who, by the bye, is also dead. It is so long since, and I have never had my attention drawn to the subject, that I cannot remember the parties. I was very young then.

54,081. What was your capacity?—As a member of the committee, to canvass and that sort of thing.

54,082. Did you attend principally at the room, or was it an out-door canvass?—I was principally canvassing out of doors.

54,083. At that election who was the treasurer?—Mr. Milner.

54,084. He was very active, I see?—He was.

54,085. Did you, as an out-door canvasser, set down names in application books, and so on?—No; I took many to Mr. Milner for the purpose of their being paid directly.

54,086. I suppose there were books in which they were set down at that time?—Mr. Milner sat in a room by himself at that time, and these men were sent in to him. I do not think many people knew how it was carried on.

54,087. You gave us the name of the place?—It was over a druggist's shop in Cogan Street.

54,088. Did you say you were a freeman or not?—Yes; I am a freeman.

54,089. When were you made a freeman?—I suppose immediately after I had the privilege, which would be ten years ago. In 1843.

54,090. How many names do you suppose of applicants to be set down did you take to Mr. Milner at this room?—Upon my word I cannot tell; I should say perhaps a score or two, probably.

54,091. You took the men there, and they were set down?—I presume some arrangement was made with them.

54,092, They were put down. You think there were about a score or two?—I guess very vaguely, but I know there were a good many.

54,093. Were those men paid?—I believe some of them were.

54,094. What was the nature of the list, that they were put on as runners, and so on?—I really cannot tell. I fancy there was an arrangement: "I will give you so much money if you will vote for us."

54,095. How much was it to be, do you know?—I do not know, indeed; it is a long time since.

54,096. Those parties you sent in this way went into a private room to Mr. Milner?—They did.

54,097. Were the committee generally sitting in some other room?—They were.

54,098. When were they paid?—I fancy some of them were paid before the election.

54,099. Did you pay any people yourself at the election?—I did not.

54,100. Did any money pass through your hands?—None whatever.

54,101. You were an active young man, entering into the spirit of the thing?—My activity was not in that line.

54,102. Did you take up any voters yourself?—A great many.

54,103. To the poll?—I did.

54,104. What was the course of that proceeding? Did you go up with them?—I took them in a fly.

54,105. You went with them, and saw how they voted?—Yes; and after that took them back to their own homes.

54,106. You did not care where they wanted to go after the election?—I thought there might be another election, and any incivility might be remembered.

54,107. How many did you take up?—I cannot tell; I was employed the whole of the day.

54,108. A hundred?—Not by any means.

54,109. A couple of hundred?—I guess at it; I may say 100.

54,110. Those people I suppose wanted looking after?—There were a good many aged people, and people who wanted a little civility rather than any payment.

54,111. They would also be paid, some of them?—I dare say they might; but no portion of that would pass through my hands; no arrangement would be made by me.

54,112. Were there any tickets issued for payment?—Not that I know of; I never saw any.

54,113. When you took those people home, was anything said about how much they were to get?—I do not remember that any application of the sort was made to me. If any application was made I invariably took them into Mr. Milner, who was the man appointed at that room, I presume to attend to it.

54,114. On your way home, did you take them into Mr. Milner?—I do not remember an instance. I fancy those would be paid before the election.

54,115. Those people you had taken to the poll, and conducted to their homes afterwards, did they ever make any complaint to you that they had not been paid?—No; I fancy those that were not paid prior to the election would not be paid till the poll book came out, to see how they had voted.

54,116. That was some little time afterwards?—Yes.

54,117. Do you remember, after it came out, when the payments were made?—I do not.

54,118. We have heard of the invisible people, and placing money under doors. Did you know anything of it at that election?—The first I heard of any hole in doors was upon this inquiry. I never heard of any before.

54,119. Do you know anything of a man named Freebody at that election?—I know him.

54,120. Do you remember a man of the name of M'Allam?—Yes; I know one or two of that name.

54,121. Did you pay either of those people any money at that election?—I do not remember. In fact, I did not pay any money at that election myself, to my knowledge.

54,122. M'Adam was clerk to the committee?—Yes; I recollect him; and I should think Freebody would take an active part.

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54,123. Was he a canvasser?—I believe he was connected with the Hull Packet, and therefore he would be quite sure to take an active part.

54,124. Did you hear of their making any payments to parties of 5*l.* each?—No, I have not.

54,125. Did you vote at the next election, 1847; Clay, Baines, and Brown?—I did.

54,126. You voted as a freeman?—I did.

54,127. For whom?—For Baines and Brown.

54,128. Were you on their committee?—No; I took no active part on that occasion.

54,129. You did not canvass at all then?—Neither of the men were very much to my mind, and I did not vote until a late hour.

54,130. Do you know anything at all of the money transactions of that election?—I know nothing whatever of the 1847 election.

54,131. Now, in 1852; did you vote for Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler?—I did.

54,132. And were you the deputy chairman of the Osborne Street district of South Myton?—Yes.

54,133. Was Mr. Preston your chairman?—Yes; Charles Preston.

54,134. Did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes, I did.

54,135. Did you attend much at the committee?—Yes, I did.

54,136. You had a book, I suppose, of the ordinary kind, at your committee?—Yes.

54,137. Do you know what became of them?—They were all given in to Mr. Robert Wells; the whole of the papers.

54,138. Mr. Wells, the solicitor?—Yes.

54,139. Did you hand them to him yourself, or have them sent?—No. I think they were sent by a clerk of Mr. Preston's. I was there when they were packed up. I afterwards found a lot of loose papers about, which I destroyed. I do not think they would have thrown any light upon this.

54,140. When was it they were sent to Mr. Wells?—Immediately after the election.

54,141. What were the papers that were destroyed; the pay sheets?—No; not the pay lists. They would be probably the returns that we should receive from the polling booths on the election day.

54,142. What we call the check sheets?—Yes, and waste bills, and stationery, and anything that was in the place that was of no further use.

54,143. Bills?—Printed placards.

54,144. Posting bills?—Yes; what was left in the room we did not think was worth preserving. I may say that immediately after the election I got a note from Mr. Robert Wells, requesting me to send the whole of the books and papers to his office; and it was in accordance with that note that they were sent in.

54,145. I thought you said you sent them by a clerk of the chairman's?—I was present. The note would be addressed to Mr. Preston; Mr. Preston would hand it to me, and then I assisted him in packing them up.

54,146. And sending them to Mr. Wells?—Yes; I believe they were sent by a clerk of Mr. Preston.

54,147. I understood you to say you and Mr. Preston were present?—Yes.

54,148. There are two notes that bear your signature, Mr. Wells. Will you be kind enough to look at them? Do you remember that man? I see your writing across it, "it is all right?—During the election we had many applications from men to be employed as runners, and I dare say this would be one.

54,149. What is the name?—John Smith.

54,150. What is the entry you have written across it?—"He resides 26, High Street, and will be all right, if employed."

54,151. That means he would vote if he was employed?—That means he would vote if he was employed. We sat for three weeks before the election, and we had a certain number of men to employ, that would allude to this. If you can put this man anywhere, and give him a few days' employment, I have no doubt he would vote for you; that would be the interpretation of it.

54,152. Now, No. 29, further on, look at that one? Does that allude to another person of the name named there, with a mark across it, in your writing?—Here is my signature. I do not know to what that alludes; it is not in my writing—"If employed to-morrow." I think this statement was written by the clerk of our committee room.

54,153. What was his name? I do not think you have given it?—His name was Barton.

54,154. Where does he live; do you remember?—I do not know.

54,155. Was he the party constantly in attendance?—He was there the whole of the time from the first day of the committee room being opened.

54,156. Is it John Barton?—I know that he was a schoolmaster. I know the man, when I see him, but I do not know where he lives.

54,157. He was there constantly?—He was, as a clerk.

54,158. And the whole of the time he was employed?—Yes. This entry is, "This person will vote for the blues, if temporarily employed; should be attended to." That would be handed to me, and I would send it to the district that he was in.

54,159. And I suppose the result of that is, that his name would be put on for employment at once?—That would be my desire, when I sent the note.

54,160. I see somebody else writes, in red ink, "he has promised, and put on our list as one of the persons to be employed"?—That has been written afterwards. I sent it on to some chairman, and the chairman has written that as a minute, and probably sent it back to me. I do not remember the paper.

54,161. Was this Darton a poll clerk, do you know?—I believe he attended at our room during the election day also, therefore he could not be a poll clerk. I can get you the man's address, I have no doubt.

54,162. Do you know anything about his being canvassed,—this Barton that I am speaking of,—and his saying that he would vote if he was made a poll clerk?—No; he would not be the man, he would be employed at our room from the first, and we should take it that he was a safe man from the place he occupied.

54,163. He might have come there originally on the promise of being made a poll clerk?—I think not. I think before poll clerks were almost thought of he was employed. If I remember correctly, it was Dr. Bell handed his name to me as a proper person to be employed, and therefore I believe Dr. Bell would give me his address.

54,164. Did you pay some money at the Trinity House in Carr Lane?—No.

54,165. Would Barton be the person that would set down the names of any applications which were made at your room?—I believe anybody who was in the room would do it.

54,166. Were such applications made?—Yes.

54,167. Pretty constantly?—Yes; I believe from the first there were applications.

54,168. And were the applications received to the extent of putting their names down?—I believe the names were put down simply as applications.

54,169. I say to the extent of putting their names down?—Yes; I left instruction, if any man applied, to take down his address.

54,170. Can you tell me at all about the number that would be entered in that way at your room?—I should think perhaps from eighty to a hundred. I know there was a good long list of them.

54,171. Was it intended to give employment to those persons, if the opportunity occurred?—It was intended to pick from that list old men to whom we gave employment.

54,172. Were some put on the list that it was not intended to give employment to at all; merely to secure their votes?—No; it had no reference to the votes There was no promise held out to them when their addresses were taken. It was said, if we find we have anything for you to do, we will take your name down amongst the applications; and they were ready to do it.

54,173. You ascertained which way they would vote?—I do not think half a dozen of them would promise when their names were taken down.

54,174. Supposing they had employment?—Then we felt quite sure of their vote.

54,175. You merely set them down for such a purpose?—No; I do not remember any instance personally. I dare say many of them would say, "if you would give me some employment, I will vote for you."

54,176. That is the style of doing it?—Yes; we say, if we should have any occasion for you we will let you know; we will take your name down.

54,177–8. Did you know of the resolution as to employing a certain number at first? Did you observe it at your committee room?—No; I employed what I thought was necessary. I was present at the central committee room when it was made. I observed it, as far as I could. I employed two clerks when one only was allowed. I I found the district was so large that it was impossible to do without them.

54,179. You did not think that resolution should be rigidly observed?—I made this difference. I took care that one of the clerks I employed should not be a voter, so that the other party might have no reason to complain that we had made a breach in the arrangement, to gain a vote.

54,180. Then did you increase your staff from time to time; your number of runners and messengers?—I think the first and second weeks we did not do so.

54,181. With the exception of that additional clerk?—With the exception of the additional clerk. The third week we opened another committee room—a bonâ fide committee room—and sent a staff there, and for that committee room we also employed the same number of messengers that were employed at our own.

54,182. When was it you had this sub-committee room?—I think the week before the election. I fancy it would be then.

54,183. Before or about the 30th of June?—I should think about the 30th of June. If my minute book was here I could tell you precisely. I think you will have it.

54,184. Where was that?—At the White Horse, or Black Horse, in Carr Lane.

54,185. Was it Ellermans' house?—No; he was a member of the committee.

54,186. He does not keep the house?—No.

54,187. Who was the owner of the house?—I do not know; I never was in the room.

54,188. Who was the chairman of that committee?—I know Mr. Kemp and Mr. Ellermans undertook it, and they would act upon it. They were acting entirely together under the other room, and perhaps they might form themselves into a separate committee, having that room, to report upon their canvass; they sent in their list to our committee

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room, and from us it had to be forwarded to the central. I do not know what arrangements they made internally.

54,189. You said there were a good many applicants from time to time of this kind. Did you report them to the central committee?—I never made any report of those applications.

54,190. Why not?—I was never desired to do so.

54,191. I thought the general course was to report them?—Not to my knowledge. We sent in our canvassing sheets daily, and some of the canvassers might write on their sheets, "Application for runner," or something of that sort.

54,192. Did you retain the names of those applicants that had been put on the separate list, and not return them to the central committee, because you intended if an opportunity occurred of employing them in your district?—Yes.

54,193. That was the reason?—It was.

54,194. The names on your canvassing sheets were bonâ fide electors, as distinguished from your list?—Bonâ fide electors.

54,195. When I say bonâ fide electors, persons who had not applied for employment, to be put down in the way you are speaking of?—The canvassing sheets were made up daily by each canvasser. He would take a book out in the morning, and return that in the evening. His duty was, when he returned that book, to superintend the clerk making out the canvassing sheet to return to the central room. It was a part of the duty of the clerk to write on that canvassing sheet anything which the parties he canvassed had said to him. If he canvassed a man who had made an application to be put on as a runner, the probability is that the canvasser would make that remark in the canvassing sheet, and so send it in to the central.

54,196. Would he not also, when he was making his canvass, and came to a person of that description,—would he not direct him to come and make an application at your room?—Very probably they might. I know a good many said they were sent by the canvassers.

54,197. And by that means would probably get put down on another list, as distinguished from the canvasser's book?—Exactly.

54,198. There were applications sent to the district committee room, in which they made applications of that kind, and got their names entered there?—Yes.

54,199. As distinguished from being set down by the canvasser, in the ordinary course, in his book?—Yes.

54,200. Who paid the money principally at your room?—I did.

54,201. From whom did you receive your monies for making the payments?—The first week the money was left at the committee room, sealed in an envelope addressed to myself; the second week it was similarly left at my own office.

54,202. Do you remember the amounts?—I think the first week was under 5*l.*, and the second week perhaps from 5*l.* to 10*l.*; that difference was occasioned by the first being for the half of a week, and the second for the whole week; the third week would be a similar amount; the fourth would be considerably larger, from their having engaged others—having engaged an extra number of men. I engaged a number of men to send to the clearing house; those men were included in my list of the last week's expenses.

54,203. There was also at the same time a resolution that each party should increase their staff by twelve runners for each district committee room; there was a resolution of that kind prior to the clearing house?—I think there was, on the Saturday before the election. It has been called to my mind since. I had certainly forgotten that.

54,204. On the 30th of June the resolution was come to?—I should be at the central committee when the resolution was discussed.

54,205. Do you remember how much money you disbursed altogether in this way?—I should think 50*l.* would cover the amount that I paid altogether.

54,206. I suppose there would be, amongst the papers you returned to Mr. Wells, the account of the amounts, and the persons to whom they were paid?—No doubt of it.

54,207. Were the payments all made to persons living in your own ward; voters in your own ward?—No. During the last week I found a great difficulty in obtaining men, and I took men from any part that I could get, whether voters or not, so long as they brought me anything like a voucher for their respectability, and I got them from all parts.

54,208. Can you furnish us with a list of the names you paid?—It would be quite impossible.

54,209. By reference to the poll book?—It would be quite impossible. I do not think I should know three of them personally.

54,210. Did you pay any of them after the election?—The whole of those employed during the last week I paid after the election was over.

54,211. On the Saturday?—I believe on the Saturday or the Friday after the election.

54,212. Do you remember how much you disbursed on that day,—about?—I should think perhaps 20*l.* I guess at it only.

54,213. Did Mr. Ward supply you with that money?—I think I got the last from Mr. Harris; either Mr. Harris, Mr. Gleadow, or Mr. Ward; some one in the central committee room. I got it from some one in the committee room.

54,214. Did you make those payments from some list which you had before you after the election?—I did.

54,215. Who assisted you; the clerk, Barton?—No; Barton's occupation was done with the election. Nobody assisted me. My own clerks were there in my own office part of the time. Those men came in during the whole of the day after the election. They came when I was not in, and they called again and again till they met with me. I paid them at my office.

54,216. I merely ask you for the purpose of seeing whether the clerks or anybody else could assist us with the list of names paid at that time?—I am not aware any one could. I shall be very glad to make inquiries.

54,217. The payments you made were made on the Saturday?—If you will allow me, I will tell you a means of obtaining a list. When I got the money from the central committee, a list was left with them of the amount, and with every name for whom the money was intended.

54,218. The sum affixed to each name?—Yes.

54,219. When do you remember that you left that, or sent it in to the central committee room?—It would be sent in by a clerk to the central committee room, on the Saturday morning. It would be prepared by him, signed by myself, and taken by him to the committee room.

54,220. And did he bring back the money?—No. He would leave that there; the money was then sent on; in the first instance to the committee room, and the second to my own office.

54,221. I thought you were speaking of the last occasion?—No; of the general course; and on the last occasion, I think the list was made out by him after the election, and therefore sent by me, the next day, to Mr. Ward or Mr. Gleadow.

54,222. What means had you for making out that list?—My minute book, and the whole of the papers in the committee room.

54,223. I suppose the persons you paid were persons who voted for you?—I made no payment to anybody other than those that had been employed.

54,224. And who had voted for you?—I made payments to those who voted against us as well. I did not expect they would vote against us. I was disappointed.

54,225. When you paid them, did you know that they had done so?—I did.

54,226. How many would that extend to?—I dare say to three or four. I can particularize one man, for I was very much annoyed about it. It was the man from whom we took the committee room.

54,227. Did he entirely desert you?—No; I think he voted one and one.

54,228. He split his vote?—Yes.

54,229. Do you remember his name?—I do not; I should know it if I heard it.

54,230. Cooper?—Cooper was his name.

54,231. Did the payments you made on the last day, the Saturday after the election, include anything beyond the charges and expenses for the preceding week?—Not that I am aware of.

54,232. Any bygone money?—Oh dear, no.

54,233. Any arrears?—No; none whatever.

54,234. They were all paid up, each week?—I believe there was a custom, at some of the committee rooms, of only paying a portion. I did not adopt that. I paid up, in full, every Saturday night; and in the majority of cases I changed my men, for the purpose of giving two or three days' employment to others.

54,235. During the first and the second week after the agreement, did you do that; did you change your men?—I did. I think the rule was, that I gave each man three days.

54,236. Although you were only to employ a certain number of runners at a time?—I might have employed a different set every day, if I had chosen. We were not allowed to give more than a fixed sum per diem. I should not employ them one day, and give them a week's wage for it.

54,237. Although you did not exceed the number, you thought yourself at liberty to change the men?—I was allowed to employ any number, so long as I did not exceed the amount, I presume.

54,238. As to the other people who deserted you; you said there were two, or three or four men from whom you had taken rooms?—They would be our runners. I found the plan did not answer very well, of changing the men. The men would get two or three days' employment, and then, because they were not continued, they voted for the others. I found that out during the election week. There were one or two men who were employed for two or three days voted for the other party because they were not continued.

54,239. With Cooper there was a contract for his room; you were to pay him so much?—There was.

54,240. How much?—£10 for the four weeks.

54,241. Was he to have had anything besides that?—No.

54,242. Is it Richard Cooper of Osborne Street?—That will be the same. I do not know his Christian name.

54,243. Were all the charges made against your room paid up?—I believe everything was paid.

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54,244. Was there a balance with you, or did you get the exact sum?—I got the exact sum.

54,245. In that list you spoke of, of eighty or a hundred, which might amount to a hundred, you think, how many do you think were actually employed?—The whole were employed, with the exception of some who were not voters. They were taken from that list. The greater portion of that list was gone over when we wanted men.

54,246. I want to know about the number you employed?—Twenty, as near as possible.

54,247. Twenty out of the list of a hundred, you think, would be employed?—Possibly twenty.

54,248. Not more?—I should say not more.

54,249. Were there not more than twenty different persons employed?—Yes. Some would be employed direct, without being put on that list. The first men that came would be continued for the following week.

54,250. They would continue to be employed?—I do not think we have more than one who was continued all the time.

54,251. The remaining eighty, or seventy, or whatever the number would be, were they paid?—No.

54,252. What became of them?—I cannot say. I should think a good part of them went over to the other party because they were not employed by us.

54,252. Did you not ascertain how the remaining number on your list voted?—No; I have never compared the poll book with it.

54,254. Were you confined to putting them down for any number of days?—I never put any days down at all. The only way in which I was to put down the number of days, when I gave a man three days' employment, I said, "I will give you three days, and at the end of that time I shall employ somebody else." No number of days were mentioned to them.

54,255. Was there any mode, besides that you have mentioned, of paying them?—Not that I am aware of.

54,256. Do you think you are stating the full number, when you say that twenty out of that list were employed?—I think I am.

54,257. If there were not above twenty, do you not think you will be able to give the names of them?—It is impossible. I never saw them before, and may never see them again. I never heard their names before or since.

54,258. What employment did you give them?—The conveyance of notes from my room to the central committee room, and fetching notes, and searching for parties who had removed.

54,259. You said, besides that list, there were some who were employed, and who would not be on that list; how many do you think altogether were employed at your committee room, during the election, from first to last?—I shall only arrive at it by a guess.

54,260. That is all we can ask you to?—From thirty to forty, I should think. I should think the one would be the lowest, and the other the highest.

54,261. You stated you contributed some quota to Mr. Wells's scheme?—I did.

54,262. How many, do you remember, you were to contribute to that?—I think we were to contribute some thirty or forty. I could not contribute so many. Perhaps it was fifty.

54,263. Did you select some names?—I did, and gave them cards, number so-and-so, from my room.

54,264. You took all you could get?—I took all I could get; all that I could place any reliance on.

54,265. You did not quite make up your complement?—Not nearly.

54,266. You gave them all cards?—Yes.

54,267. Were their names entered on them, do you remember?—I do not remember.

54,268. The card would have something upon it?—I think they were numbered from one upwards, and those men would pass by that.

54,269. When did you give them their cards; on what day?—I should think it would be the night before the election.

54,270. Do you remember, the clerks and yourself were engaged somewhat late in making out the list?—I dare say. All hands were at the committee room till eleven or twelve o'clock at night.

54,271. Did you see them all personally, and give their cards to them?—The men?

54,272. Yes?—The greater part of them, I think; I dare say all of them. I do not think any one employed those men but myself.

54,173. They were paid by you?—They were all paid by me.

54,274. At the time?—On the Saturday after the election.

54,275. How much did you pay those men?—Some 10*s.*, some 5*s.*, and some 17*s.* 6*d.* There were some of them engaged from the Monday; I could not get them unless I gave them employment from the Monday or Tuesday. The employment on the Monday and Tuesday was almost nominal; on the Wednesday, to attend before the hustings, and on the Thursday at the clearing houses.

54,276. At what rate per day?—I made as good a bargain with them as I well could.

54,277. What was the highest?—5*s.* was the highest, and I think generally it would rule from 3*s.* 6*d.* on the Monday and Tuesday and 5*s.* on the Wednesday and Thursday,

and also 5*s.* for the Wednesday and Thursday alone; and in a few cases, perhaps, 5*s.* for the four days. If it was so, it was men who were really employed early and late.

54,278. You said you paid them on Saturday?—On Friday and Saturday both. They were at my office before one on the following morning.

54,279. On the polling day?—No; after the polling day.

54,280. How much of the money you paid was paid to those particular men?—I do not know at all.

54,281. You said, if I understood you, that you were asked to return fifty?—I do not know exactly how many, but I could not complete the quantum.

54,282. How many did you supply?—I cannot say; from a dozen to twenty.

54,283. I thought you said thirty or forty?—No. That was the total number of men employed at my rooms; perhaps not more than a dozen; I do not think there were more than a dozen; they were a portion of the thirty or forty I spoke of.

54,284. Some of those were included, and some not, in the thirty or forty?—I am guessing at these numbers when I said thirty or forty; that included every man employed.

54,285. In every way?—In every way.

54,286. According to Mr. Wells's scheme and otherwise?—I should think it would not exceed forty.

54,287. You changed your men every three or four days?—Perhaps the man who got three days in the first week was repeated in the second.

54,288. If you supplied only twenty, that leaves eighty?—If I take a pencil I can calculate it. These replies are only guesses, more than otherwise.

54,289. You may have employed more than forty?—I do not think it would exceed more than forty.

54,290. You say you selected those for Mr. Wells with great care?—Yes; decentish sort of men, who did not appear at the place drunk.

54,291. Were they voters?—I cannot say exactly; they were taken indiscriminately.

54,292. Did you take any yourself up to the poll on the last occasion?—Yes.

54,293. Did you take any from the Pilot Boy?—No.

54,294. Were you there at all?—No; it was not in my district. A brother of mine reported he had been there to canvass some men, and he stated they wanted money for their votes, 2*l.* each. What I can state to you of that is merely what he told me.

54,295. Was that at the Pilot Boy?—That was at the Pilot Boy.

54,296. Do you know of any at the Baltic?—No; I never heard the Baltic mentioned.

54,297. Did you have anything to do with some parties at those places, going up to the poll in lots?—No, I do not know of any.

54,298. I think your brother you mentioned had something to do with them?—He was actively engaged with me as a committee man.

54,299. He was on your committee?—He was.

54,300. What is his Christian name?—James.

54,301. Did he tell you anything about going up with some people, of the kind I have mentioned, to the poll?—No. He was actively engaged during the whole day taking men up to the poll. With reference to those men at the Pilot Boy, he told us none of them would vote for us; that the Whigs had offered them 2*l.* each, and unless we gave them more money they would not vote for us; and I am not aware they did vote for us.

54,302. Do you remember whether he said anything about the Baltic?—No, I do not remember he mentioned it.

54,303. Where does your brother live?—In London, He was on a visit to Hull at that time.

54,304. Do you know anything about the party at Warham's?—No, nothing whatever.

54,305. You have heard of them?—I have, since this inquiry; I had not previously.

54,306. Do you know George Brown?—I saw him examined here. I never saw him before, to my knowledge. That was one of Warham's lot.

54,307. Was Mr. Croft upon your committee?—No; he was a member of the other portion of South Myton.

54,308. Do you remember Mr. Croft sending a letter to Warham's party?—No; and Mr. Croft has assured me he has not done so; that it was false.

54,309. You made the inquiry, and you now state that anything said about the letter sent by Mr. Croft to Warham is not true?—I know that such an assertion was made; but Mr. Croft has given it his nuqualified denial, privately to me.

54,310. Now, I asked you about the Trinity House in Carr Lane; did you pay any of them?—Not that I know of.

54,311. John Wildbore, and an old man called Close?—No.

54,312. Did you see any of the men at the Trinity House?—No; I did not canvass any of them. If any of them were paid by me, they would be employed as runners.

54,313. Do you know if your brother had anything to do with it?—No; I do not think he had.

54,314, Did you pay a man of the name of Milbank?—He was a doorkeeper for the committee room; I should pay him.

54,315. How much did he have?—I cannot remember; it would depend on the num-

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ber of days he was employed. He would probably have for the first week three days; that would be 10*s.* We gave 3*s.* 4*d.* a day.

54,316. Do you remember giving him 17*s.* the next week?—Very likely; I do not remember,

54,317. Do you remember paying a man of the name of Fostell 1*l.*?—It is very probable; I do not remember.

54,318. Paying him at your place in Osborne Street?—In George Yard my office is, and I should pay him there, probably.

54,319. Joseph Colley?—I do not remember his name.

54,320. A man of the name of John Kite Webster?—I think I remember him.

54,321. What was he?—He was one of the messengers at the room. I think he was employed the greater portion of the time. I am not sure.

54,322. William Mask?—I do not remember his name at all.

54,323. John Whittaker; do you remember him?—No, I do not remember the name. Those are all men I should probably know nothing of.

54,324. I believe I asked you generally if any money had passed through your hands, except for this purpose?—None whatever.

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54,325. Are you a voter?—I am.

54,326. Where is your residence?—10, Church Street, Drypool.

54,327. Are you a chemist and druggist?—Yes.

54,328. What rent do you pay?—Nineteen guineas.

54,329. Are you registered as a 10*l.* householder, or as a freeman?—I am both.

54,330. How long have you been a voter?—At the last election.

54,331. When did you take your freedom up?—It was in 1846 or 1847; I am not certain.

54,332. Have you lived in Hull all your life?—Nearly so.

54,333. Although, perhaps, you had no vote, did you take an interest in former elections?—No, I did not.

54,334. You know nothing about them?—No, not at all.

54,335. On this occasion did you take part in the election?—Yes.

54,336. Were you on any committee?—I believe I was.

54,337. What committee?—The Holderness ward committee.

54,338. Merely as a member, or chairman?—Only as a member.

54,339. Were you a canvasser?—I believe I was.

54,340. Did you canvass a great many people then?—I believe so.

54,341. Did many of them apply to be set down as runners?—Yes, a great number.

54,342. What did you do with them?—I generally took their names down, and referred them to the clerk of the committee.

54,343. In order that he might set their names down?—Yes.

54,344. Your candidates were Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler?—Yes.

54,345. And you voted for them, of course?—Yes.

54,346. Did you make any statement to them when you told them their names should be set down?—As by way of promise to them?

54,347. Yes?—I told them I would endeavour to get their names placed down, I believe, but I could not promise them for certain.

54,348. Were they satisfied with that?—Some were, and some were not.

54,349. Did you afterwards see that those persons were employed?—No; I never took any notice after that. They referred to me afterwards to inquire if their names were set down or not, and I told them I believed that they were.

54,350. How many do you think you caused to be set down?—I cannot tell.

54,351. About how many?—Perhaps twenty or more.

54,352. A good many more, perhaps?—I cannot tell. I canvassed from first to last, I believe.

54,353. Was there more than one committee room in your ward?—There was only one committee room; there were many sham committee rooms, I believe.

54,354. Was there more than one real one?—Not that I am aware of.

54,355. Then you sent them all to your district committee?—Yes.

54,356. Can you tell me how many were set down at your district committee?—I cannot tell.

54,357. There were a great many more canvassers besides you?—A great many.

54,358. You had applications also to take sham committee rooms from parties; that their rooms should be taken as committee rooms?—I think there were.

54,359. How many?—I do not know the number. I believe the sham committee rooms were in this way: I went round with the clerk of the committee room one part of a day to ask those who wished to let rooms as committee rooms.

54,360. And how many told you they would?—More than a dozen.

54,361. And did you engage all the dozen?—Their names were set down; none were engaged at that time.

54,362. Their names were set down for that purpose?—Yes.

54,363. Can you recollect those names?—Some I can, I think.

54,364. I dare say most of them, with a little trouble, could you not?—Yes, I believe I could.

54,365. Will you be good enough at some time to make us out a list of those names?—I will endeavour so to do. I think Mr Steeple will be able to answer this. He has the list whom he paid.

54,366. Was Mr. Steeple the person that went round with you?—No; he was the person that paid afterwards, I believe; I was told so.

54,367. That would be all the committee rooms that were taken in your district?—No; I cannot answer for that.

54,368. The other canvassers would be doing the same thing?—No; I do not believe they did so so extensively.

54,369. Did you treat with any parties as voters to be bought in lots?—No; I do not know of any.

54,370. Did you not hear of that?—No.

54,371. Did you pay any voters any money actually with your own hand?—Not before the election

54,372. Afterwards?—Yes; I believe I assisted so to do.

54,373. Were you one of the persons to pay for the Holderness district?—Yes, I believe I was.

54,374. Who paid with you?—Mr. Oxtoby.

54,375. Where did you pay?—At several places; one, the Groves; another in Drypool; another in Witham.

54,376. Did you pay in those places every evening?—I think this was a fortnight after the election; in two evenings, I think, we completed it.

54,377. Did you pay at public houses?—Yes; one a public house, and the other two inns.

54,378 The persons to be paid came to you, did they not?—Yes.

54,379. Were there a considerable number paid?—I think there were better than fifty; I do not know the exact number.

54,380. You think there would be above fifty?—There would be above fifty.

54,381. How much?—10*s.* or 20*s.*

54,382. Was that according as they estimated their vote, or voted for both your candidates?—No; from the instructions we received we were to pay them 10*s.*, and those we could not get off well with we were to pay them a pound.

54,383. How many do you think out of the fifty you paid the 1*l.* to?—I cannot say that. I cannot state it. Perhaps half that number.

54,384. From whom did you get the money?—From Mr. Wells.

54,385. Mr. Robert Wells, the solicitor?—Yes.

54,386. How much money did you receive in the whole?—I have several times thought of it, but I do not know precisely if it be 57*l.* or 75*l.* I think that return was given in to Mr. Wells.

54,387. That account you gave to Mr. Wells?—I understand so, from Mr. Oxtoby.

54,388. Did you at the time you paid them tick of the names?—I believe they were ticked off for us at Mr. Wells's office.

54,389. Was a list given to you from the central committee?—No; from Mr. Wells's office.

54,390. Do you know that the names which had been set down at your committee were returned to the central committittee at all?—I believe they were.

54,391. You sent in the list first, you think, to the central committee?—After the money was paid?

54,392. No; before?—We received a list from Mr. Wells's office.

54,393. You do not understand me. The names of the persons set down at your committee were forwarded to the central committee during the election?—They were.

54,394. After the election you had a list of persons sent to you from Mr. Wells, the solicitor?—This list was prepared by the chairman and deputy chairman, and left at Mr. Wells's office, and we were appointed, Mr. Oxtoby and myself, to go down there, and receive the money, and pay the parties.

54,395. Then you did receive the list and the money from Mr. Wells?—Yes.

54,396. Then you paid?—Yes.

54,397. What did you do with the list?—I belive Mr. Oxtoby had the list. I believe a week or a fortnight after he told me had returned it to Mr. Wells's office.

54,398. The solicitor?—The same.

54,399. Then you believe he had the list after all; that he was the last person who had it?—Yes; he had the list.

54,400. Who paid in the committee room?—Mr. Steeple, I believe.

54,401. Had you anything to do with it?—Not at all.

54,402. Did you pay a person of the name of Gibson at Drypool, a coalheaver; did you pay him a considerable sum?—No.

54,403. Did you pay him a sum of 6*l.* 15*s.*?—No.

54,404. Did you pay him any money?—I do not know the name.

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54,405. It is said to be a Gibson, a coalheaver?—It is false.

54,406. Were you treating voters and their wives at the Blacksmiths' Arms?—No.

54,407. Is that false?—It is.

54,408. Were you there at all in Drypool with the two candidates, Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler?—Part of the time I was.

54,409. Was there any proposition made to give refreshments to any voters or their wives when they were present?—Not at all.

54,410. To give them their allowance, as it is called?—None whatever.

54,411. You did not make yourself answerable in any manner for any money to be spent in refreshment at Drypool?—I did not.

54,412. Do you know a person of the name of Thomas Empson?—Where does he live?

54,413. In Regent Square?—I do not know him.

54,414. A person of the name of John Birch?—I now the name of Birch in Drypool.

54,415. Will you say, when he was present you did not, in the presence of Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler, the candidates, make yourself answerable for the payment of refreshment to be given to voters and their wives?—The man was in gaol at the time.

54,416. You do not answer my question. Is that so; yes or no?—He was not there.

54,417. Was anything of the sort done, if he was not there?—No. I was in his house to inquire for him, and upon inquiring I found that he was in gaol.

54,418. Will you tell me whether you made yourself answerable for refreshment in the presence of Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler?—Never.

54,419. At any time?—At no time.

54,420. Did you at the very beginning of the canvass offer a man of the name of Richard Barham to set him down as a runner?—His wife had applied to me, and I told her I would give in his name.

54,421. Did you tell her that it would be as good as a 5*l.* note in his pocket?—No.

54,422. Did you set a man down of the name of Thomas?—Yes; I believe there was a Thomas.

54,423. Did you pay a man of the name of William Empson, a sailmaker?—After the election.

54,424. He was one of the persons you paid?—Yes.

54,425. You were one of the petitioners?—I was.

54,426. Against the bribery on the other side; is that so?—Well, I believe so.

54,427. Now it has been said that you yourself set down at a private house 250 names?—I have heard of it, but it is false; it is a fabrication of words.

54,428. Did you say so?—Say what?

54,429. Have you ever said that you not only set them down, but that you paid them 5*s.* apiece?—Nothing of the kind.

54,430. Did you ever say to a Mr. Newmarsh that you had been offered 250 votes at 5*s.* each?—The mistake arose from this:—This Newmarsh was in my shop, talking of the election; I said to him that I knew there were 150 votes that we might have purchased at 5*s.* each and upwards, and those were afterwards bought up by Mr. Wilde at the Wilberforce Rooms.

54,431. Did you during the election hear of 150 votes you might have bought for 5*s.* each?—No.

54,432. You did not hear of it till after the election?—Only since this inquiry has been going on.

54,433. Where did you hear those men were to be had?—At the Mile House.

54,434. Did you hear or know anything of that during the election?—There were not such a number of voters as that in that district; not such a number as 150.

54,435. Did you hear of any men at the Mile House?—No. I was down there with the candidates canvassing; that is the only time I was down there.

54,436. Did you hear at any time among your party that there were men at the Mile House who might be bought?—No.

54,437. You never did?—No.

54,438. You never knew of any men bought?—No.

54,439. Or any men paid there?—Not that I am aware of.

54,440. Did you hear it during the election?—It is a public house, and I have no doubt the men would frequent there.

54,441. It is a blue public house?—I believe it is; I do not know if it was one of the houses engaged as a sham committee room or not.

54,442. It is in your district?—Partly so.

54,443. Did you get any money from Mr. Barkworth?—No, not any.

54,444. You did not get 10*l.* a day from him?—Not exactly.

54,445. You heard the question asked as to that?—Yes, I did.

54,446. Do you know a man of the name of John Brown; did you pay him 2*l.* for a room?—I paid none of the rooms myself.

54,447. Did you not pay John Johnson? Do you remember John Johnson? You took his room, I think?—That is a public house, I believe.

54,448. Very likely; a sham committee room?—It was.

54,449. Did you not pay them?—No, I did not.

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54,450. Did he not threaten to summon you for the nonpayment?—No.

54,451. John Johnson; do you know such a man?—Yes; I know him.

54,452. His room was occupied, was it not?—I believe I was in there once during the election.

54,453. Did he not apply to you for payment?—Yes, I believe he did. I referred him down to Mr. Wells.

54,454. Did you pay him at last yourself?—No.

54,455. You did not?—No.

54,456. Why did they choose you as a petitioner? Was it because you had bribed much less than anybody on your side? You seem to have had a good deal to do with paying money away. Why were you chosen as a petitioner?—That I can scarcely answer. Mr. Barkworth solicited me several times, wishing me to join them in the petition, and I at last consented.

54,457. We want to know how it was you were solicited as a petitioner?—I was solicited by Mr. Barkworth.

54,458. Did he ask you, before you were selected, whether you knew of anything about bribery and payments?—He used to canvass with me.

54,459. He knew you?—Yes.

54,460. And you knew him?—Yes.

54,461. Was he quite as active as you were in bribing? What do you think about it? You went about together?—Not in bribing, we did not.

54,462. In the petition, the charge you alleged against the orange party was that they had bribed. Can you tell us any modes in which they bribed, except those we have heard, of setting down a good many names, engaging a good many useless committee rooms, and making payments for them; can you tell us any other modes?—I think it proceeded chiefly from this: it was the clerk's duty to have paid all the expenses of the Holderness ward committee, and I think two or three days after the election he was arrested and taken from the town, and several applications were made to me.

54,463. I do not want a long answer. My question is, whether you know of any other mode, as a petitioner against the orange party, of spending money, except those we have heard of, namely, setting down names, colourable employment, and hiring rooms that were never used; have you anything that you can tell us against the orange party; those are matters that we have got to? You were a petitioner against the orange party, on the ground of bribery. I want you to give us all the information you have of bribery against the orange party?—Mr. Rollit will be able to furnish that information.

54,464. I am asking you. We will ask Mr. Rollit by-and-bye. You think he knows a good deal about it?—He knows all about it.

54,465. Can you furnish us with any other instance, except setting down names, hiring rooms, and paying for bygone elections?—I think that information, as far as my district was concerned, can be given you; there is a Captain Meggitt.

54,466. Is he on the orange side?—He was one of the canvassers on the other side.

54,467. What did he do that we have not heard of?—He went about with the candidates Clay and Goderich, and it was reported at the time that 10*s.* were paid at different places.

54,468. In the presence of the candidates?—Yes.

54,469. And he paid money?—I was told so.

54,470. You heard that was the fact?—Yes.

54,471. I want to know of any other direct charges against them than setting down names, hiring rooms, and paying money in this way?—Against the orange party?

54,472. Do you know of any other way in which they influenced votes?—It is chiefly by paying them in different ways.

54,473. And securing rooms?—And securing rooms and their votes.

54,474. Can you tell me if that is the only way; in what way it differed from what you did yourself? You did exactly that thing yourself. I want to know in what respect it differe to that which you did. I will ask you just this other question: From your knowledge, and the information that has reached you as a petitioner, do you or not believe that the orange party bribed a great many more than you did?—Considerably more.

54,475. How many more?—About double, perhaps.

54,476. Put it in figures. What do you say in figures?—As it was reported; I believe it was said about 7,000*l.* to 10,000*l.* was spent.

54,477. Not beyond what you spent?—No; perhaps 5,000*l.*

54,478. You think yours would be 5,000*l.*, and theirs about 10,000*l.*?—No, I do not believe that.

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54,479. Did you pay any money?—Not one farthing.

54,480. Did you canvass with the candidates?—Yes, I did.

54,481. Did you, either in their presence or their absence, pay any money at all?—Not one farthing.

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GEORGE STEEPLE sworn, and examined.

54,482. What is your business?—I keep a tavern.

54,483. What is the name of it?—The Spring Bank Tavern.

54,484. Where is it?—It is at North Myton.

54,485. What rent do you pay?—£20.

54,486. How long have you been entitled to vote as a householder; ever since the Reform Act?—I am sure I cannot say; a many years.

54,487. Twenty?—Not so much.

54,488. Fifteen?—Say ten.

54,489. Are you also a freeman?—Yes.

54,490. How long have you been free?—Thirty years or more.

54,491. I believe you have had considerable experience of the mode in which elections are carried on in Hull?—Some little.

54,492. Are we to understand your answer, "some little," in the same way as other people would do, who understand the advice given, "Now mind, whatever you do, do not pay a farthing;" pretty much the same sort of interpretation, was not it?—I have experienced great part in electioneering; I have had my head broke a many times, such as that.

54,493. In 1837, I believe, you were very busy on the blue side?—1837?

54,494. Yes; it was when Mr. Wilberforce was unseated. How was it? You had a great deal of experience there?—Oh yes; I had a great deal of exercise there.

54,495. You have no doubt you are the George Steeple whose name occurs in this blue book which gives a history of what took place in this town?—Very likely.

54,496. In 1841, was your experience made use of by the blue candidates?—Sir John Hanmer.

54,497. Hanmer and James?—I think so, because I was a good deal concerned with the colour party.

54,498. That was the department you undertook for the candidates?—I think it was.

54,499. Colours cost money; did you have the financial arrangement of it?—I would have the delivering of them out.

54,500. Pretty liberal you were in distributing the colours?—Yes.

54,501. There was a very large expenditure on the blue side,—is that so,—in 1841?—Yes; there was, I dare say, a very great quantity of colours.

54,502. And a great deal of setting down names, was not there?—I believe they were generally taken down.

54,503. You were attached to the central committee, were you not, in 1841?—I think I might be more out.

54,504. More out of doors?—More out of doors, with the van and the colourmen.

54,505. Just tell us how you were occupied in 1841; the mode in which you carried on your share of it?—We generally had a good band of music, a good set of colours, and we made a stop, at times and took a little refreshment.

54,506. Selected pretty well from the freemen, were they?—I cannot say, for I did not select them myself.

54,507. It was, as far as possible?—I dare say it was.

54,508. And the colours were given to freemen?—Or others that would put them out.

54,509. Other voters?—Yes.

54,510. Had you anything to do with setting down names at that time?—Yes, in 1841, I might; but I would not say. My attention was paid more to the canvassing; going over the town with a band, stirring them up.

54,511. What were the means you found the most efficacious for canvassing in 1841?—In making a street show.

54,512. What was there else?—Shouting pretty well, and such as that.

54,513. You met a great many people who were rather slow in making a promise, did you not?—Oh yes; no doubt of it.

54,514. How did you get along with those; did you promise to set their names down? I spoke pleasantly to them.

54,515. Come to the point. Did you set their names down?—I should tell them the candidates were fine men, and likely to be clever men, and likely to do good to the town.

54,516. Besides those arguments, which I dare say you did not find of much value, what more cogent arguments did you use, in the shape of a promise to set them down?—If they were set down, they were promised to have 5*s.* a day, of course; it was understood generally.

54,517. How many names do you think you set down, or sent to get themselves set down?—I am sure I do not know.

54,518. I do not ask to a hundred or so?—There would be a many; I cannot tel. you; I have no recollection.

54,519. 500 to 1,000?—I would not say that.

54,520. How many?—I really do not know what were set down.

54,521. How many do you think you yourself set down, or told to go and get themselves set down?—I might send forty or fifty.

54,522. Not more than that?—I dare say that; I cannot say.

54,523. Had you books?—No books with us when we were out; we had books in the committee room.

54,524. Do you know what became of those books in which the names were set down? No; I had nothing to do with the books

54,525. I think you finished up your canvassing with a little jollification; did you not; a supper and ball, we are told?—I have no doubt; our principal balls were in O'Neil's time; that was the time for balls.

54,526. In 1841, did you finish off with a supper and ball to all the blue voters?—I would not say that; I do not recollect anything of the kind.

54,527. Do you not recollect something of the sort?—I think I should not be there.

54,528. A tea party?—I am not very fond of tea.

54,529. Had you anything to do with the hiring of a room, then?—No.

54,530. Engaged no colourmen?—Yes; I might put something out, very likely.

54,531. How many colourmen do you think you engaged?—You understand they were not all freemen we engaged, particularly.

54,532. How many of the freemen do you think you engaged as colourmen in 1841?—There might be twenty to forty; I would not say.

54,533. What other man did you engage; how many did you engage, freemen and voters, in the band?—Why they generally were freemen, but sometimes we are glad to get others to make up the band; we could not get all.

54,534. You used up all the freemen, as far as you could, first?—Decidedly so.

54,535. People to make a noise, shouters?—Yes; there were some fine voices.

54,536. Had you singing; vocal as well as instrumental music?—Yes.

54,537. How many of those did you engage?—I have not any account of them, I am sure; a strong lot.

54,538. Were they voters, some of them?—Oh yes.

54,539. I suppose you had used up the voters as far as you could?—I dare say; they were a mixed kind.

54,540. You used up the voters first?—Oh yes, decidedly.

54,541. On that occasion, were there some men who were distinguished for their brawny chests and their power of keeping the court clear; fellows of a sort of right and left me?—Some strong gentlemen they were; we had something of that kind.

54,542. Did you use up the voters as far as you could there also?—No; I do not think many of them were voters; they were what we call navvies here.

54,543. How many of them do you think you engaged?—There might be twenty or thirty.

54,544. Did you have twenty or thirty more?—Very likely there might; generally picked men with good voices.

54,545. Had you anything to do with the paying of them?—I did pay; but not, I think, at the election; but I have paid. I paid once at the George.

54,546. That was in 1837?—I do not think I paid there; I had nothing to do with paying.

54,547. Not in 1841?—No, I think not.

54,548. Were you not present when the paying was going on?—I might be at times.

54,549. Were you not one that paid others, and to see that none of the wrong lot got any of the money?—It is a very difficult job to manage; I might be in, no doubt.

54,550. There is very little doubt about it?—I should say not; it was not, but I cannot bring it to my recollection, I am sure.

54,551. In 1847 had you anything to do with paying?—Nothing but paying the bills; that was bills of Mr. Digby and Mr. Wells.

54,552. Which side was fortunate enough to gain your services?—Mr. Brown's.

54,553. He had the most money?—But I voted for both; I voted for Brown and Baines.

54,554. Mr. Brown had the most money?—I do not know, I am sure.

54,555. Which spent most, do you think; he or Mr. Baines?—I should say Mr. Brown, decidedly.

54,556. How early in the contest were you engaged?—I think it was from the first commencement; at least as soon as the rooms were taken.

54,557. Were you one of the party that went in quest of a candidate?—No.

54,558. Did you sign the address to Mr. Brown; the requisition?—I do not know that I did. I saw Mr. Brown when he came into the town.

54,559. At the meeting, when he arrived?—When he arrived I was there, and saw him.

54,560. Were you aware that Mr. Beeton, and Mr. Mitchell, and some others, were sent to look out for Mr. Brown?—That was a queer lot.

54,561. In what capacity did you act when Mr. Brown arrived?—I was in the central committee room, and principally engaged in delivering out colours.

54,562. Did you assist with Mr. Beeton, who has told us that his first exploit was to

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buy up all the ribbons and silks in the town?—We were not acquainted with him; we did not deal much with Mr. Beeton.

54,563. Did you assist him in any way?—Not at all; not in the least; we had nothing to do with Beeton at all. I saw him very busy the fore part of the time, and then I think he cut it. But the notes after the election; I paid those notes at the request of of Mr. Digby.

54,564. Tickets, were they?—No; they were bills for different things.

54,565. Besides paying the bills, did you pay any of the voters?—Not any one; I never had the chance of paying any voters; I had nothing to do with that department at all.

54,566. Who, as far as you are aware, conducted it?—As far as the payments went, the payments I saw made were made by Mr. Mitchell at the Black Horse in Carr Lane; there was no room at the time.

54,567. How many did Mr. Mitchell pay?—He had a good bag full.

54,568. A good bag full of gold?—No; not gold. I did not see. It was silver principally I saw him take out of the bag. They were parties principally engaged by myself and Mr Walker; no; by Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Walker; I had nothing to do with them; they were engaged by him; they were men I knew very little about. I saw Mr. Mitchell pay them.

54,569. Did you others?—No.

54,570. Not at all?—No, not at all.

54,571. Were you not a member of the committee?—No.

54,572. Were you paid yourself for your services?—Yes; by Mr. Digby.

54,573. What was the duty of the office you filled?—I was in the committee room, and giving out the colours to those that wanted them. Mr. Davis; I think he paid them. We were very short in the committee room, the central, where we wanted them.

54,574. Were the names of persons who were paid in the committee room set down?—There was a book in the room in which minutes were taken of people that wished to have their names set down.

54,575. Did you see that book?—I saw a book there.

54,576. How many names were there set down in it?—Upon my word I do not know. They were taken down by two or three different people as they came in. It was not only one.

54,577. Was it a book like that (*showing a blue book*)?—Half the size.

54,578. Tolerably full?—Upon my word I cannot tell you; I never took any particular notice of it.

54,579. Tolerably full?—There were a good many names, I have no recollection what quantity; I never counted them; I never troubled my head with that.

54,580. A good quantity, should you judge?—There would be many names; upon my word I cannot say how many. When one side was turned over, and they commenced it again. I never took any notice; I had plenty to do about the colours.

54,581. Was it going on on the polling day?—Yes, it was, the fore part.

54,582. Where was it done?—At the central committee room in the market place.

54,583. Do you know of the name of John Tasker?—I know John Tasker.

54,584. Did you pay him in 1847?—No; he could not get anything from me; it was not likely I should pay him out of my own pocket.

54,585. Did you get any money for the purpose of paying him?—No; nothing but the bills. Unless it had been in among the bills I had paid for Mr. Digby I might pay him, not otherwise.

54,586. Now, Dennison, the doorkeeper, got 10*s.* for his vote?—Such a thing might be handed over to me to give to any one.

54,587. The payment of him might be handed over to you?—Such a thing might have been handed over to me to give to any one. I had nothing to do with the payments.

54,588. You might have made payments?—I might have done such a thing, if the money had been handed from another person to me.

54,589. How much did the bills come to that you paid?—Upon my word, I cannot say again. There was one bill; a very large one.

54,590. Was it about 3,000*l.*?—The whole amount of the election?

54,591. Yes?—I should take the whole amount of the election, one thing and another, to be about 3,000*l.*

54,522. Are you sure it was not 4,000*l.*?—I merely go by what I have heard; I have heard it was somewhere about between 2,000*l.* and 3,000*l.*

54,593. What was the large bill you paid?—One very large bill; it was to Mr. Davis; there was an objection made to it.

54,594. The largest bill was Mr. Davis, the draper; how much was that?—I did not pay it, but I had to call on Mr. Davis.

54,595. How much was that?—I think it amounted into hundreds; about 200*l.*, I think.

54,596. Was it settled at 200*l.*?—He took a good deal off the bill.

54,597. He sent in a large bill, and took something less, did he?—Yes, he did.

54,598. Is that Mr. Davis in the market place?—Yes, Mr. Davis of the market place. I was sent for to know if I knew anything about the bill being so large. I could not; it was quite impossible for me to tell.

54,599. We have been told it was settled at a fixed sum of 300*l.* ?—It was settled at a fixed sum, but not by me ; I did not pay it.

54,600. Do you know the fact to be so ?—I had it in my possession ; I forget now how much ; there was a good deal taken off the bill.

54,601. It was the largest ?—I think it was the largest I have heard of.

54,602. What other large bills were there ?—I am sure I cannot exactly state now what there were ; linen drapers, block makers, colour staves, and various things of that kind. Some of the committee rooms also, I dare say ; different bills of this description which Mr. Digby gave me. I went and paid them with the money he gave me, and then I selected another lot out, and he gave me money for those ; then I went and paid them.

54,603. How many actually passed through your hands, do you recollect, out of the 300*l.* ?—I have no account of it at all. Mr. Digby would know to a farthing.

54,604. We know how much Mr. Digby's account was ?—I have no idea.

54,605. Was it a 1,000*l.* ?—I should think it very likely, what I paid from the orders of Mr. Digby and Mr. Wells ; I paid some that he gave me to pay.

54,606. How much ?—£400 or 500*l.* altogether.

54,607. Is that Mr. Robert Wells ?—He was an attorney.

54,608. Were you much in communication with Mr. Robert Wells on that occasion ?—No ; not after the election, as far as these bills went.

54,609. He knew pretty well all that was going on ?—Oh yes ; he had the management of it.

54,610. He managed the monies ?—He was managing man, of course.

54,611. Did you get the money from Mr. Digby ?—Yes.

54,612. In sovereigns ?—Yes ; in gold and silver.

54,613. Do you know how much the silver came to ?—No ; I did not know.

54,614. The blockmakers, for the colour staves, how much was that ?—I have no idea. I did not take any particular notice after I had paid the bills, and handed them over. I had not much time to look at that.

54,615. Runners were not in your department, were they ?—No ; I was not concerned with them.

54,616. Did you pay the colourmen ?—No.

54,617. Or the bandmen ?—No.

54,618. Or the lot ?—No. Mr. Digby paid all. I had no payments to make, except those bills.

54,619. Did Mr. Digby have the bills back when you had paid them ?—They were taken by Mr. Digby, and wrapped up.

54,620. Were you in communication with Mr. Bannister upon that occasion ?—No.

54,621. I believe his proceedings were at a different place ?—Yes, quite so.

54,622. Where was it that you paid these bills ? Was it at a public house ?—I received the money from Mr. Digby at the bank. I paid out a quantity of bills I had then, then I took them back again, and he gave me a fresh lot. I returned back to the bank again and got the money from the bank.

54,623. Do you know who it was in 1841 that devised the scheme of paying the men after the election, through holes in doors and in dark chambers, and so on ?—I never knew anything about it till lately. I never heard such a thing. Latterly I have heard of the thing being done. I know nothing about it.

54,624. You do not know who it was devised by ?—No ; I never knew there was such a thing even until lately.

54,625. You had nothing to do with it ?—No, I did not. I was a stranger to all that.

54,626. In the year 1852, how soon did you attach yourself to either party ?—From the first.

54,627. Did you apply, or were you applied to for employment ? How did you happen to be chosen ?—I think, in the first instance, Mr. Wells wished me to go round and look for a room for a central committee.

54,628. Was that at the beginning ?—It was the beginning ; the first of all ; a week or two before we got the room.

54,629. The first you had to do with the election was by Mr. Wells's request ?—Yes ; I went round, and looked at the different rooms and places.

54,630. How soon did you become attached to the committee yourself ?—As soon as it was taken.

54,631. Who engaged you ?—I think I was ordered by Mr. Wells to get such things as were required.

54,632. Your connexion with the committee originated with a request from Mr. Wells ?—I think I had a note or two sent to me.

54,633. You were applied to, and did not apply for appointment ; the other people selected you ?—Mr. Wells ordered me first of all ; Mr. Ward requested me to get this committee room ready, and I got it.

54,634. At a very early period you got instructions from Mr. Ward and Mr. Wells ?—Yes.

54,635. It was not in consequence of any application made by you ? It was with your consent then, I suppose ?—Yes.

54,636. You did not apply to them ?—No.

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54,637. How soon were you engaged on behalf of Messrs. Moore and Butler at a salary?—I never knew anything about a salary.

54,638. Were you not paid?—Oh yes, I was; I got something. I had no arrangement for any salary.

54,639. No fixed sum?—No.

54,640. How soon were you engaged upon the understanding that you were to be remunerated for your services?—I never had any understanding at all that I was to have anything; there was no understanding, and no agreement made.

54,641. You were paid?—I was paid.

54,642. How long before the election?—I was not paid till after the election; that would be August before I got anything.

54,643. For how long before the election were you paid?—I think they commenced paying me in June.

54,644. Beginning in June?—From the beginning of June to some time in August.

54,645. But you did not get any money till August?—No, nothing at all.

54,646. Then the payment related back as far as the beginning of June?—Yes.

54,647. How much did you get?—I think it was 18*l.*

54,648. At what rate?—I do not know; there were so many weeks, I did not take any notice of it.

54,649. At what rate a week? Was it 1*l.* or a guinea a week, or what?—I think it was something about 30*s.* a week.

54,650. Twelve weeks at 30*s.* a week?—£18 I got.

54,651. What were the nature of your duties, as originally pointed out?—I think it was to take care of the room, and see it opened in the morning, and likewise to lock it up at night.

54,652. Did you have the charge and care of the room?—And to do anything that was required.

54,654. And make yourself generally useful?—To make myself generally useful; cutting out the colours, and delivering them, and things of that kind.

54,654. Am I right to say you were making yourself generally useful?—Yes.

54,655. Did you occasionally see some of the voters when they called at the committee room?—Yes; I saw a many.

54,656. Did you endeavour to make things pleasant to them?—They rather made it unpleasant to me, once.

54,657. Was it part of your duty to make things pleasant, as far as you could?—Oh, decidedly, as far as seeing to them, and that kind of thing; but there was a party that took possession of the room at one time, and I thought they were rather rough,—rougher than I had been myself at times.

54,658. How was that?—A person came to the committee room to say he had brought a letter with him: There were so many men at liberty, and they wanted to make some kind of bargain; as far as the matter of conversation, it was merely to know what the answer would be to that letter. I gave the letter to Mr. Wells.

54,659. I suppose those that took possession of the room set themselves down?—They very near set me down and all.

54,660. Were the people you spoke to people who wanted to be paid for their votes?—They were, I think, two or three; and one seemed to be the leading man, and he brought this letter.

54,661. Who is the letter from?—The letter was from a party; he said they would amount probably to 100 or 130 or 140, or something of that kind; that they were at liberty. I said, "I will lay your letter in the proper quarter." I did not allow him to come into the room; he remained in the passage. I took that said letter to Mr. Wells. He read it over, and laughed at it. I said when the man talked about 100 it was no laughing matter. "However, Mr. Wells," I said, "the man is waiting in the passage; he seems inclined not to go away; you had better let me give him an answer, one way or the other." Then he went into the other room, and remained some little time, and came back again, and said there was no answer to the letter. Of course I told the man in the passage, there was no answer. "I want to know when there will be an answer," he said; I said, "I do not know." The next day they came in bulk; the passage leading up to the committee room, both the yards, in the street,—there are two passages,—a double passage,—they were crowded with those men; they wanted an answer. What was to be done? I became placed in an awkward situation, for the men at the door were not likely to hold out long, and some of them broke right into the room, and had possession of the room for a time. I sent down for some police, and I think we did not get them.

54,662. Did you try to make things as pleasant as you could?—Well, of course; there was no answer, the second time; that was the answer I had to give them; that there was no answer.

54,663. Were these voters?—I expect they were; I cannot say; they were of different kinds and grades; they seemed to be in a body, and to understand one another.

54,664. Who was the foreman of them?—I do not know; I did not ask any questions.

54,665. Who appeared to be the leading man?—A tallish man; I do not know him by name, or anything else. I did not wish to have about 100 men at the door; I thought Mr. Wells had better decide it.

54,666. How many came?—The latter time there would be better than 100.

54,667. Did they say where they used to meet?—No.

54,668. Did they not give you some place where you could call on them?—No; it was all in the letter; what they wanted an answer to was in the letter. I never asked any question about it.

54,659. Did they not say in the letter where they were to be found?—No; I never saw the letter; I never heard a word what was in it. I gave it to Mr. Wells. I took it into the lower room, and never saw it after.

54,670, Did you read the letter?—No.

54,671. How long before the election?—Two or three days.

54,672. Cannot you tell us the names of any of them?—Upon my word, I do not know. I was very glad to take care of myself, without looking at their faces, as they seemed inclined to do mischief; in fact, they had complete possession of the room. I got off my chair.

54,673. They came to get an answer to the letter?—They did.

54,674. You understood they came to sell themselves in a lot?—The man said he wanted an answer to the letter; he had above 100 men ready to vote; that is all he said to me.

54,675. Provided things could be made comfortable to them?—As to that matter, I had nothing at all to do with that. The answer I got was from Mr. Wells twice, that there was no answer for them.

54,676. Did you give that answer to them?—I did; but they were not satisfied with that. It was after that they came and forced their way into the room.

54,677. What did you say to them?—I said, "Gentlemen, do you mean to transact business here? because you seem to have got possession of the room. If you do not walk out, why I must see if I can find the police.

54,678. As an experienced man at elections, tell us how you treated them?—I treated them as well as I could; I had no conversation with them about anything of the kind. The letter contained the whole of what they wanted. I never knew what it was.

54,679. I want to know what you said after that?—I said, "What is the use of stopping here. You have got an answer to what is required, and it is no use staying, here and stopping the business from going on.

54,680, Did you set their names down?—No.

54,681. They would not have their names set down?—No.

54,682. Was it ready money they wanted?—I know they were a lot of strangers to me; I had no conversation with any of them, more than begging them to get out of the room,—to leave the place,—because we were all at a stand still.

54,683. Did you tell them to go to Leggit?—No; I did not send them anywhere. I wished them to get away. I said they had got an answer to the question, and there was no more for them.

54,684. Do you know that Leggit, or Ledgard, had a private room where he held confidential communications with people of that sort?—I never was in it.

54,685. You heard there was such a place?—I heard it at the time, because he himself came many times to the committee rooms

54,686. To compare lists.?—No; he always wanted a stock of paper, or pens and ink.

54,687. You saw him many times?—He came a many times.

54,688. He told us he came for the purpose of comparing lists?—I never saw any of the lists, or anything about them.

54,689. You did not see them?—No.

54,593. You know him very well?—Oh very well; I know him perfectly.

54,691. A letter to you from him seems to relate to these people. Do you remember receiving this letter [26]; it is a letter to you (*handing it to the witness*)?—No.

54,692. Do you not remember getting that letter?—It has been crossed over, and put on the file.

54,693. It is written to you?—I have handed it over to Mr. Wells.

54,694. But you got it?—There is no doubt it is true.

54,694. A party says you have promised several lots, and Lidgard wants to know what to do with them. Read the letter?—"We have many applications by porters and others at this room for places as runners; the parties have no vote, but state that they had a partial promise from you this morning. Please say whether those men are to be employed or not. Yours, &c., Thomas Lidgard."

54,696. What answer did you give to that?—I should give no answer to that.

54,697. It is addressed to you?—It has been placed before the chairman; it has been crossed off.

54,698. It speaks of people you had made a partial promise to. Did you make a partial promise?—No; I did not promise any one. There is no doubt it came. It has been filed.

54,699. You know who it alludes to?—No doubt he wrote it to me.

54,700. Who does he allude to, "people have come here this morning, and said you made them a partial promise?" You must know what that alludes to?—I made no promise. I do not know of any of their transactions at all.

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54,701. You made no promise; therefore you cannot understand who the allusion is to?—No; I made no promise at all.

54,702. You say he alludes to people who have no existence at all?—I know nothing at all about it. The letter has come; there is no doubt about that.

54,704. What should you do with such a letter? Take it into the committee room or not?—The letters I lay before whoever comes there. I should lay them before Mr. Wells, or the chairman,

54,704. These addressed to yourself?—A many would come addressed to me, and I would hand them over.

54,705. Should you not read them?—I should hand them over first to Mr. Gleadow, or whoever was in the room at the time. I handed them to him.

54,706. Still it is addressed to you?—No doubt about it.

54,707. If I understand you rightly, there were no people to whom you made a promise in existence?—No; I made no promise, I am sure.

54,708. There is only one other letter from Mr. Todd. "Mr. Steeple,—Please place the bearers down, the same as the rest of the names. Richard Mounsey, David Wilberforce, Robert Welling." What should you do with those; it is addressed to you by Todd?—Are these freemen?

54,709. I do not know who they are. Somebody has written across this letter. I want to know what would be the course of business?—A letter of that kind we should take no notice of. It would be examined to see whether they were voters or not. That would be the course of business with them first, and it appears that has been done. "Please place them down, the same as the rest of the names.

54,712, The first thing that would be done would be to see whether they were voters?—Yes.

54,71I. It appears that has been done, and it has turned out that they were not voters?—Yes.

54,712. The examination has taken place by which it has been ascertained that they were not voters?—Yes.

54,713. Supposing they had been voters?—If they had been voters it would have been handed over to Mr. Wells, or the others there; if it had been before the election they might have been entered in a book.

54,714. Finding they were not voters, you took no notice of them?—That is a thing I should take no notice of; it is crossed off.

54,715. That shows it had been attended to?—This is not my writing. I have handed this note over.

54,716. Would the course be to ascertain first whether they were voters; and where that has been done, and it has been ascertained they were not voters, nothing further would be done?—I should say they would most likely look; and that would be the case, I have no doubt of it, on its being ascertained that they were not voters, nothing further would be done.

54,717. If it turned out that they were voters, then the matter would be referred to somebody else?—I should think so.

54,718. What is the meaning of that direction given to you yourself individually, to set those names down, "the same as the rest?" I observe that is in the letter?—I do not know.

54,719. Were you at the time setting names down?—I might not be in at the time.

54,720. Was it done in the room; were names being set down in the room?—There were no names set down in the room.

54,721. How could that letter be written to you, to desire you to do the same as the rest?—I had many letters from Mr. Todd, which I handed over to different persons, whoever might be in the room. They wrote to Todd with respect to the different letters he kept sending and troubling us with.

54,722. A communication was made to Todd?—I never gave any answer to them; I never communicated with him.

54,723. You were saying some communications were made to Todd; what did they write to Todd about?—Upon my word I do not know.

54,724. You say Todd wrote?—These notes came demanding different things. He wanted different things. He troubled the committee with things that they thought he had no occasion to trouble his head about, which had better come from Mr. Davis, or some one else. Applications for paper, and different things of that kind. He was always wanting a something. The letter, I thought, was not couched in very genteel terms, and he was spoken to about the note in a note written by Mr. Davis, complaining of the troublesome way of his writing these notes, and bothering the committee.

54,725. Would you show this letter to anybody that had been there, when it was written to you. They would say "Do not ask me anything about it, they are written to Mr. Steeples?—I really do not know anything about it; I only know that he was a troublesome fellow.

54,726. In what way?—Continually writing notes; wanting this thing, and wanting the other; and wanting different things we thought he had got plenty; and we thought he was going to set up an office for himself, he sent so many foolish notes; continually men coming down for him; he kept one man employed for himself.

54,727. At the election of 1852, how many names did you set down for Moore and Butler?—I am sure I cannot say to a certainty.

54,728. How many, do you think—I might set twenty down; it may be more. I do not know.

54,729. Was it from twenty to thirty, or twenty to forty?—I would not say; it might be twenty to thirty; I would not say; I had other employments to do; I had plenty to do.

54,730. What did you have to do?—In cutting colours out; cutting out the stuff; getting them ready; giving them out to women to get made.

54,731. It was not your principal duty, setting down votes?—No.

54,732. Did you see voters? were you sent occasionally to talk to voters, with your persuasive way?—I never canvassed any.

54,733. You might have seen them when they came. We have been told you were considered the most persuasive man in the whole room?—I smiled at them sometimes; they like to see a smile.

54,734. You looked pleasant?—Yes.

54,735. Did you not also talk pleasant?—I do not think they like much talking; they like something more in the shape of something substantial.

54,736. Something more substantial?—Yes; a crown piece.

54,737. Did you give them any hope they would get something substantial some day or another?—No; the names were set down. I told them I would put their names down; but I could not say anything at all what they were likely to have, or what would be given. I was very careful the last time.

54,738. Were you told to be particularly careful?—I was as careful as I could.

54,739. You were told to be as careful as you could?—I do not know that I was told so; I thought it as well to be so.

54,740. You also have been——?—A very careful man. I had not cared enough, or else I should not have got my head broke.

54,741. In 1847 and 1841; did you always take as much care then as can be?—Yes, a great deal of pains.

54,742. Did you take the same care in 1852?—What care do you mean?

54,743. That is what I want to know. In talking to them, were you as careful as you could be?—I had very little conversation with them.

54,744. When you set the names down?—I did nothing but take the names down; I held out no promise to any one.

54,745. That would be wholly unnecessary, when they looked in your face?—I do not know.

54,746. Probably most of them knew you?—There are not so many now.

54,747. They knew you by name?—Not being amongst them, I do not know. I have not canvassed a man this last election.

54,748. How many did you pay this last time?—I should say thirty or something of that kind, I think. I paid the North Myton men.

54,749. At the district committee?—It occurred there, I think. My son was fixed there, and he was taken ill, and ordered away by Dr. Boulter home, and those men attended.

54,750. When did you pay them?—After the election.

54,751. How long?—I think it would be a day, or something of that kind; soon after.

54,752. Where was that?—Those men were paid at my house, for North Myton.

54,753. How many were there?—I should say there would be twenty that had a sovereign each, and so many had 13*s.* each.

54,754. How many set down for 1*l.*?—Twenty.

54,755. How many at 13*s.*?—Four, perhaps, at 13*s.*; there might be seven or eight.

54,756. Did you pay John Noble?—Yes.

54,757. Where did you pay him?—Paid him at my house.

54,758. A sovereign?—Yes. This account that was rendered to him was corrected by Mr. Rossindale, and then handed over to me; but previous to my paying them he had fallen ill. There was no one to pay the men that required paying, and Wilkinson could not be found, or was not be found, and those men began to be troublesome to the room, and annoy us a good deal, and Mr. Rossindale went into the North Myton committee room, and paid some men a portion.

54,759. Do you remember paying?—I remember seeing the amount which he paid was under 20*l.* Rossindale took the list from the central committee room.

54,760. Was this man, John Noble, a man whose name was on the list furnished by the central commttee?—Yes; it was on the list given to me to pay.

54,761. Did you get a list, and pay from that list?—I did.

54,762. Were you told how much to pay to each?—It was Mr. Rossindale corrected the list before it was given to me.

54,763. How many were there marked on the list?—I know twenty got 1*l.*, six days; seven or eight probably 13*s.*; the others 10*s.*; and one 8*s.* or 10*s.* There were the clerks in the list as well.

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54,764. You remember the man John Noble?—No, I do not.

54,765. He says he was paid 1*l.* for his vote; that is what he tells us?—I dare say it would be so. This was money I was directed to pay him.

54,766. He says he was directed to go; he was set down, an dnever did anything. Were there not a number paid at your house?—I paid a lot of non-voters we had engaged.

54,767. What were they engaged for?—They were engaged to make a good show before the hustings; that was the nomination day.

54,768. They were to hold up their hands, I suppose?—They were to make a good show, and put some cards in their hats; that was what they were engaged for.

54,769. Were they all non-voters?—The question was put to them as they came in. Jackson, the doorkeeper, was told not to allow any one to come in; not for a job.

54,770. How much did they get?—5*s.* a day for the nomination day.

54,771. How many?—There would be, I think, about seventy or eighty; something the following day, for we were obliged to have some one to assist the doorkeeper.

54,772. Who else did you pay?—Not any more there.

54,773. But anywhere?—I do not recollect; yes, I think I paid some at Mr. Wells's office.

54,774. Mr. Robert Wells?—Yes.

54,775. How many do you think you paid there?—I cannot exactly say; I know it was at Mr. Wells's office where I paid them.

54,776. Do you think you paid thirty or forty?—No.

54,777. Fifty?—I might pay three or four or five.

54,778. What were they?—Voters.

54,779. Was it after the election was over?—Yes.

54,780. How much did they get each?—They were generally 1*l.*

54,781. Something was taken off where they gave a split vote?—It was done. I do not know the arrangements made.

54,782. Was the sum put opposite the name of each that he was to get?—When anything was given to me to pay I paid it.

54,783. Besides those, who else did you pay?—I believe I paid a lot of clerks. Mr. Wells handed me the cash over the table, and I gave it to the men. It was the clerks and the doorkeepers who were paid at the central committee.

54,784. How many of those did you pay?—I think we had only two at first; two doorkeepers first of all, and then we had four; and then after that we found that the other parties were getting an enormous lot.

54,785. Did you pay afterwards?—I paid from the hands of Mr. Wells; he was on the other side of the table, and handed me the money, and I signed the names to the receipts.

54,786. How many?—First two and four, then six, and then we got more.

54,787. What was the greatest number you had?—I think never, except on the last day, above half a dozen or so.

54,788. On the last day?—I can scarcely tell you; they were set on by different people.

54,789. And the last day there were a great many?—A good many got tickets.

54,790. About how many?—They came to 20*l.*

54,791. How many? Were they paid 10*s.* each?—I do not know; I really do not know whether it was 10*s.* or 5*s.*; I think 10*s.* each.

54,792. It would be about forty?—It would be forty.

54,793. Were there more than forty?—No; that was the exact number of tickets. They were wrapped up and sent to Mr. Wells; he got them.

54,794. Did you pay anybody else? In Scale Lane did you pay any?—No.

54,795. Are you sure of that?—No; I had nothing to do with Scale Lane. You mean when I resided in Scale Lane. This last election I had nothing to do with Scale Lane at all.

54,796. Did you pay any besides those you have told us?—I only paid those in Mr. Wells's office, and those I have told you.

54,797. Were they all persons who had voted for Moore and Butler?—Yes, I expect so.

54,798. If you had known and found out any of them had not voted for Moore and Butler, would you not have hesitated before you paid those?—Decidedly so.

54,799. You would not have paid them at all, I presume?—I should not have paid the men that had not voted.

54,800. You were paying for their votes, and you understood that was the real consideration?—Undoubtedly so.

54,801. Now can you tell us what has become of any of the lists?—I think there are some of the papers.

54,802. Where did they go to after you had done with them?—I sent them to the central committee. There was something took place in the committee room after; it seemed to be quite a sudden thing. Mr. Wells came, and took up the papers, and placed them in the chest.

54,803. When was that?—This was after the election.

54,804. Some time after the election?—Yes.

54,805. This year?—All the papers were placed in a chest, and taken away to the office.

54,806. This year or last year?—It would be 1852; it was when we had a committee room.

54,807. When you gave up the committee room?—Yes; before we gave up the committee room in Bowl Alley Lane.

54,808. Have you seen nothing of them since?—I believe I have seen some of the books since then; something of the kind. I got a letter from Mr. Wells. There was a book wanting, and Mr. Wells wrote to me for a certain book, and he had kept the book; probably it was a curiosity. I had a great desire that Mr. Bramley Moore should see it and the state of things that was going on; one of the clerks did it,—Mr. Robinson. He must have been deranged, or he could not have done such a thing.

54,809. What was he?—A polling clerk. Instead of the names being properly entered, they had been down and, then scratched out with a pen, and a variety of pictures made.

54,810. Mere nonsense?—Yes; I kept the book, because I wanted to show Mr. Bramley Moore and Mr. Butler how they were acting in this place.

54,811. Were you introduced to Messrs. Moore and Butler during the election?—I saw them at the central committee room; I saw them frequently; they often came there.

54,812. Morning or evening did they mostly come, or at all times?—Mr. Bramley Moore very regularly in the morning, generally; Mr. Butler sometimes; and if there were any letters for Mr. Bramley Moore they were laid on the place for him.

54,813. We hear that the district committees used to come in the morning; was that the time when Mr. Bramley Moore came?—Yes.

54,814. The district committee used to meet in the central committee room every morning?—They did most mornings.

54,815. Was it to meet them then that the candidates came?—They came about dinner-time; the candidates used to meet them; they retired into another room.

54,816. The candidates and the district chairman used to go into another room?—Yes, they very often did. Mr. Bramley Moore came, and he might write two or three letters; he seemed very anxious for business; Mr. Butler did not seem quite so anxious for business as he was.

54,817. You also know there were a good many sham committee rooms?—Yes; I do not know how many.

54,818. How many did you pay?—A great many.

54,819. How many?—I had the money given to take to Mr. West to pay those bills; that is over the bridge; the Old Swan. I took the money and bills to Mr. Wells. I found him at the office, and he asked me as a favour if I would be kind enough to pay those; I said, certainly I will. I paid all those bills; I believe a great many committee rooms.

54,820. How many, do you suppose, as near as you can say?—I should say twenty or thirty. You will find it in the receipts I gave to Mr. Ward; I took all the receipts back to Mr. Ward.

54,821. To the central committee?—Yes.

54,822. How much money did you pay for each room?—It varied; sometimes 2*l.*, some 3*l.*, and some the prices varied as high as 10*l.* I do not know what the rooms were. I never engaged them.

54,823. How much did you pay away for them, do you remember?—They were intermixed with other notes. I could not tell you. I had other notes at the sametime to pay as well as these.

54,824. But where they given you?—Mr. Ward gave those notes. They had all been overlooked by Mr. Harris. I was present when Mr. Harris examined them; he looked at the amount, and gave it to me, and I went and paid them. Some, the discount was taken off; some more than others; but the discount that was taken off the bills went to Mr. Ward; I had nothing to do with the discount.

54,825. Was the sum that was wanted for the other rooms and the other bills cast up and ascertained before you received the money?—Yes.

54,826. Who did that; who gave you the money?—Mr. Harris overhauled the bills, and gave them to me, to take them to the different parties; I had on a piece of paper the amount they came to, and he gave me the money; I then brought back the receipts to him.

54,827. Do you remember the people to whom you made those payments?—They took a length of time; they took a good deal of looking over; the sums that were charged, some were rather exhorbitant.

54,828. Was it all after the election?—Yes; some time after the election.

54,829. Do you suppose you could have made those payments within a week after the election; finished it?—No; we did not finish it. There were three bills I considered too high charged; those we kept back to the last. Those I had no difficulty with were settled off-hand.

54,830. This sum that was as high as 10*l.*, what was that?—I cannot tell you; I did not engage any one committee room; I had nothing to do with engaging any of them.

54,831. These rooms you paid, were they scattered over the town in different parts?—Yes, all in different parts.

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54,832. Not confined to any particular ward?—Andrew Hare, over the bridge; the Holderness Hotel; that was one that was on the list, I think.

54,833. Had you a list?—We set down all with the receipts; I might take out 50 or I might take 100; whatever the amount might be, I took out the notes, and paid them, and took the receipts back to Mr. Ward.

54,834. Were you to make the best bargain you could?—It is not very likely.

54,835. Have you any memorandums?—The memorandum I took for my own part. In looking over the memorandums you may find some that would not immediately correspond with the receipts, as far as the discount goes.

54,836. William Goldsmith the younger helped you in making the payments?—No; he had nothing to do with me.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

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54,837. Have you got any further information to give us?—I have a paper here; but I wish to correct a statement I might make yesterday; that was with respect to the candidates meeting the committee. What I meant or what I should have said was, that the candidates in the morning, the first thing, when they were going out to canvass, met with the gentlemen belonging to the committee occasionally. It would be understood probably yesterday that I should say the candidates met the committee when they met in the room; that was a mistake.

54,838. What is it you wish to say now?—I wish to say now that the candidates in the morning met some of those gentlemen who were going to canvass the different districts.

54,839. What is it that has brought that to your recollection?—It has been mentioned to me this morning.

54,840. Who have you talked with about it since? Have you been in communication with anybody?—I have not been in communication with any one, but what has been said just now.

54,841. You were reminded this morning?—Yes.

54,842. Who were you reminded by?—Mr. Rollit said, "Did I say so and so yesterday?"

54,843. Then you have talked with Mr. Rollit since you were here yesterday upon the subject?—Nothing further than what has passed here, and has been heard.

54,844. Have you, since you gave evidence before us yesterday, been in communication with Mr. Rollit?—Nothing more than here.

54,845. Then you say yes?—Yes, I have.

54,846. You have been in communication with Mr. Rollit here this morning?—Yes, I have, here.

54,847. And has he called your attention to the matter?—Mr. Rollit said, did I mean to say, or had I said, yesterday, that Mr. Bramley Moore and Mr. Butler met the gentlemen of the committee at the meetings? I said yesterday at the meeting. That would be the morning, with the gentlemen who were going to canvass belonging to the committee; that would be in the morning; not at the general meeting in the afternoon. I made a mistake.

54,848. You are quite sure it was a mistake?—It certainly was a mistake.

54,849. And that mistake has been called to your mind by Mr. Rollit?—It appears that I had said nothing.

54,850. Was Mr. Rollit there, that he could have the means of furnishing any information to you?—At the place, do you mean?

54,851. At the meeting of the central committee?—No, he was not.

54,852. Then what Mr. Rollit has called your attention to is a matter wholly out of his knowledge?—I do not know about his knowledge; he may have heard me say so yesterday.

54,853. The matters that Mr. Rollit has called your attention to are matters wholly beyond his own personal knowledge: he was not there himself?—No; he was not in the room.

54,854. Is there anything else you wish to add?—No.

54,855. Did Mr. Rollit speak to you in the presence of the gentleman who reports for the Commission?—Yes.

54,856. And all he said to you was said in the presence of that gentleman?—He said, did I mean to say it was so. I found it was a mistake, I assure you.

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54,857. Tell us, Mr. Rollit, what this is?—Having learnt from the proceedings in this Court the course which was pursued by the candidates during their canvass, to attend at the central committee room on the morning of each day, for the purpose of being put in possession of the district in which they were to canvass for that day, and having learnt also that it was not their custom to attend meetings——

54,858. You had heard it said in Court?—Precisely.

54,859. I suppose your attention was attracted to a discrepancy between Mr. Steeple's evidence and the others?—That was so; and seeing Mr. Steeple in Court this morning, I inquired of him. I put it in the shape of a question: "Did you intend yesterday to convey to the Court that the candidates were in the habit of attending the meetings of the district chairmen of the central committee?" He said, "No;" and I then said, "Then be so good as to explain that to the Court immediately, on their sitting."

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54,860. Is there anything else, Mr. Steeple, that you wish to add?—No.

54,861. Have you handed in the lists?—Those are the papers that I promised to bring.

54,862. There is a little book?—I have no little book.

54,863. You mentioned a little book?—I spoke of the minute book.

54,864. You said, "I have a memorandum book which will show all the payments I made." Did you mean these papers?—I had a memorandum; that is, from the original paper; the paper that was for the North Myton. I said I had a memorandum that I had taken at the time from it; the payments that were made at the committee rooms and the different places.

54,865. Is that the list of the committee rooms you spoke of yesterday?—Probably you will find some more mixed with those notes, because they were not all paid at one time. There may be some others. There are receipts for them all.

54,866. Did you make them out yourself?—This I copied from the notes merely; but I say some of them are made quite correct, with respect to the discount that was taken off.

54,867. Those are all documents made by yourself, either originals or copies of originals?—These are from the original bills; but I mean to say those show the bills and the receipts. There may be some in that paper that have not had the discount taken off. Still the bills show it.

54,868. Do these represent all the payments you made?—These represent all the payments I made from Mr. Ward. The bills were given to me, and you will find among them there is a bill for the Holderness ward, which I told you yesterday I took to Mr. West, and he engaged me to pay them. I think in those lists you will find the names that were paid in one of the committee rooms. In looking them over yesterday I found out there was Watkinson of the Shakspeare Tavern. I put his name down. There was a bill paid there for a committee room and something else. I have not got it down; I have omitted it; but I have put it among the rest. Here are some other papers. I think they are of no moment, but I will hand them over.

54,869. Those show payments, I think you say, that you made on account of Mr. Ward?—Yes.

54,870. Entirely?—Yes.

54,871. Not anybody else?—Yes.

54,872. You also paid some money for Mr. West?—They are among them bills; they are for the Holderness ward.

54,873. You said you paid four or five voters at Mr. Wells's office?—Yes, I did.

54,874. It does not contain the names of them?—No.

54,875. You also said you paid 20*l.* at the central committee room?—I did.

54,876. It would not contain the particulars of them?—No; not anything of that.

54,877. It relates to Mr. Ward's?—It relates to the bills paid there.

54,878. And to Mr. Ward's only?—And to Mr. Ward's only.

54,879. Did you make some payments for Mr. West in Holderness ward?—Yes.

54,880. Would they be included in that list?—Yes, they are. I mentioned the Holderness ward. There are the names of the parties; and so you will find the receipts correspond pretty nearly with them.

54,881. Then it would be West and Ward's payments?—Yes; but the money was given to me at Mr. Ward's to take to West. I took the money, and went and offered it to him.

54,882. You said you set down some twenty or thirty names at the central room?—Yes, I might.

54,883. I want to know what room you sat in when you were engaged in that

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business?—The room that was used daily; there was another room that was belonging to the gentlemen.

54,884. Was that the room that you set the names down in; was that your daily usual room?—Yes; the usual room for the day.

54,885. The usual room that you had?—Yes; where Mr. Gleadow used to sit, and give orders for the different things; and I was there to receive his orders.

54,886. That is where you generally sat?—Yes.

54,887. Supposing the candidates and the committee were to come to attend to their business, would they pass through that room to go to their own?—They used to come there in the morning, and occasionally at other parts of the day.

54,888. Would they pass through the room in which you sat?—They would not pass through that room, and go into another room The room was to the left-hand side where the committee sat, and this was the general use room on the right.

54,889. Do you remember now, or not, whether that note that we drew your attention to yesterday was acted upon, which says, "Set down these men as usual"?—I do not know it.

54,890. Did you set down names in your committee room that were sent in that way from other quarters?—No, I did not. I only took them that came into the room that wished to have their names set down.

54,891. How many do you suppose there were altogether?—I was so often away, cutting out colours and one thing and another; I went into the front room, and they might come and get their names set down there.

54,893. It was going on pretty constantly?—There were several got their names set down, I daresay. It was not one person alone that set them down.

54,893. You had some assistants in your room; some clerks?—Yes; there was assistance in the room.

54,894. That setting down in this way, did that increase towards the time as the election approached?—No; it got less; it was merely the fore part of the time.

54,895. Who assisted you in your room? What were their names?—Rossindale.

54,896. Who else?—Mr. Gleadow would be generally there at the head of the table, and very often Mr. Ward.

54,897. In your room?—In our room.

54,898. They would not write the names down; Mr. Gleadow or Mr. Ward?—No, they would not. There were two or three other different people in. I was away some times.

54,899. You had some regular people, had you not?—Yes; we had people at the outside as doorkeepers, such as that.

54,900. I mean writers, such as Rossindale, the clerk?—There were the different gentlemen that came in.

54,901. Do you not recollect any other regular clerk besides Rossindale in your room?—Upon my word I cannot say of any regular clerk, as far as the staff went. The clerks were below.

54,902. In another room?—Yes; some of them might come up stairs. Mr. Fowler was very often in the room.

54,903. What became of those lists that the names were set down upon?—Those clerks and doorkeepers and runners were paid of a Saturday night. Mr. Wells sat facing me, and the receipts were made out ready for them. He looked at them, and handed the money over to me. I paid the clerks and the men, and they gave a receipt. The receipts were filed, and Mr. Wells got them when he took the rest of the papers away. He took the papers away himself, and put them in a chest.

54,904. Those names set down,—the twenty or thirty,—you did not pay them every Saturday?—No; I did not see any more of them.

54,905. I want to know what became of those in that list? Were they set down on a paper?—That would be what you call a minute book.

54,906. They were set down in some book?—They were set down in some book, which they call a minute book. Of course that would go with Mr. Wells's papers.

54,907. You said you paid a good many at your house?—I did.

54,908. How came they to come to your house? Who directed them to come? How was that settled?—I do not know whether Mr. Wells thought it would be as well, or some one thought it would be as well, to get them away from the room. They stopped all business; we were much annoyed with those men.

54,909. I do not know whether this is your writing. Here is a book of applications for runners; is that the book you spoke of (Book A.C.)?—It is not my writing.

54,910. Is that Mr. Wells's own writing?—Here is "Matthew Newlove, 9, St. Mark's Square;" that is my writing.

54,911. Whose is the other writing?—I do not know.

54,912. Is it Mr. Wells's?—I do not know.

54,913. Or Mr. Rossindale?—It might be Rossindale, or Fowler's, or anybody else; I really do not know. Here is Thomas Newton; that is my writing; and Henry Newton; that is my writing.

54,914. Is that the book you allude to?—Yes, that is the book.

54,915. Besides paying the people at your house, did you pay somebody elsewhere? I am not speaking about paying for committee rooms?—I did not pay any one out of

doors. What was paid was paid at the central commmittee, at my house, and at Mr. Wells's office.

54,916. At your house, at Mr. Wells's office, or the central committee; those three places?—I paid no one out of doors.

54,917. The sham rooms?—I do not know anything about paying them.

54,918. You paid them from place to place?—Yes; I paid them from place to place; and they varied from 2*l.*, some of them; as high as 10*l.*

54,919. But the others you paid at one of those places?—Yes.

54,920. I asked you about Goldsmith yesterday. Had you ever young Mr. Goldsmith assisting you?—I do not know. It is very probable there might be a person of that name. The clerks were put below, to make more room; we were pinched for room, for there were a good few clerks below; and the receipts were handed to Mr. Wells. He can tell you exactly.

54,921. You paid four or five at Mr. Wells's office after the election?—Yes.

54,922. Who gave you that money?—I think some of it would have been an overplus of what was left from the amount for those North Myton voters; I had some cash left in hand.

54,923. You think they were paid from that?—Yes.

54,934. And you said you paid at the committee room about twenty to forty people?—Yes, for tickets.

54,925. Who gave you that money?—I think that money was given by Mr. Ward for the non-voters; men I had got to go before the hustings.

54,926. Had they all tickets?—No.

54,927. You said something about tickets?—There were some tickets paid; 20*l.*, I think was paid for men; Mr. Wells has the tickets or cards, whatever you call them; that is for the nomination day and the polling day.

54,928. £20 was paid on cards?—£20 was paid on them; they were all piled up together, and put into Mr. Wells's possession.

54,929. I ask you this general question: you have spoken of several lists of various kinds; you made payments from the lists of committee rooms; were all those papers put into the chest you speak of as going to Mr. Wells's, as far as you know?—All those notes? I think those notes would not go into Mr. Wells's chest; the notes would be handed over to Mr. Ward.

54,930. That is at the central committee room?—Those notes, I went and collected many myself, and took them to the central room, and they were all put together; they would not be in the chest of Mr. Wells.

54,931. The chest, if I understood you, was sent from the central room to Mr. Wells's?—Yes.

54,932. And everything in the central room would be put into that chest?—Everything of any moment Mr. Wells picked up, and put in the chest.

54,933. Did you assist him in picking them up?—I might take some of the things.

54,934. When was that?—That was after the election.

54,935. You said it was done a little suddenly?—It was because the things were put there, and he locked the chest up, and desired me to send it on to his office.

54,936. Did he send to you to come and assist him?—I was in the room at the time when he came.

54,937. You were still in charge of the committee room?—I was in the room; there might be some one else in the room,

54,938. When he put the things in the chest, do you know whether he selected some, and tore some up?—I did not see him tear any papers up. Many of the papers of some moment were placed in a little mahogany box opposite to him; they were put in a small box,—those papers were papers of moment,—into a little box, and he took them away first.

54,939. Did you say those seemed to be papers of moment?—They were letters and different things; those he took away, and put into the chest himself.

54,940. Then he took away some in a smaller box at first, and afterwards in a chest to his own office?—They went to his own office.

54,941. Did you go with them?—I saw two men take them down.

54,942. Were you at his office afterwards?—I was several times at his office.

54,943. Did you go over these papers afterwards at his office?—No.

54,944. Did you see them any more?—No.

54,945. Not any of these papers?—No.

54,946. You have said that your duty, in 1841, was a good deal in distributing colours?—I believe it was.

54,947. You are a man of great experience in elections here, are you not?—I have had a good deal of electioneering.

54,948. How came they to confine your part of the electioneering to giving out these bits of calico; can you explain to me the meaning of that?—I think I have generally, at the fore part of my time, attended to those who made a parade with colours, and knowing that I was pretty well up to the method of both distributing colours and using them, they picked me out; and another thing, they thought it was likely I did not care a deal about getting my head broken, so they thought I was a likely chap to go with these things.

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54,949. What is the mode of distributing colours? Can you tell us what it means?—Every one wants a colour; publicans in particular want a colour. I believe there were a great many colours went to places that were never put out at all or used.

54,950. When you give a colour to persons, do you give them 5*s.* or 10*s.* to make it up with?—No.

54,951. They do not get anything for it?—No; if they require a colour, of course they require a staff, and some of them want irons to fix it up with; then we send the irons on; but I never knew an instance of giving anything of the kind,—never.

54,952. You know most of the electors, do you not?—I do not; most of the old hands are gone; there are very few left. I have not canvassed round.

54,953. If they wanted advice as to the persons who wanted a little money for their vote, you could give it, could you not? You could tell who they were, could you not?—They are numerous, I think, as far as that goes.

54,954. If you were to look into the canvassing book you could pretty well tell and point out who would want money?—I cannot say that.

54,955. A good many?—There are a many there want money, I have no doubt of that.

54,956. I ask you more particularly, if you had the canvassing books put into your hands of those who have been freemen for some time, could you not tell by name nearly all those who would require a little payment or employment?—I do not know that I could recollect now. As far as that goes, I know there are many of the carpenters that generally wish to be paid.

54,957. And you know who the carpenters are?—I know most of them are freemen; I am not going to mince the thing; many of them will.

54,958. If you will answer my question directly it will be the best. If you had the canvass book put into your hands, could you point out a great many of the blue voters that would require generally some employment and payment?—I could not say that.

54,959. A great many, you could?—I do not think so.

54,960. If we were to give you the canvass books of 1847, could you point them out?—No, I could not; I would not take on myself to say I could do anything of the kind.

54,961. If you were experienced in elections in Hull you could?—My experience has been more in travelling with the colourmen and the band.

54,262. As far as I understand it, any boy in the street could do that?—Yes; but they would not like it, I think.

54,963. When they call you an experienced man, they mean something else besides that?—They might call me experienced.

54,964. Do you really mean to say you do not know who the men are that required payment?—I should not know, I assure you; it is so long since. My memory is not one of the first.

54,965. I will put it in another way. If you had the the canvass book or the polling book of the last election, do not you think you could give, very nearly, the men on your side that had had employment and a little pay?—I could not, indeed.

54,966. The poll book would show you how they voted?—Yes.

54,967. And you could tell which of those who voted blue had been employed and paid? You could make a guess at them?—No, I could not.

54,968. I want to know what it is that you can tell, more than other people, about the Hull elections?—I do not think I can tell anything more. I am not aware that I can. I can tell you no more than what I have said to you.

54,969. Who do you think has a greater experience among the blue side than you have, in being able to pick out those amenable to the influence of money, than yourself? Can you name anybody in Hull of more experience?—I am sure I cannot. Those, I should think, who have canvassed, and come in contact with the voters.

54,970. Name anybody that you think has a more general experience, to put it in plain English, of the extent of corruption among the blue party, than you?—As far as I can say with respect to the blue party, the blue party are no better than the other.

54,971. I am not assuming for the moment that there is any distinction between you. I am simply asking you, do you think there is any one more experienced than yourself in ascertaining the extent of the corruption, so far as it exists, among the blue party? Who do you think has had a greater experience for the last thirty years?—I cannot answer that question any further.

54,972. That being so, what is the estimate that you make out, out of the 1,800 freemen, or thereabouts, who, in your judgment, are open to pecuniary considerations for employment or money; who are capable of being influenced; how many, do you think, out of the whole 1800, are able to be influenced by the promise of money, or the expectation of money, or the expectation or promise of employment?—I should say probably 500.

54,973. What?—Who might be influenced.

54,974. On your side?—I mean to say it is probable they would, as far as the parties go, who would vote where they got the most money.

54,975, Five hundred among the blue side. How many should you say, as far as your experience goes among the orange?—I mean to say those that have generally been blue, and still at this time, if they could get more, would go from us.

54,976. Of the other side, how many do you think there are also who generally vote

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orange who would come over to your side if they got a little advantage by it?—I should think there would be as many more.

54,977. Should you say more than as many more?—That is, the same quantity on the other side would come over, or probably more.

54,978. We have heard a great deal of evidence as to the meaning of the words "setting down." Do you agree with the other witnesses—a great many of them have said so—that when a person comes and uses the expression, "I want to be set down," that he means to convey an understanding that he will vote, provided he is paid or employed?—Many will come and get their names set down, who will expect they are sure to be paid.

54,979. They expect to be paid for colourable employment?—There are a many of them if they found they would get more the other side will run.

54,980. We have seen people who took money both sides?—I saw several.

54,981. Is not this the very meaning of the words, when a man comes and says "Set my name down as a runner," does not that mean, "If you do set my name down I will vote for you"? Does he not mean to convey that?—There is no doubt about that being his general idea.

54,982. And that always has been the meaning for many years, has it not?—1847, 1841, and many years?—Yes.

54,983. And does it not mean the same thing, if a man instead of using those words, says, "Give me some employment, set my name down for employment"?—Yes.

54,984. That means just the same thing?—Yes.

54,985. And does this not also mean a promise to vote, when a man comes and solicits that his room should be taken as a committee room, does not he mean in so doing to convey to you, that if you do not take his room you may not rely on his vote?—I have no doubt that that is the meaning.

54,986. Can you disclose any information upon the subject of any corrupt practices committed by any person at the last election?—I cannot.

54,987. Either that has come under your own knowledge, or that has been told you?—I cannot, or I should tell you.

54,988. In 1847?—In 1847.

54,989. Or in 1841?—In the former elections it was so.

54,990. Can you tell us anything more of 1847 or 1841?—I cannot.

54,991. Do you know of anybody who has a list of the persons who are likely to be paid on your side?—No, I do not; my son will have some papers I dare say.

54,992. Is he here?—Yes.

54,993. What I want to know is this: supposing there was to be a new election to-morrow, and you wanted to know who on the blue side must be paid, is there not some list or book that will show you who they are?—I do not know of any list or book.

54,994. You do not know anybody who can give that information?—I do not know, I am sure.

54,995. Then must they wait till the parties come and ask?—Yes.

54,996. Before they can guess?—Yes; there is the book showing how they polled the last time, and we would judge that those who polled the last time would most likely poll again.

54,997. It does not show who wanted a little money?—I do not know that.

54,998. Is there any book that shows that?—No; I do not know, I am sure.

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54,999. You are a merchant in this town?—Yes, and a shipowner.

55,000. Where do you carry on business, or live?—In Hull.

55,001. Whereabouts in Hull?—No. 4, Minerva Terrace.

55,002. What is the rent that you pay, or the rate that you are rated at?—£25.

55,003. That all within the borough?—No; I am rated at more.

55,004. The whole amount?—£42 in the borough; but I do not live in the borough.

55,005. How long have you been entitled to vote as an occupier?—Sixteen years, perhaps.

55,006. Are you also a freeman?—No.

55,007. How long have you lived in Hull?—I was born in Hull, and I lived in it ever since, except when I left about eight years ago to live in the county.

55,008. How long shall I say?—About forty-one years, I think.

55,009. Have you taken an active part in electioneering matters for this borough?—Yes; until the last election.

55,010. In 1841, I believe, you were an active partizan of Hanmer and James?—Yes.

55,011. And voted for them?—I voted for them.

55,412. Were you a member of any committee?—I was deputy chairman of the North Myton committee at that time.

55,013. Who was chairman?—Charles Wilkinson.

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55,014. Were you, as deputy chairman, a member of the general committee?—No. Mr. Charles Wilkinson did all that was done with the central committee. I never went near hand to it; he took the credit and I took the labour.

55,015. Not all the labour?—Yes; very near, as far as he is concerned, as far as the chairman was concerned.

55,016. Who was the clerk of your committee, or secretary or whatever he was?—I am sure I could not say at this moment. I think we had two or three. I think young Steeple was one and Lidgard was another, but he was not a clerk, he could not write. I think Steeple was a clerk.

55,017. And the man you call Legitt, but who calls himself Lidgard?—Yes; he was a runner, did anything, carried messages.

55,018. A useful man?—Yes, a useful man, and I think a man called Field. I think he was not at that time—I am not quite certain on that point—but I think he was one of the party; I believe he was.

55,019. Lidgard or Legitt, was he a canvasser also?—Yes; he was.

55,020. How many names were there set down as runners in your district?—That I could not say; all the papers were taken by the chairman, and I have never seen or heard of them since.

55,021. By Wilkinson?—Yes.

55,022. You are speaking of memory?—Yes.

55,023. Do you think there was at your committee as many as 100 set down?—Yes; I should think more than that.

55,024. 150 perhaps?—I should think 150 or 160, but I really cannot say. If I had the papers as they were all made out, I could tell.

55,025. What was the mode of setting them down?—Any man that came and made an application to be set down as a runner was set down.

55,026. I dare say you agree with most of the other witnesses that the meaning of setting down is an implied promise to vote, provided they derive some advantage from it, in the shape of employment or money?—When a man came to get his name set down, of course he expected to be employed and paid accordingly.

55,027. And you expected on the other hand his vote?—No doubt.

55,028. That was the nature of the understanding?—No doubt; not the slightest shadow of a doubt.

55,929. We hear this was a mode which crept in and has been substituted for the old-fashioned mode of four guineas and two?—No, I do not say that. The four guineas and two were before my time, therefore, I know nothing at all about it.

55,030. On that occasion in 1841, were they paid before or after, or part before and part after?—I believe they were paid every Saturday night; I think so.

55,031. There was mostly something coming after the election?—Yes; there was always a little nest egg left; but I believe the greater part of my men were paid every Saturday night.

55,032. At the committee room?—At the committee room.

55,033. What was the rate of payment then?—I think a guinea a week; from a guinea to 30*s.*; at this moment I cannot say, but it was from that to 30*s.* a week.

55,034. I mean of those at your committee, there was always something left?—No; I think not. I think the only arrears that were left were the election week expenses. I think all the rest were paid to the men who were employed during that time.

55,035. Then you paid in full up to Saturday night?—Yes.

55,036. And left the three or four broken days?—Yes; then we never had time to pay. We left them until after the election. If the election took place on Friday we used to pay on Saturday.

55,037. Of the 150 or 160, were all paid the Saturday night?—No; the 150 or 160 were not paid on Saturday night, because they were not all employed.

55,038. You got as much employment, I presume as you could?—Some of them did not come near hand us; they came and got their names set down and went away.

55,039. What did you do with those?—We did not pay them on Saturday night.

55,040. They were paid after the election was over?—Some of the men that got their names set down might not require pay.

55,041. But if they applied for payment after the election was over?—Then they would be paid the same way as the others.

55,042. How long were they paid in that case?—I cannot say; perhaps a week or ten days; a fortnight, or perhaps three weeks; but the most part, perhaps a fortnight. It depended upon the state of the canvass.

55,043. If I understand you, those who were actually employed were paid on the Saturday night; those who were not employed and voted all right, were paid something after the election was over?—That is perfectly true.

55,044. Would all of the 160 be employed from the time they were set down, if they chose to come?—No; they would not get the same right to pay as those in employment, certainly not, because the parties who were regular runners—a certain staff of officers required—they get paid every Saturday night, and they get, perhaps, a little more than those who did not do much.

55,045. Can you in any way furnish us with any list, or have you any means of supplying us with the names?—I have not the slightest. I was only the deputy chairman, and the chairman took all the documents. There are documents, I dare say, if not destroyed.

55,046. Several parties have mentioned having been paid afterwards, nothing like the whole number. I will mention a few names, and as I go through them, say if you recollect the names. Have you anything that will refresh my memory?—I have got a little document that Mr. Rollit furnished me with. These are the parties who allude to me in their examinations. I have looked them over, some of them are true, and some utterly untrue. I can give you an answer to anything you ask.

55,047. Confine yourself to 1841.—Then I do not know whether I can draw a distinction.

55,048. How much money passed through your hands, do you remember, in 1841?—Upon my word, I cannot say.

55,049. Did you receive as much as 1,500*l.*?—No, nor nothing like it, I should think; nor 200*l.* I really cannot say. It is impossible for me to say; the books were taken from me, at least they were given up by me at the time, and what might come into my hands, God knows.

55,050. When you were paying the men in 1841, had you a vessel—I need not particularly describe it—in the room, full of sovereigns? Do you know what I allude to?—Certainly not.

55,051. You have heard it said?—I have heard it said since the inquiry began that I had a vessel in the room.

55,052. That is not true?—No.

55,053. And that you kept replenishing it with 500 sovereigns at the time?—Those who said that knew very little about it, and must know they were telling a downright falsehood. If I knew who they were I would make an example of them.

55,054. It was a joke, perhaps, but we have a right to ask the question?—It is not true as far so I am concerned.

55,055. Where did you pay?—In the committee room at the Blue Bell; your informant got the wrong end of the story.

55,056. Will you give us the right one?—I cannot give you the right one.

55,057. Everything has two ends.—So it has; but he appears to have got the wrong one.

55,058. We only want the other?—I cannot give you it. I certainly never had such a thing in my possession.

55,059. What is your own end of the story?—It is merely a joke of mine, similar to the one of theirs.

55,060. Just refresh your memory, and confine yourself to 1841. If there are any of those that are untrue, pick them out.—I was speaking of the others; it was 1852 I particularly meant when there were some arrears.

55,061. There are none in 1841?—No; I think not.

55,062. Joseph Dick?—I have not the slightest recollection of Joseph Dick; I think he was not one of my lot.

55,063. You do not remember him?—No.

55,064. It may be possibly correct?—No, I think not; I do not recollect the name at all. It may be true, but I cannot recollect at this moment.

55,065. You will not put it stronger than that you do not recollect one way or the other?—No; I should not like to swear he was not one of the lot, because I have not the books.

55,066. If Dick was to swear he did, probably you would say he was right?—If I was to see him I should know.

55,067. George Bell?—I think it is not unlikely. I think that Bell is a freeman, if I recollect right, and I think was a householder; I am not sure.

55,068. Thomas Oliver of Mill Street?—Not unlikely, but I cannot swear to him. I do not recollect him.

55,069. Do you know John Fowler?—No. I think that is a mistake; I do not remember the names; those are not names that I know. There are a certain class of people but he is not one of the lot. If the documents are in your possession, and you can let me have them I will tell you in a moment; they are mostly in my handwriting.

55,070. We have not got them?—I was not aware of that.

55,071. What became of them?—If I knew you should know in a moment.

55,072. You do not know what became of them afterwards? they all went to Wilkinson?—Yes.

55,073. William Sylbon?—Yes, I know him very well, he was a very useful fellow.

55,074. Was he one?—He was.

55,075. Joseph Hopper?—That name I do not know.

55,076. He said he had been paid some time after?—I do not know him. I should think that is not likely, because every man I knew I probably paid at the time. I never had arrears; that made me keep such a good character.

55,077. William Featherstone, a paperhanger?—I do not remember the name.

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55,078. You are not prepared to deny that, supposing he swears it?—Where did he live?

55,079. Edward Street?—I should think it is not unlikely, but he is not in my district.

55,080. He said he was paid 30*s.* at the Blue Bell?—We were rather careful not to interfere with our neighbours' districts, and I fancy, if in Edward Street, he did not belong to us, but he may have been paid.

55,081. He was in Dock Street then?—That I do not know; he was not one of my men, but I could not swear he was not.

55,082. Thomas Wellington, a turner?—I do not know him.

55,083. In 1841?—Here is Thomas Johnson in 1847, a cabinetmaker, in Mechanic Lane; I do not know anything at all about him. I knew a Thomas Johnson; I was not aware he was a cabinetmaker. There was a Thomas Johnson that went by the name of *Potato* Tom. I do not know if that is the man.

55,084. That is the man; he distinguished himself on the last occasion?—If that is the man, he was a runner in North Myton at that time, and would be paid at that time the same as the others.

55,085. Only mention those that you can deny?—This Johnson was one certainly that I do know. Here is David Pickard, of Barton,—I do not know anything of him.

55,086. Are you quite sure you did not pay him?—I could not say that, it is so long ago; it is impossible for me to remember it; it is not a name that is familiar to me; they would be familiar at the time.

55,087. If the man comes here, and swears that you did pay him, is he not more likely who had the money in his hands to be correct than you?—If he was speaking the truth he might, but there were many people on the list who said that I paid them who upon looking over, I am certain I did not.

55,088. You are positive you did not?—Yes. There is a man here, this Eskdale Moat at the last election—

55,089. Confine yourself to this for a moment: you are quite sure about the year 1847? Here is a name I know well, Robert Jarvis,—he was one of the party.

55,090. You did pay him?—I have no doubt about that,—I paid him among the others; he is a man I know, because he has been upon my list ever since I knew what elections meant. Then there are these Stathers.

55,091. How many?—Two of them I paid; and George Newmarch, he is one, and John North. Then there is John Walker, the basket maker, of Manchester, that is a mistake, I know nothing of the man, and I do not know that I should know him, if I saw him before me, although he seems to have cut so peculiar a figure within the last few days.

55,092. He does not say he was paid?—I do not know the man; I came here the other day to look at him but he was not here. I think I have gone through the whole of 1847; that is the whole I can remember,—yes, there are two others in 1847, I do not know either of them,—George Harper, and Henry S. Stephens.

55,093. You mean you merely do not remember?—I do not remember their names; I do not remember paying them anything.

55,094. But supposing that they were to swear positively that they received the money; that may be true? you would not undertake to pledge your oath equally strong against it?—I should not at this moment, unless I could get hold of the documents, and then I could, because they were of my own making out.

55,095. But in the absence of any documents?—I certainly could not. Those are 1847 that I have just given you.

55,096. You were also a very active partisan of one of the parties in 1847, at Mr. Brown's election?—Yes.

55,097. You were an active partisan for Mr. Brown?—Yes.

55,098. And I believe you voted for him?—Yes, and Mr. Clay,—no, I am mistaken,—I only voted for Mr. Brown in 1847.

55,099. And what committee were you upon?—I was upon the North Myton committee.

55,100. Which met also at the Blue Bell?—I think one of us met; whether it was the election before or not I cannot say; perhaps it would be the Blue Bell, I am not quite sure; at all events I was the chairman of the committee. I was either chairman or deputy chairman, but I think I was chairman at Mr. Brown's election.

55,101. Did you meet at the Blue Bell?—I think it was the Blue Bell.

55,102. Was the same mode of setting down names, as far as possible resorted to during that election, on that occasion?—Yes.

55,103. I believe you had only three days to get up the case?—I believe I had only two; I was at Whitby at the time attending the Whitby regatta, and they sent over for me to come over post haste, and I travelled all night and got here, and had only two days of it.

55,104. Was that the nomination day and the polling day?—Yes, I believe it was; I had only two days,—I know it was the Whitby regatta, and I had to come away in a great hurry.

55,105. Was the same man, Legitt, also employed by you?—He was.

55,106. How many names do you think were set down there?—I could not say at this moment; those papers and all the documents were given in to Mr. Digby. If he could furnish me with those things I could tell, but I should think, as near as I can tell, perhaps 150 in my own particular district, perhaps more, but speaking in round numbers I should say 150 or 160.

55,107. Were they set down upon the same understanding, that they were to vote for Brown and to be paid?—They were.

55,108. Not having got the papers, you cannot refer more particularly to them?—No

55,109. Did you attend the central committee?—I think I never was there but once, and then, I think, only for a few minutes.

55,100. How were they paid? part before, and part after?—I think they were,—yes, they were paid on the Saturday night.

55,111. Part of the sum they received was paid before, and part after?—I think in Brown's case they were all paid afterwards, because I had only two or three days, three days at the most, and I had no time pay; we were over head and ears.

55,112. Did you not pay the nomination night?—I think some were paid the nomination—No, they were paid the polling night—on the night after the polling; but I think none were paid on the nomination day; in fact, I am sure not, we never had time.

55,113. A few were paid the polling morning?—I think not, they were not paid on the morning; I think there were none paid then.

55,114. At what rate were they paid?—I think 30*s.*

55,115. Some had only 10*s.*?—I think the split votes had only 10*s.*,—or it might be a pound, I am am not quite sure; it is very awkward answering these things without documents.

55,116. Some have said they got 10*s.*, some 20*s.*, and some 30*s.*?—I should think the most likely story would be the 20*s.*; I think there are very few beyond that.

55,117. Those that spoke of the 20*s.* said that they got 10*s.* before and 10*s.* after they voted?—I think there is something wrong in that; I never paid any man before they voted.

55,118. Then they might have got it somewhere else?—I could not say that; I did not do it.

55,119. They might be paid by one candidate before and by the other candidate after?—I did not know of it.

55,120. Would that account for it, having voted for two candidates, that they would be paid by one before and one after?—I cannot account for it; there is a mistake in it, certainly. I have not the slightest recollection of one man being paid before, and I believe there never was from our committee or in our committee room.

55,121. You waited to ascertain if they voted for Brown?—No; not on that account. I told you the men I had, I knew them all, or I fancied I did, at all events; and I do not think any of them were runners; they came in and got their names put down.

55,122. Legitt said you paid the nomination day, and began to pay again the polling morning?—He is mistaken about that I am quite sure; there were none paid by us until after the election.

55,123. You paid after, I suppose, all the persons who had their names set down, provided they voted for Brown?—Yes; I paid everybody who had their names set down, provided they voted for Brown.

55,124. How much money do you think passed through your hands?—Perhaps 200*l.*, but I would not say at this moment.

55,125. During these two elections, Legitt had acquired some pretty good experience about how electioneering business was carried on?—Legitt was a man always willing to work; he unfortunately could neither read nor write; he could only look out for sailors, or men of that description, or people of his class.

55,126. A sort of go-between?—No; I should not say he was a go-between.

55,127. Was he not considered that way?—He was useful; he was a man who would canvass the sailors or anybody you sent him to.

55,128. He was a trustworthy man?—I should trust him anything as far as electioneering matters are concerned.

55,129. Was he present when a good many people were paid?—I should think when the whole of them were paid.

55,130. From that he would derive a knowledge of Hull elections?—He knew them. Every man was called over, and when he was called over he was paid from a book; there was no secret in the matter, every man was paid that was put down.

55,131. The only secret is that we cannot get the books?—I am sorry for it; I would much rather that the thing was thoroughly sifted; as far as I am concerned I have no secrets to keep back, and I do not care a farthing about it.

55,132. Did you hear from the other members of the committee altogether how much was spent for runners?—No; I have seen it since in the newspapers. I do not know whether it is true. I had nothing to do with the management of it. I did not like the party we were among, and I never went near them.

55,133. They were not all of your own colour?—No, they were not.

55,134. You were not here at the breaking out of the contest?—No, I was not.

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55,135. It has been stated that some parties were extremely anxious—the blue party—to get a candidate, and wrote to Sir Robert Inglis, and he furnished a list of names of eligible people. Do you know how that was?—I was not in the secret, nor never heard of such a thing. I was not at home.

55,136. You had been absent from home previous?—Yes; previous to Mr. Brown coming out; in fact, when I got the message at Whitby that morning to say that there was a Conservative candidate out, and they begged me to come immediately, I took a post chaise, and came home, and I was here two days before the election. I know nothing of who fetched him and where he came from.

55,137. There was a question I omitted to ask you as to 1841. It has been said that in 1841 a great number of persons were paid, and they have stated themselves that they received the money in dark passages and through holes in doors; did you hear of that after the election? Those are payments made some time after the election?—I never heard of it until I saw it in the newspapers, and I do not believe, as far as we are concerned, it was so. I will swear that nobody ever got a farthing through a hole in door or anywhere else in our district; that I will swear,—never one man.

55,138. It did not take place in your district?—That it certainly did not.

55,139. You had no knowledge of the others?—I had plenty to do to manage my own business without looking after other people's.

55,140. In your district the payments were made more openly?—There was no secret in the matter; everybody that came could have his name set down, and everybody that liked was paid; there was no mistake about it.

55,141. In 1852, we hear that you allowed Legitt the use of a room?—I did. I lent him the use of a room which I had under my care, and for which I charged nothing.

55,142. You were not a member of any committee?—I was not, nor never asked a man for a vote the whole election, that I can safely swear.

55,143. Did you vote?—I voted myself; I voted for Clay and Bramley Moore.

55,144. You were not a member of any committee?—I was not.

55,145. And did you not canvass at all?—Not a single soul; I only regret that I did not. I have had the credit of it over and over again, and if I had known as much then as I know now, I would have canvassed.

55,146. Perhaps if you had, things would have been different?—I should not say that; I do not take any credit to myself; but if I had known as much then as I know now, I would have done it. I am willing to bear anything that is put upon my back, but I am certain that not a soul was asked by me for a vote.

55,147. Just explain the transaction between Legitt and yourself about the room?—Legitt was generally with me, as you elicited this morning, upon previous elections; and I not taking any active part in the matter, Legitt came to me to ask me if he could be of any service to the cause. I told him I did not intend to interfere, but that I would recommend him to the general committee; he did so, and he got up a committee of his own, and I was responsible to the general committee for his honesty in money matters.

55,148. State to us how the communication took place between you and the general committee; you recommended him?—Yes, I did.

55,149. Was that by writing?—I think not, but I am not quite sure.

55,150. Did you see Mr. Ward?—When the matter was first mentioned I saw Mr. Wells, and it was distinctly understood.

55,151. Give it us in order: the thing that first took place relating to it was Legitt's application to you?—Yes.

55,152. Volunteering his services?—Yes,—volunteering his services.

55,153. What is the next thing that occurred?—Then I wrote or sent a message to Mr. Wells, stating that he was a useful fellow.

55,154. You either wrote or saw Mr. Wells?—I would not swear at this moment which it was; I either wrote or saw him; at all events, Legitt, in consequence, had the management of that place; he was the chairman for anything I know.

55,155. What took place between you and Mr. Wells?—Merely this: I said that Legitt was a likely man, and had always assisted me, and they had better put him somewhere in some place where he might assist them and be useful.

55,156. What was Mr. Wells' answer?—I forget exactly what his answer was, but he had no objection, if I thought so, to employ him. I told him that I would be answerable for any expenses he might go to.

55,157. Mr. Wells said he had no objection?—Yes.

55,158. Provided you could be answerable for his honesty?—Yes; and I was answerable for his honesty. I do not know that those were the words used particularly, perhaps it might be so, but in substance they were the same.

55,159. It was to the effect that he had no objection, provided you could be answerable for his honesty?—Yes,—that he was a good man.

55,160. Is that all that took place at the time between you and Mr. Wells?—Yes; and then I let him have the house.

55,161. Is that all that took place then?—Yes, that is all.

55,162. What was the date of that?—Upon my word, I cannot tell you.

55,163. How long before the election?—I should think perhaps a fortnight, from that to three weeks, but I cannot recollect exactly.

55,164. Was the sum named that you were to be responsible for?—No legitimate expenses; he was merely to have the money.

55,165. Were the words "legitimate expenses" used?—Yes; that any money he might want to carry on the concern, I was answerable for the amount. I got it and handed it over to Legitt and my clerk.

55,166. We want the conversation between you and Mr. Wells?—I have given you the whole of it.

55,167. Do you say anything was said as to how the money was to be applied?—I am quite certain I had nothing to do with how the money was to be applied.

55,168. Are you quite sure, upon that occasion, that nothing was said as to what the money was for?—Certainly, I do not think it was named. All that I had to do was to be responsible that he was a good man, and would attend to and do his duty properly, that I knew him well and knew he would do.

55,169. You said you would trust him just now?—I would trust him. I should be quite safe in trusting him; he is a very decent fellow.

55,170. And you went and told Legitt?—Yes; I think I either told Legitt or my clerk. I think I told Legitt, but I was a good deal engaged at that time.

55,171. What is it you said to Legitt?—I told him he might have that room; it was at his use, and that I had then done with him, and he was to do the best he could for the cause.

55,172. Is that all that you said to him?—Yes; upon that occasion.

55,173. Did you see him again about money?—Yes.

55,174. What was the next time that you saw him?—I think the next time was on the Saturday night when he brought his account in for his weekly expenses.

55,175. What took place then?—I sent it to the central committee by my clerk, and he got the money. I dare say he can tell you more about the money than I can; the account went in with my clerk to the central committee, to Mr. Wells, and I think he paid the money, but who he got it from I do not know.

55,176. Your clerk, Mr. Wride?—Yes.

55,177. Do you remember what the first sum was that was paid to Legitt?—I think the first sum that was paid was not much.

55,178. Was it 20*l.*?—No; I think it was under that considerably. I could not say at this moment. I did not keep the accounts; they went away directly, but I think it was somewhere about 6*l.* or 7*l.*, I did not look it over; I handed it over to Mr. Wells, and I think he paid the money, but I am not sure.

55,179. It was 6*l.* or 7*l.*?—I think that was the first payment, and I think the second was 50*l.*

55,180. But was there not an intervening one of 20*l.* or 25*l.*?—No; I do not recollect it,—that 50*l.* I do not think I got; I believe my clerk got it; in fact, I feel sure I did not get it, because his account was 70*l.*

55,181. Does that letter addressed to you refer to the second sum, the sum of 50*l.*, the word "forty" being in by mistake for "fifty" (*handing a letter to the witness*)?—I do not recollect that I ever saw this letter. Is this a copy of it?

55,182. No; it is the draft of the letter from Mr. Wells to you.—Then this explains what I did not know.

55,183. The only mistake is that the word "forty" is put instead of "fifty"?—I think myself, I fancy, the account was 70*l.*; it just passed through my hands, and I really cannot say. I know the money was sent short of what the account was, and I sent it back again to say they were not to bother me with the thing; if they could not arrange the thing with Legitt that I would have nothing more to do with it.

55,184. The account was 70*l.*?—I think it was, and if this 40*l.* is right, it must have been 60*l.*, because I know it was 20*l.* short.

55,185. The 40*l.* is not right,—it should be 50*l.*?—Yes, I think it should. I think it was 50*l.*, and I believe the account was sent. I have not seen Mr. Wells' evidence upon that point, but I think it was 50*l.*

55,186. Mr. Wells' statement is this,—that the account sent in was 70*l.*, and that he sent 50*l.* on account?—I believe he did. I think 50*l.* was the money that came; it was short of what the account was. My clerk was in at the time, and took the money.

55,187. Did you examine the account?—I never did.

55,188. Did you receive the money?—I think not; it was when I came into the office the clerk said Mr. Wells had brought this money. My clerk and Mr. Wells had been talking this matter over. He said in his evidence that he handed it to me. I believe he did not hand it to me; I believe my clerk told me when I came in that Mr. Wells had brought the money, but it was short of the amount required, and, in consequence, I recollect telling them that if they bothered me again with it in any way, I would give up the whole thing and have nothing more to do with it.

55,189. You believe the money went to your clerk?—Yes. Mr. Wells says he gave it to me, but I do not think he did.

55,190. It is a little inaccuracy?—It makes very little difference.

55,191. Are you quite sure that you did not see the account?—I saw the account, but I did not look it over. I said, "How much do you want? what is the amount?" and I then sent it at once to head-quarters, and that is all I know about it.

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55,192. What is the next thing that took place?—I do not know that there was anything further took place until after the election, and then I think there was something else to pay. That account went in to Mr. Wells, and was paid. I never saw the accounts. I never saw what money was asked for, and I did not pay it. I know nothing about it. There was a balance, I know, but what it was I do not remember.

55,193. Do you remember how much it was?—No, I do not; my clerk will be able to tell you, I dare say. I did not get it, and therefore I know nothing about it. I am now alluding to the payments after the election.

55,194. Are you sure that there was not another sum of 20*l.* or 30*l.* before the election?—I do not recollect that there was; I am not sure whether there was. I know the accounts were kept regularly. My clerk kept the accounts, because Legitt could not write; and he would be better able to answer that question.

55,195. Do you know whether your clerk kept any particulars of the accounts?—I do not know that he did. I should fancy that he did not.

55,196. Did it pass into any book of yours?—No; the thing did not come into my office. I would not allow a voter to come into my office. I said, let them go in next door. I would have nothing to do with it, and I would not give a man an answer, or answer a single question.

55,197. Legitt was acting exclusively for Moore and Butler?—No doubt of it; it was Moore and Butler's committee room.

55,198. Did you ever go into that room until after the election was over?—I never went into it at all; never once.

55,199. Lidgard said that the only condition was that he was not to destroy the house; he told us that a great many times?—I was steward for the house; it was not my property; it was empty, and the only thing I required was that he did not do any mischief, and it was solely at his use and disposal.

55,200. After the election was over, did you not pay some few parties?—Not a halfpenny to any soul living.

55,201. Were you present when any parties were paid?—No.

55,202. Paid for travelling expenses? Were any travelling expenses paid in your presence?—Not a farthing; I never saw any money paid.

55,203. Do you know John Simley, of Barton?—If he said that he saw them paid in my presence, he is not speaking the truth.

55,204. You neither paid him yourself, nor was he paid in your presence?—I never paid him nor any other living soul. I said so; and I never saw anybody paid.

55,205. Neither at a committee room nor anywhere else?—I was never in a committee room but once, and that was in North Myton, and that was the night of the candidates speaking in North Myton. Some of my constituents had called me to account for having deserted the colour: I came in as Conservative in that district, and I went down that night with the candidates,—at least not with the candidates, but after the candidates,—and I addressed my constituents from the window. The moment I had finished I left the committee room, and I never was in another committee room afterwards.

55,206. You mean your municipal constituents?—Yes; my municipal constituents.

55,207. At that time, I believe, you were mayor?—Yes, I was; and that was the only time I was ever in a committee room, and then I should not have gone but that they said I had run my colour, and I knew that I had not.

55,208. You said that you saw Mr. Wells, and had this conversation which you have related about this room, and about Legitt being a good man, and so on, with Mr. Wells?—I believe I did.

55,209. Did you afterwards see Mr. Ward about Lidgard's room?—I think I did see Mr. Ward. I think I met Mr. Ward in the street somewhere near his office, and I mentioned to him that Lidgard, or Legitt I think his name is, required employment, and that he was going to have a committee room to himself, and I think that is all that took place.

55,210. When did you mention that to Mr. Ward?—I think it was the same morning that I saw Mr. Wells.

55,211. Did Mr. Ward ask where the room was to be had, or did you tell him?—I did not tell him anything, and I do not think he asked.

55,212. Do you remember telling Mr. Ward that you were never at the central committee room at all?—I never was there once, that I know of.

55,213. Where was it that this conversation passed with Mr. Wells?—It was, I think, at Mr. Wells' own office, but I am not quite sure.

55,214. You went there for the purpose?—Yes; I went there, no doubt, for the purpose to tell him that Legitt required employment; and after I put them together I had nothing more to do with it.

55,215. A word or two upon the 1847 election: Mr. Brown, we understand, was very late?—So I believe; very late. I never saw him until two days before the election, and then I only saw him once during the whole time.

55,216. You say you made no payments in 1852, so I make no reference to that?—Not a farthing.

55,217. In 1847 did you pay some Barton men?—I think not.

55,218. Not any?—I do not remember any Barton men; they always used to go to the central committee.

55,219. John Percival?—I do not know his name.

55,220. William Ayre?—I do not know his name. I think that is some mistake about the Barton men; I think they went to the central committee. All the out-voters were sent to the central committee; if there is an exception, I do not remember it.

55,221. Thomas Gower?—I do not know him.

55,222. You would know all the names?—I could not say that. I say there were perhaps 160; but who they were, or what they were, I do not know at this moment, unless I can see the papers.

55,223. Long, of Barton, 40*s.* for a room?—No; we never had a committee room in Brown's election; we had none of these sham committee rooms that are talked about; we had no occasion for them.

55,224. That is the sort of room I mean?—I do not know that we had any at Brown's election. It is the first time that I heard of them, this last election.

55,225. Your experience does not carry you back to that kind of room before this last election?—We never had such a thing before.

55,226. I do not know whether you made all your payments at the Blue Bell?—I think I did.

55,227. You have a good deal of knowledge of elections in Hull,—do you think if you had plenty of money you could win any election?—I think we could win it without money, if we had fair play.

55,228. But do you think, if you had plenty of money, that you could do it?—We could have won it at Brown's election if there had been fair play, but there was not.

55,229. My question is,—do you think with plenty of money you could win a Hull election?—I should not like to say that; it depends upon the candidate, whether he is a popular man or not.

55,230. I wish to ask the question, whether, if you had an unlimited command of money, you think you could win any election in Hull?—I do not think we could.

55,231. Why not?—It depends upon the man. You could not bring Old Harry out and put him up; they would not have him.

55,232. Supposing you were a candidate?—I think if I was a candidate it would be very ridiculous, therefore I should not try it; but I think I could get in without spending a halfpenny; but, at all events, I should never try.

55,233. I am supposing an ordinary candidate?—I do not think an ordinary candidate could get in if he had all the world in money.

55,234. An average man?—I do not think he could; I do not think money would get a man in if people did not like him.

55,235 But I am supposing a fair average man, as to his political views; do not you think, then, that the command of money would secure his election?—I have said I do not think it would.

55,236. You say, because he would be disliked?—If the man was a popular man like Mr. Baines: they brought Mr. Baines in, and I do not think at one election it cost him anything.

55,237. Which election was that?—In 1849, when he was made president of the Poor Law Board.

55,238. Then there was no contest.—That is the reason, because he was a popular man, and they did not oppose him.

55,239. How should you propose to get in without any money—what you call a fair election?—If neither side spent any money, do you mean?

55,240. I want you to tell me?—I am of opinion, if at the last election neither side spent any money, that Mr. Bramley Moore would have been at the head of the poll; that is my opinion. I believe that both Mr. Bramley Moore and Mr. Clay would have been the members for Hull; they were the popular men until the night before the election; there is not a shadow of doubt about it.

55,241. You voted for Mr. Clay last time?—I did; because he was a good man; he had worked hard for the town. He is not of my politics, and I told him so; but I voted for him because he was a working man.

55,242. I gather from you, that you wanted to have one and one?—I did not care about his politics, as long as he was a good man.

55,243. You voted one and one?—Yes; I voted for Mr. Moore because he was known to some friends of mine in Liverpool; and I voted for Mr. Clay because I considered he was a good man, and a useful man in the town of Hull; and I would vote for him to-morrow, if it was necessary, if I considered he had done the town a service.

55,244. You do not think then, that if one party spends money, and the other does not, that there would be any doubt as to the result?—I believe if one party was to spend money, and the other not, that the party who spent the money would be the party to return the candidates.

55,245. Whatever side the politics were?—Whatever side the politics were.

55,246. Then again, if one side spent more money than the other—had they both spent money, but one had spent more than the other,—do you think that the one that spends the most money, in that case, would come in?—That is a matter to which I should hardly be able to give an answer. I should think the man who spent the most money would buy himself in; there are a certain number of men that can be bought by the highest bidder.

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55,247. And that certain number who vote for money would turn an election?—No doubt of it.

55,248. I dare say you agree that, supposing there had been as many Legitts as there were wards, Mr. Bramley Moore would have come in?—No, I do not think that; I think Legitt managed his business very badly, from what I have heard since that took place.

55,249. In what respect?—I think he did not take care to be discreet enough.

55,250. In what respect?—That the people he put down as runners, the men who were afterwards paid, he did not sufficiently understand the nature of these people, to prevent their running away from him, as I see many ran away from him by the newspapers; I was not aware of it.

55,251. He did not do his business well?—No.

55,252. You said that you paid away about 200*l.* at the 1847 election?—I could not say exactly, but as near as I can remember.

55,253. Who did you have the money from?—Mr. Digby.

55,254. You had it all from him?—Every farthing.

55,255. You think it did not exceed 200*l.*?—I beg your pardon—I had some from Mr. Burstall; he was the managing committee man at the time; it did not come from Mr. Digby, it came from Mr. Burstall.

55,256. I believe Mr. Burstall had it from Mr. Digby?—Yes; it came from Mr. Burstall to me; I was at the moment thinking that Mr. Digby had the management.

55,257. You say you are anxious that this should be sifted to the bottom?—Yes, I am.

55,258. Then tell me this: supposing that the papers upon which the names were set down in 1841 and 1847 have been destroyed, can you tell us any person, or any method by which we could get at the names?—Upon my word I cannot—I cannot indeed; I have no idea where the papers are any more than the man in the moon.

55,259. Supposing a new election to come, would it not be very desirable, for the purpose of the canvass, that you should know who are the persons who want money?—No, I do not think it is: I think if a new election were to take place to-morrow, the whole concern would have to be gone over again; and I believe the Radicals spent so much money the last election, that unless there was a thorough revision, it would be utterly impossible to tell who the men were that wanted money, and who did not.

55,260. Supposing such a revision were to be made, who would make it upon your side?—The district committee men who had the management of it.

55,261. Would they, on looking at their canvass books, be able to say who were likely and who were not?—I do not think that they would.

55,262. Would you in your district?—No.

55,263. Would you know one?—Yes, I should know one man who wanted buying.

55,264. How many should you say?—It is impossible to say.

55,265. Should you say any large number?—I should; but they changed about from the different districts.

55,266. Supposing the same men were living in the same districts that they were at the last election?—I do not know about the last election; I think for the previous election—

55,267. For the previ us election there are some?—Yes; I think I could find a few.

55,268. If your canvass books were given to you, by looking at the list you would be able to point out the men?—I do not think I should; I should be obliged to call upon them at first.

55,269. You would know where it was desirable to call?—We call upon everybody.

55,270. Would you be able to make any guess?—If I saw a man, I could tell by his movements whether he intended to be paid.

55,271. Without seeing the men, but seeing the book?—I could take a few, but they alter so.

55,272. You do not know anybody on your side that could, in your judgment?—I do not know who has taken an active part. There was a time that I could have found out who wanted paying, but that is long ago.

55,273. You think that the active man of your party ought to be able to tell?—I do not know who he is.

55,274. But you think that the active man ought to be able to do it?—In each district he ought to be able, particularly those he canvassed.

55,275. Do you think Mr. Steeple ought to be able?—It is not exactly in Mr. Steeple's way. He is more a colourman. He used to be what you call the colour-major in days of yore.

55,276. Do you think that Mr. Fowler could do it? He is the registration agent.—I cannot answer for Mr. Fowler. He had better answer the question for himself.

55,277. I want you to answer it?—I should think that Mr. Fowler might.

55,278. Do not you think that Mr. Wells could?—I should think that he is the most unlikely man to do it.

55,279. Cannot you tell anybody?—I cannot, I have no idea who is the most likely man. I know in my own district some years ago I could tell; but I have not thought much about it lately. I should have to go all over it again.

55,280. These papers are said to have been destroyed. We must have the names, and therefore unless somebody on your side can give it us, we shall be obliged to take some

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very unusual mode to get at them?—As far as I am concerned, if I had them, you should have them in a moment. If I knew where they were I would tell you.

55,281. But I ask you how we can get them?—Has Mr. Digby been examined?

55,282. No.—Then he will most likely tell you where they are.

55,283. When you gave permission to Legitt to make use of this room I presume, you thought he would have done his work better than he did do it, from the experience he had of 1847?—Yes; many men make servants when they will not make leaders.

55,284. You expected that he would have set down as many names as he could, and have kept them together?—I expected he would have been careful as to who he did set down and who he engaged. He cannot even read or write, and therefore I excuse him.

55,285. You had no doubt what the room was to be used for?—For a committee room.

55,286. For setting down names?—For general election purposes. It was used for every purpose that there was.

55,287. For what other purpose would Legitt use it?—He could not set down names himself. He could not write.

55,288. But he had a man to set them down who could write?—Yes; he had a man.

55,289. And you knew he was setting down names during the election?—Yes, everybody knew that, and it is quite proverbial. The same on all sides; everybody was setting down names.

55,290. You knew Mr. Wilde?—I did not know him until the other day somebody pointed him out to me upon the Dock Side.

55,291. You knew of his room?—No, I did not; except that I saw it in the papers. The extent of my walks during the election was from my own office to the Mansion House.

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55,292. Do you carry on business in this town in partnership with your brother?—Yes.

55,293. How long have you been entitled to vote as a householder for this borough?—Since 1839, I believe.

55,294. Are you also a freeman?—Yes.

55,295. How long have you been free?—Since 1839.

55,296. You took up your freedom and your occupation at the same time?—Yes.

55,297. My last question was, how long you had been entitled to vote as a householder?—I am sure I do not know.

55,298. How long have you occupied premises of the value of 10*l.*?—Since 1847, or 1846, I think.

55,299. Did you take any interest in the election of 1841?—I did; I took an interest in it.

55,300. Who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.

55,301. Were you a member of any committee?—No.

55,302. Did you take any other interest beyond that of voting?—No; except, of course, I wished them to be successful.

55,303. Did you take any active part as a partisan?—No.

55,304. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.

55,305. Did you take any part beyond voting?—No.

55,306. As a member of any committee, or canvassing, or in any other manner, except voting?—No.

55,307. In 1852, you voted for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

55,308. And was a member also of the central committee?—No, I was not.

55,309. What committee were you a member of?—None.

55,310. This time you exerted yourself very actively, I believe, for Moore and Butler? Yes; I was very anxious that the orange party should be opposed, and I took all the measures I was capable of to secure two candidates on the other side.

55,311. What was the beginning of your exertions to get a second candidate?—The beginning was going up to London, and going to the Carlton club.

55,312. When was that?—That was in the beginning of June.

55,313. Were you in company with Mr. Harris?—Yes.

55,314. All the time?—Yes.

55,315. He gave the date the 19th of June?—I believe it was the 8th of June; I made a mistake about the month, it was the first few days in June. I believe Mr. Butler's address was issued on the 8th of June.

55,316. Did you go up with Mr. Harris in the first instance?—I did.

55,317. And remained all the time that he did?—I do not know that I stayed in London so long; I stayed in London up to the end of the negotiations with Mr. Butler.

55,318. What is your recollection of those negotiations?—Merely that we were introduced to him by Colonel Forester, and asked him if he was willing to become a candidate,

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and he asked what conditions would have to be engaged for. We told him that he would have to be responsible for 1,200*l.*, and he said he was agreeable to do it.

55,319. Did he seem surprised at the smallness of the sum?—No, not at all; he seemed quite satisfied.

55,320. Did you judge that he was aware of the system of having runners?—By no means; I was not aware of it myself; I never took the trouble to inquire.

55,321. Do you mean that you were not aware of it yourself?—No.

55,322. You say you were not aware of the system at this time?—No.

55,323. Was Mr. Butler in your presence, and, to your knowledge, told of the practice that he had prevailed in Hull of setting down names?—Oh dear, no; nothing was ever mentioned of the sort.

55,324. As far as you are aware, was he kept in the dark up to the last?—I do not think there was the slightest wish to keep him in the dark.

55,325. He might have been kept in the dark without any intention?—He might.

55,326. He might have been kept in the dark without any wish, by taking it for granted that he knew that which all the rest knew?—I do not think anybody thought there was anything of sufficient consequence to keep in the dark; there was nothing to trouble him with.

55,327. It was a matter of course?—I do not know that it was a matter of course, because I did not know of it myself.

55,328. We talk of other people: as far as other people were concerned, they seemed to treat it as a matter of course?—I never heard it mentioned. I do not say in the course of the election I never heard such a thing mentioned.

55,329. How soon did you hear it?—Perhaps, during a day or two before the election I heard it was necessary to have more runners got.

55,330. Was that the first that you heard of the system?—It might not be, but I cannot say.

55,331. The 30th of June has been fixed by the minute book as the day upon which a very large increase of runners took place: did you become acquainted with it then?—No, certainly not; I was not on any committee.

55,332. You were aware of the fact?—I certainly was aware of the fact that runners were necessarily engaged.

55,333. That being so, and you having been the person who brought Mr. Butler down, did you communicate that fact to him?—No, I did not; I never mentioned it to him.

55,334. Then so far as you are aware, he was kept in the dark?—I am not aware that he was kept in the dark.

55,335. Then who told him? he was either told or kept in the dark?—There is a difference, in my opinion, between a man being purposely kept in the dark——

55,336. I did not say purposely.—I think people would just as soon have told him as not; but it was not to my knowledge that he was so.

55,337. I want to get the facts, not opinions. Was he told or was he not?—Not to my knowledge.

55,338. Not even after you became aware of it, a few days before the election?—Certainly not by me, and not to my knowledge by anybody else.

55,339. So far as you have heard, was it ever communicated to him?—Most certainly not.

55,340. Did you pay any money yourself?—No; beyond paying my subscription.

55,341. You did pay a subscription?—Of course.

55,342. How early did you agree to subscribe?—In March, I think; as soon as ever the contest was talked of.

55,343. How much was your subscription?—£50.

55,344. When was it paid?—I cannot say, exactly; I should think in June. It might be before the election; I should think it was.

55,345. How long do you think it was before the election?—I am not quite sure whether it was all before or partly afterwards, but I should say perhaps about June; some time about June, but I really cannot say.

55,346. The election was in July; you would not have so much difficulty in coming to a conclusion?—I am not sure whether it was paid in one amount or two. I have no doubt part of it would be paid before the election, perhaps all.

55,347. Whom did you pay it to?—I rather think to my brother, who was a sort of cashier to Mr. Ward.

55,348. Did you not make some payment besides?—I collected a good part of the subscriptions, and paid them over in the same way.

55,349. How much did you collect?—Perhaps 600*l.* or 700*l.*

55,350. The sum of £711, it has been stated, you collected; is that correct?—It very likely is. I was not aware it was so accurately known; very possibly; I should not dispute it.

55,351. It is an entry in Mr. Ward's book, "Bond Street."—Very likely.

55,352. Does your firm go by the name of Barkworth and Sons?—No; Barkworth and Spaldin.

55,353. Mr. Ward's entry is, "Bond Street, 711*l.*"—I know nothing about Mr. Ward's entries.

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55,354. Would that be so?—Very likely it might be.

55,355. Did you know, at the time you subscribed, that your money was not to be applied to the purposes of the election until the sum of 2,400*l.* was exhausted?—I know that was agreed upon.

55,356. That was to be exhausted before your money was to be used?—It was settled so in writing, I believe.

55,357. Who has that writing?—I have it.

55,358. Will you produce it?—Yes.

(*The following document was produced by the witness and read.*)

"Hull, 20th April 1852.

"We, the undersigned, hereby agree to become responsible for the sums to which our names are affixed, for the purpose of contesting two seats for Hull in the Conservative interest, in the event of two candidates of opposite principles being brought forward, whether Whig, Radical, or Peelite.

"The sum subscribed not to be called for, either in whole or in part, until after the expenditure of the funds to be provided for the conservative Candidates, (any second candidate furnishing not less than 750*l.* as his proportion of such funds); and as soon as 1,500*l.* is subscribed for on this paper, a committee of three subscribers to be appointed to collect the money, when and as it may appear necessary, and to regulate the expenditure thereof.

"But, nevertheless, if, from any special cause, it is deemed by the Conservative body at large inexpedient to bring forward more than one candidate in the Conservative interest, this subscription is then to be applicable to the expenses of a contest, if such should occur.

"Fewster Wilkinson, 250*l.*; Charles Whitaker, sen., 50*l.*; John Hewitson, 20*l.*; Sophia Broadley, 100*l.*; Thomas Barkworth, 50*l.*; Charles Liddell, 50*l.*; Thomas B. Lock, 50*l.*; Thomas Ward, 50*l.*; S. H. Egginton, 50*l.*; John Egginton, 50*l.*; Charles Whitaker, jun., 50*l.*; Henry Barkworth, 50*l.*; Charles Bamford, jun., 50*l.*; Joseph Gee, 100*l.*; Jose R. Pease, 100*l.*; Mr. Beadle, 100*l.*; J. B. Barkworth, 50*l.*; Charles Bamford, 50*l.*"

55,359. The sum that the candidates were to pay is not mentioned in that paper?—Yes; I rather think it is 1,200*l.* for the first, and at least 750*l.* for the second.

55,360. It says, "The sum subscribed not to be called for either in whole or in part until after the expenditure of the funds to be provided by the Conservative candidates themselves, (any second candidate furnishing not less than 750*l.*, as his proportion of such funds)". How much was it understood the gross sum was to be? The sum to be expended by the candidates is not named.—Allow me to look at it.

55,361. It may be the result of some subsequent arrangement?—Whether it was mentioned or not it was understood among the people who originated it.

55,362. Did all the parties who subscribed to that know that their money was not to come into play until 2,400*l.* was expended?—They could not, according to this paper.

55,363. Still they understood it?—I dare say a good many of them did.

55,364. The majority of them?—Yes; I should say so.

55,365. You understood it?—Yes, exactly; at the same time it would not be acted upon, because our subscriptions would be paid as soon as the candidates.

55,366. Because at that time it was very soon known that the whole sum would be required?—I do not think it was; that was a fund in case of necessity.

55,367. After the second candidate did come forward, it very soon became obvious that the whole money would be called up and would be wanted?—I believe so; I had nothing to do with the management of the funds.

55,368. You had very little doubt that the money would be soon wanted and have to be paid?—Yes.

55,369. And you thought you might as well pay it at once and have done with it?—Yes.

55,370. And the other subscribers thought so too?—Yes.

55,371. Have you any other papers?—No.

55,372. Was Mr. Bramley Moore a candidate before the date of this letter of the 13th of February?—No; in consequence of this letter. (*The following letter was produced and read.*)

"Confidential."

"My Dear Sir, "Carlton Club, February 13th, 1852.

I have been making inquiries since the receipt of your letter on the subject of the representation of Hull, and it appears to me that Mr. Bramley Moore, an eminent merchant, and chairman, I believe, of the Chamber of Commerce at Liverpool, would be the most suitable candidate for such a constituency. I am not certain whether his name has not been suggested to your party at Hull, but in any case I can most strongly recommend him to you.

"Yours truly,

"W. C. Forester."

55,373. Do you know how any of the other funds were provided?—I believe both the candidates gave 1,200*l.*

55,374. Did you understand whether it was their own money?—Decidedly their own money.

55,375. You always understood Mr. Butler's was?—No doubt of it.

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55,376. And Mr. Moore's?—Mr. Bramley Moore's, too.

55,377. Mr. Moore was always considered a man of station, to whom 1,200*l.* would not be a very great object?—No object at all, I should think.

55,378. Did you hand over any money to Mr. Henry Whytal Walker?—I do not know him.

55,379. Then you mean that you did not?—Certainly not.

55,380. Did you give, besides that, 50*l.* in money to anybody at all?—No; except as I say, I received a good part of the subscriptions and paid them over.

55,381. Those you paid in a lump?—Yes.

55,382. You did not make any disbursements out of the subscriptions, of any sort or kind?—No.

55,383. Did you pay any clerks or messengers?—No.

55,384. Did you pay any runners?—No.

55,385. Or doorkeepers?—I paid nobody whatever.

55,386. Did you canvass?—I certainly did in several instances, but not systematically.

55,387. Did you canvass John Hughes?—Not that I know of.

55,388. He keeps a public house, the Black Swan, in Princes Street?—I canvassed that man through our work people, two or three of our work people; I did not go to him myself; he promised faithfully to vote for the blue party, until a day or two before the election.

55,389. In the early part we hear that he had an orange flag out of his window?—He had on the election day.

55,390. And for a considerable time before it was changed to a blue?—No; if he ever had a flag he changed from the blue side to the orange; a suspicious case I thought it was.

55,391. It has been said that he had an orange flag, and that he changed it to a blue?—It was quite the reverse.

55,392. It might be the reverse afterwards, he might have gone back to his first love?—I do not recollect that he had an orange flag at all.

55,393. Was it after that that you canvassed him?—I sent somebody to him a week, perhaps, before the election.

55,394. At that time had he an orange flag?—Not that I know of.

55,395. It is near your office?—Yes; I know who you mean perfectly well.

55,396. It is exactly opposite?—Yes; exactly opposite.

55,397. And you probably would be a person to judge whether he had an orange flag or a blue?—If I have a perfect recollection, he never had a flag at all until the orange flag was hoisted on the election day.

55,398. How long was that before the election?—He put it up the election morning.

55,399. Your belief is that he had no flag at all?—My belief is that he had no flag.

55,400. Did you canvass him personally?—No.

55,401. Did he promise you to vote blue?—He promised my man.

55,402. What man was that?—I cannot remember; some foreman, perhaps.

55,403. Did you send him then canvassing?—I sent him to Mr. Hughes.

55,404. Were your men in the habit of frequenting his public house?—Yes; I believe so, more or less for refreshment and liquor during the day.

55,405. Did you express a desire that they should make use of that as an argument to get his vote?—Oh dear, no, not the least.

55,406. Did you express any desire that your men should not use his house if he did not vote blue?—Oh dear, no.

55,407. Anything of the sort?—No.

55,408. Did you tell your foreman to tell him so?—No.

55,409. That if he did not vote blue you would tell your men to give up the use of his house?—No.

55,410. Anything of the sort?—Nothing of the sort.

55,411. Did you in any way express a desire that your men should not frequent his house?—Not in any way whatever.

55,412. After the election was over did you express any desire to anybody at all that your men should not frequent his house?—No.

55,413. Do you know that, in point of fact, a good many of them have abstained?—Not the least. I do not know whether they go there or not; I should think they do.

55,414. Have you not heard that?—Not at all.

55,415. You knew before that they did frequent his house?—I have known for years that our men, that public house being near, have been in the habit of going there for something to drink, and may do so still.

55,416. Do not you know that they have done so less since the election took place?—I do not.

55,417. Not one way or the other?—Not one way or the other.

55,418. If they have done it, has it been owing to anything you have said?—I have said nothing.

55,419. Then, you say no?—I say no.

55,420. Do you know a person of the name of James Marshall?—I do not remember anybody of that name; I may know the man.

55,421. Of Trinity House Lane?—Yes; he is a blacksmith.

55,422. Did you canvass him?—Yes; I did.

55,423. Did you make some little promise to him?—Certainly not.

55,424. Are you sure of it?—Sure of it.

55,425. Did you hold out any prospect to him in case of voting?—None whatever.

55,426. Did you discharge any of your men shortly after the election, on account of their votes?—No; not on account of their votes.

55,427. John Tassell?—John Tassell absented himself of his own accord, and went to Mr. Blundell.

55,428. Was John Tassell employed by you previous to the election?—I believe so.

55,429. Have you employed him since?—No; because he has absented himself.

55,430. You did employ him before, and have not done so since?—Not afterwards.

55,431. Why not?—Because he absented himself and went to Mr. Blundell.

55,432. Before he went to Mr. Blundell? when did you understand he went to Mr. Blundell?—John Tassell, I should say, perhaps, I do not know by sight at all myself, but I have taken a good deal of trouble about his case, because it was brought before this court, John Tassell voted for the orange party after having promised the blue side, and after that he never came near the foreman nor asked him for any work whatever; on the contrary, he went out of Hull for some days, and immediately on his return to Hull he was taken into Mr. Blundell's service.

55,433. Do you understand, from the time of the election until he went into Mr. Blundell's employment, that he was constantly absent from Hull? Is that what you have understood?—Yes, it is.

55,434. Did you understand at that time that he was absent?—I knew nothing about him at the time; it is only within the last month that I have ever heard his name.

55,435. Did you give any instructions to your foreman not to employ anybody?—No.

55,436. Tassell, for instance, if he did come back?—No; I never knew his name.

55,437. That is the reason I put the question generally, did you give your foreman instructions to discontinue the employment of anybody?—No.

55,438. Any man?—No.

55,439. If he did discontinue employing persons who voted for orange, was that his own voluntary act?—Yes.

55,440. Thomas Suddaby?—I do not know him.

55,441. Was he a person employed by you?—Not that I know of.

55,442. Did some of the men, previously employed by you, vote orange at the last election, besides Tassell?—It is very possible, but I do not know.

55,443. Did you discover that?—I never asked any questions about it.

55,444. Did you ascertain from the poll book, or in any other way?—No, I never did; of course all the men knew which way they ought to vote, and if they did not I considered that they did not do their duty; but I never asked any of them for their vote, nor did I punish them for not voting.

55,445. It was understood that they would vote blue, if they did do their duty by you as their employer?—Yes, and ought to do.

55,446. Your opinion is that all persons, in the employ of a merchant like yourself, ought to vote as the master does who employs them?—Most decidedly.

55,447. Their right to vote is so many votes given to the master?—If you like to put it that way, I consider it so.

55,448. Were these men, do you think, aware that those were the views that you entertained?—I never expressed it to them.

55,449. But they might know it without?—I think they all have a feeling that way.

55,450. They all are aware that those are your opinions?—I should never be at the trouble of concealing them.

55,451. Have you any doubt about it, that they were aware of what their duty was to you according to your view of duty?—I should think that they must have been aware of their duty.

55,452. You thought that they were at the time?—Yes, I should have thought so.

55,453. William Taylor, was he one of the persons employed by you?—Not that I know of. I do not know any of their names.

55,454. It may be the case, then, that all the persons who had voted orange at the last election have lost the advantage of your employment since?—I do not think it is at all probable.

55,455. Do you know a person of the name of William Ramsey, a saddler?—Yes, I do.

55,456. Did you canvass him?—Yes, I did.

55,457. Is he a person you dealt with?—Yes.

55,458. Do you remember ordering some goods from him shortly before the election?—Not particularly.

55,459. Not very long before the election?—It is very possible I might have wanted something.

55,460. When you canvassed him for his vote?—I do not think that I ordered anything at the time. I do not think I should.

55,461. You did canvass him?—Yes.

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55,462. How long before the election was it that you canvassed him?—I should think very likely a month, or a fortnight perhaps.

55,463. Was it about the same time that you ordered some goods from him?—I really cannot say. If I wanted goods I should order them, but I should not have ordered them for the purpose of influencing his vote.

55,464. I want to know what you did do?—I cannot say.

55,465. I want the simple fact, and we will draw conclusions afterwards for ourselves. Did you, in point of fact, order any goods from him during the course of the month of June?—I cannot say.

55,466. Will you undertake to say that you did not?—No; very likely I did.

55,467. Then supposing it was said that you ordered goods the same day that you canvassed him?—I should not dispute it, although I think it is not very likely.

55,468. Should you dispute this,—that you would do that in the hope that he would vote for your party?—I should never think of doing so; he told me at once those were the men of his choice, and he should vote for them.

55,469. Who did?—Ramsey.

55,470. For whom?—Moore and Butler.

55,471. When did he tell you that?—When I canvassed him.

55,472. Did you not say to him, "Before you make these things, I want to know which way you are going to vote?"—Certainly not.

55,473. We must put these questions. Did you not, in the latter part of June, when you were at Ramsey's shop, giving him an order for some bridles and saddles and horse clothing, which was to come to about 7*l.*, did you not call Ramsey aside and say, "Before I tell you to make these things, I want to know which way you are going to vote?—Most assuredly not.

55,474. Will you pledge your oath that nothing of that kind occurred?—Most decidedly, if I am to state the thing upon oath, it is possible that I may have asked Ramsey for his vote, and have given him the order upon the same day.

55,475. At the same time?—It is possible; I cannot take my oath I did not; but I am sure that I never asked him for the vote as a condition for the order; I did not wish to purchase his vote by my order.

55,476. "Before I tell you to make these things, I want to know which way you are going to vote;" did you say that?—Certainly not.

55,477. Did anything of the kind pass?—No.

55,478. And did Ramsey, after some little hesitation, say "for the blues, I suppose"?—Ramsey said, when I asked him for the vote, "of course I shall vote for them."

55,479. And you will not say that you did not give him an order?—I will not swear it.

55,480. When he said, "for the blues, I suppose," did you then go on to say "you may do these things, and make the harness"—or words to that effect?—No; the conversation would not be mixed up in that way.

55,481. Do you undertake to say you can recollect the order in which the conversation took place?—No, I do not recollect anything about it except I recollect canvassing him.

55,482. What I understand you to say is this: you recollect canvassing him, and that you do not recollect positively that you gave him an order at the same time, but you will not undertake to say that you did not?—I will not undertake to say anything about it.

55,483. Supposing that to be the case, you will not undertake to say in which order the two circumstances occurred?—No.

55,484. Whether he gave the promise to vote first, and you gave the order after? or whether you gave the order first, and canvassed after? you do not recollect?—I do not recollect. I think it is very unlikely that I gave the order and asked for the vote the same day.

55,485. You will not undertake to say that you did not, or the order in which the two facts occurred?—No.

55,486. Do you remember whether the harness was sent in before the election?—I do not remember anything about it. I do not know that I had anything in the month of June.

55,487. Then the answer is, that you do not remember?—I do not.

55,488. Do you remember, after the election, that it was sent back?—I remember having a suit of harness from him and sending it back; but whether it took place before the election or after I do not know.

55,489. He voted blue?—Yes.

55,490. Then I ask whether, after having voted blue, the harness was not sent back?—I sent it back, because it did not suit me.

55,491. Was it left on his hands?—Yes, I left it upon his hands.

55,492. You did not take it?—I did not take it.

55,493. How much was the order for? 7*l.* or 8*l.*?—You say 7*l.* or 8*l.*; it is very possible it may be, but I do not know at all.

55,494. Eventually the things were returned?—Yes.

55,495. Have you paid for them?—No, I never paid for them.

55,496. How long had you dealt with Ramsey?—I think two years.

55,497. Had you ever returned anything before?—Not that I know of.

55,498. Have you dealt with him since?—I have not dealt with him lately; whether I did after the election, I do not know.

55,499. Have you dealt with him since you returned that set of harness?—I cannot say. He did not suit me, and I left him.

55,500. Am I to understand that, to the best of your knowledge, you have not dealt with him since?—I cannot say; because I do not know whether I have left him six, nine, or twelve months.

55,501. How soon after the election did you return it?—I cannot say whether before or afterwards.

55,502. I understood you to say afterwards?—I said that I could not recollect whether I bought it from him in June or July, or when I returned it; if I had had notice given of these questions, I would have taken care to be prepared with the answers.

55,503. Have you any documents?— I have his bills, but they would have nothing to do with this harness; it was not charged.

55,504. Was not a bill sent in for the harness?—No; I sent it back as soon as I got it. He would not send in a bill for two or three months.

55,505. Would he not send in an invoice?—No.

55,506. That is not the custom of the trade of Hull?—No, that is not the custom, unless you take particular trouble to get your bills sent in.

55,507. Then he never sent in a bill, I understand, for this?—Certainly not.

55,508. And you have no recollection of having dealt with him since?—No, I have not. I rather think there were some other matters I got afterwards, and they were not executed to my satisfaction, and the consequence was that I went to another saddler.

55,509. You believe you did give him some other orders?—I rather think I did,—I have a slight recollection of it.

55,510. Did you see him on that occasion, when you gave the subsequent orders?—I should either see him or his foreman.

55,511. Was anything said about the previous harness?—Yes; a good deal.

55,512. What did take place?—I told him it would not do; and he said, "Very well, send it back," and I did.

55,513. That was before it was returned?—Yes, that was before it was returned.

55,514. Was it Ramsey himself that you saw?—I saw him two or three times about the harness after I was dissatisfied with it.

55,515. After it was sent to you?—After it was sent to me. I saw him two or three times about it.

55,516. What did he say?—He said he was sorry for it; he would take it back.

55,517. What was the nature of the fault that you found with it?—I cannot say: it was very clumsy and ugly I thought.

55,518. Had you not discovered, during the two years that you had dealt with him, that he was a clumsy tradesman?—I do not like finding fault with tradesmen in this public way. I had not been satisfied very frequently with Ramsey's work.

55,519. It was not the first time that you had found fault with his work?—It was not.

55,520. You had never sent any back?—I had never sent any back; they have been either altered, or did something to.

55,521. Did you get any harness elsewhere?—Yes, I got it in London.

55,522. How many men do you employ—workpeople?—I should think they vary from, perhaps, twenty to seventy or eighty, according to the work that there is to do.

55,523. You said you took an anxious part for your party at this election?—Yes.

55,524. And intended to keep out the orange if you could?—Yes, most decidedly.

55,525. Had you a clerk of the name of Thomas Rowley?—Yes.

55,526. Did not Rowley or somebody about your premises ascertain the mode in which your men were going to vote?—No; I should think the foreman would do all that—he would, no doubt.

55,527. What is his name?—Edward Cornwall.

55,528. He would ascertain the mode in which the men were going to vote?—He would see them all.

55,529. Did you give him any directions?—I never spoke to him about it.

55,530. You have no doubt that he did?—I have no doubt he did, because he is a very anxious man himself.

55,531. At the time of the election can you say how many men you think you had in your employment?—I cannot say; a good many. It is a very busy time.

55,532. Give me about the number?—I should say about sixty, as a guess.

55,533. Before the election, was your butcher a Mr. Leonard? was that his name?—Yes.

55,534. Did he vote for you?—He did not.

55,535. He voted for the orange?—Yes.

55,536. Did you change your butcher?—Immediately.

55,537. Was his meat good, or his vote bad?—His vote was bad.

55,538. And you never tried his meat since?—Not a bit.

55,539. You had dealt with him a good while?—Yes.

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55,540. Did you tell him before that you would discharge him?—No; I never said anything to him.

55,541. Did your foreman canvass him?—No; I canvassed him myself, and I asked him if he would abstain from voting if he could not vote for us, and he said he would see.

55,542. Was that all he said, up to the time of the election?—That was all he said.

55,543. And then you found he voted against you?—Yes.

55,544. Did you give him a little intimation that he might be apt to lose your custom, if he did not?—No; I did not think it was of much consequence to him.

55,545. Did he understand from your manner?—No; I should rather think he would not trouble himself much about it.

55,546. You do not exactly understand my question. Did he understand from your manner, that unless he did abstain from voting orange, he might run some risk?—I did not intend to give him to understand so; he may have thought so.

55,547. Do you believe he would draw that conclusion?—He might think it was probable.

55,548. Did that happen to any other of your tradesmen?—No, I think not; I think the most of them either voted with us, or did not vote at all.

55,549. Do you think, what you call the duty attaches to the tradesmen?—No; I think a tradesman should do as he likes, only I would not deal with radicals, if I knew it.

55,550. Did you discharge a man in 1841 of the name of John Holdstock?—I should not discharge anybody in 1841.

55,551. Was he discharged from your yard?—I cannot say anything about it.

55,552. That agreement, which you have given us some evidence of, I see is dated the 20th of April, 1852?—Yes, I suppose so.

55,553. That would be before Mr. Butler came?—Before Mr. Butler had anything to do with us.

55,554. Was that before Mr. Bramley Moore had been spoken of?—I cannot say really whether it was or not.

55,555. That money seems to have been provided or secured, if I may say so, very early?—Yes, as soon as possible.

55,556. Do you agree with Mr. Ward, who said that there was an understanding that the same sum should be found among the supporters of the blue party, as the amount of the single subscription of each candidate?—Yes.

55,557. That sum having been made up in that way in April, do you remember whether that fact was communicated to Messrs. Moore Butler?—I am not quite sure whether the whole of the subscriptions were complete so early as April; I rather doubt it.

55,558. It was the 20th of April it began; you do not know exactly up to what time?—I do not.

55,559. You did not see Mr. Butler until the 9th of June?—I have no doubt it was complete before I saw Mr. Butler.

55,560. I want to ask if it was communicated?—Yes; I think we told Mr. Butler we had a sum in reserve.

55,561. Equal to what he was to subscribe?—Yes, I think so.

55,562. When do you think that was mentioned?—To Mr. Butler, at the Carlton.

55,563. Was it at your first interview?—Yes.

55,564. Do you remember whether, at that first interview, the sum of 1,200*l.* was agreed as his proportion?—Yes, it was.

55,565. Was it intended that the sum to be subscribed in the town was to be the same sum that each candidate was to give?—I think it was to be 1,500*l.*; we should have got as much as we could. If I could have got 10,000*l.* I would.

55,566. Was it understood from the beginning that the candidates were to give 1,200*l.*?—I think no sum was settled as to what the candidates should be called on to pay, until we saw Mr. Bramley Moore at Normanton, and we asked him to pay 2,000*l.*; he said he could not do more than 1,200*l.*, and we took that as the best we could get. We asked him to pay 2,000*l.*, and he said, "I really cannot." He wanted to pay 1,000*l.*, and he said 1,200*l.* was the most he could think himself justified in paying.

55,567. At that time did you intend that the second candidate should also pay 2,000*l.*?—No; I do not think we should ask the second candidate for more than the first; in fact, we never asked Mr. Butler for more than 1,200*l.*

55,568. You asked Mr. Moore for 2,000*l.*?—Yes.

55,569. Before you went to Normanton did you intend each candidate should spend 2,000*l.*?—I think before we went to Normanton we should have called upon each candidate to pay as much as ever we could get out of them.

55,570. At that time you had agreed to subscribe 1,500*l.* yourselves?—I do not think that agreement was framed. I am so confused in dates, I cannot remember.

55,571. You think you went to Normanton before April?—No, I suppose not; I should think this would be framed first; I think so now, but whether it was or not, I do not know.

55,572. It comes to this: did you anticipate that the election would cost, or that the election might cost under, certain circumstances, the sum of 3,500*l.*?—I believe, according to this calculation, the election would have cost 3,600*l.*; I thought that was very moderate.

55,573. What sort of an election?—I know very well I was aware of what the orange party intended to do, and I knew nothing would stop them, therefore I wished to meet them with their own weapons.

55,574. And those weapons were to be money?—Yes.

55,575. And money expended to secure votes?—Any way you like.

55,576. About this saddler, I am not quite satisfied about it. You have said you do not undertake to say positively you did not order the harness, and canvass the man the same day?—I do not.

55,577. What is your belief?—My belief is, I should not do so.

55,578. The question, what you did do, not what you should do?—Then my belief is, I did not.

55,579. Will you answer this question? Will you undertake to say this positively, that you did not order the harness with reference to obtaining the man's vote?—Most certainly not; because he told me the first breath, he would be very glad to vote for us.

55,580. You did not, at all events, intend to order the harness, and obtain the man's vote, and then to send him back the harness, and give him nothing?—Most certainly not. I wonder you can propose such a thing.

55,581. You have made a good deal of difference between the answers you gave. I understood you to say, you could not tell the order in which the conversation occurred. I understood you to say this, I do not know whether I understood you to say wrong, that you do not remember the order of the conversation?—I had totally forgotten it until you mentioned it.

55,582. And do you still mean to say you do not remember the order in which the conversation took place?—I remember asking for his vote.

55,583. You told us you did not recollect the order of the conversation, and now you say you did?—I did not.

55,584. You now come back to it, and say you do not remember?—I do not remember. That is my final answer.

55,585. Do you remember the names of any other persons, besides Leonard, to whom you expressed a desire to abstain from voting?—Yes, I did; I saw Mr. Pickering, the druggist.

55,586. You expressed a desire to him to abstain?—I asked him either to vote for us, or not to vote.

55,587. Had you previously dealt with him?—Yes, and do now.

55,588. How long had you dealt with Mr. Pickering?—Ever since he has been in business, that is some four or five years.

55,589. Did you know he was a member of the orange party?—No; he told me so, but I did not know it when I asked him for his vote.

55,590. When you asked him to abstain from voting?—He did not say he was a member of the orange party.

55,591. What did he say?—He said he was a Whig.

55,592. In answer to your request?—Yes, in answer to my request.

55,593. Did you then ask him to abstain?—I did.

55,594. Have you dealt with him since?—I have.

55,595. You have not discontinued dealing with him?—No.

55,596. Is this man, Leonard, a solitary instance, in which you have discontinued dealing with a man in consequence of his vote?—Leonard is a solitary instance.

55,597. Did you know that Leonard was of the orange party?—I knew he had always voted orange.

55,598. When you mentioned to Mr. Butler, at the Carlton Club, that the sum of 1,200*l.* had been subscribed, did he not ask how money was generally spent at Hull elections?—Yes; and I could not inform him at all, because I had nothing to do with the expenditure.

55,599. What did he say about money?—How it had been spent? I thought you said how much. He took no trouble about it; he never asked any questions.

55,600. You informed him of the fact of the party you were going to advocate having got together the sum of 1,200*l.*?—Yes, I did, to the best of my recollection.

55,601. Would it not be a natural consequence of such a statement, that he should ask how money was spent?—He never asked, it is so much the system all over the world.

55,602. You think he would conclude Hull was like other boroughs?—Like other boroughs, a necessary thing.

55,603. You do not remember he said anything?—Nothing of the kind.

55,604. Would you have continued to deal with Leonard if he had voted blue?—Yes, I should, or if he had not voted at all.

55,605. Did he understand, from your conversation, that you would continue to deal with him if he abstained from voting at all?—No; I do not think he said anything of the kind.

55,606. A great deal is collected from manner.—I did not ask him at all in a threatening manner.

55,607. Would he collect from it, this is not a threat, quite the contrary? Would he collect from the conversation, that probably you would have continued to deal with him if he had abstained from voting, or had voted blue?—I do not think he took any trouble

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to collect anything about it; I think he made up his mind to vote orange, and he did that is all I know.

55,608. You would not collect one way or the other what was passing in his mind?—I never thought of it, and I should not have been able, if I had tried.

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Mr. JOHN BRODRICK recalled, and examined.

55,609. Do you remember meeting, on the polling day, a man named Wass going up to the poll in company with a man of the name of Warrener?—I do not recollect him by name at all.

55,610. Do you know Warrener by name?—I do not know either of them by name; I recollect a man going up to the poll.

55,611. Do you recollect two men going up to the poll, one of whom you understood as Mr. Sisson's man?—I do not recollect anything of the kind.

55,612. Who is the man you do recollect?—I do not know his name; I met a man we had on our books.

55,613. Was he on his way to vote orange, the man I mean, and you said you used some little persuasion towards him?—There was a man, but I do not know his name just now.

55,614. What was it occurred? We are told you met a person who was going on his way up to the poll to vote orange, and you used a little persuasion to induce him to vote blue.—Perhaps I might.

55,615. What was the circumstance?—I cannot recollect the conversation now.

55,616. The inducement, do you recollect?—I should not offer him any money, decidedly.

55,617. There are a great many things to offer besides money. You do not recollect the circumstance at all?—I do not recollect the circumstance at all.

55,618. Your memory is quite uncertain?—It is quite uncertain what I said to him. I do not recollect at all.

55,619. Do you see the man in court?—I do not recollect him at all.

55,620. But the man in his company?—No; I do not.

55,621. You do not recollect one way or the other?—No; I do not recollect seeing the man at all.

55,622. I believe you paid some men, captains of vessels, for coming from Newcastle? I did not pay them.

55,623. Do you know how much they were paid?—I really do not know.

55,624. Did you arrange how they were to be paid?—No; I think not. I recollect what I should say to them would be, the expenses would be paid there and back, nothing more. It is not likely that the captain of a ship would take a bribe, I should hope.

55,625. Things may be done under one name and not under another. You are not aware of what is bribery in Hull?—Their expenses would be paid if I wrote to them, or was the means of bringing them to vote.

55,626. Would the sum be paid?—They would be paid for the travelling expenses, first class fare there and back.

55,627. First class each way?—Yes; that is the understanding. I did not pay them.

55,628. Would it be 10*s.*, or how much for the loss of time?—Nothing for the loss of time.

55,629. Would any man that you wrote to have anything for loss of time?—Nothing.

55,630. Nothing but to have first class fare each way?—That was the purport of any letter I might have written.

55,631. Do you recollect it, or are you merely speaking of what you think probably might have occurred?—I only fancy that would have been the language I should have used in a letter. They would be decidedly paid the first class fare there and back, and nothing more.

55,632. Who were the captains from Newcastle?—At this moment I cannot recollect. I do not think I wrote to Newcastle.

55;633. Do you remember arranging at all with any captains of vessels going backwards and forwards to Newcastle?—No; I did not.

55,634. We call it to your attention, because of Mr. Barkworth having said that you made these arrangements?—I think not.

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THOMAS THORNHAM TODD sworn, and examined.

55,635. Where do you live in Hull?—New Charles Street.

55,636. What is your business?—A clerk.

55,637. What is the rent you pay for your house that you live in now?—£10.

55,638. Are you a £10 household voter?—Yes.

55,639. You are a freeman?—Yes, freeborn; I never took my freedom up.

55,640. How long have you lived in Hull?—I was born in Hull.

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55,641. You have lived here all your life?—Yes.

55,642. How long have you been qualified to vote? I mean how long have you been on the list?—Four or five years.

55,643. You first voted the last time?—Yes.

55,644. Did you take any part in the election for 1841 and 1847?—Nothing but merely a clerk on the day of the election.

55,645. You do not know anything of the transactions of those elections?—No.

55,646. Were you at the last election on the blue committee?—Secretary of the Holderness Ward committee.

55,647. That was for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

55,648. You voted for them?—Yes.

55,649. As secretary did you keep the books?—Yes.

55,650. Were there many parties who applied to have their names set down for employment?—Many.

55,651. Did you set them down?—A great number.

55,652. Were those persons, after they were set down, employed at the committee as runners?—Yes.

55,653. All of them?—No; not all of them.

55,654. All that came to be employed were in the course of the election employed in one way or another?—Yes.

55,655. How many names, according to your recollection, did you set down?—Forty or fifty.

55,656. Perhaps more?—No; that will be about it.

55,657. Were they paid every week, those who were employed during the week?—Yes.

55,658. Who paid?—I paid them.

55,659. Where did you get the money?—From Mr. Harris.

55,660. There were a great many more employed during the last week than during the other weeks, were there not?—No; but very few with us.

55,661. Did you pay some of them after the election?—No.

55,662. Not on the Saturday night after the election?—Yes; on the Saturday night for the week.

55,663. Was the same money paid to all who had been employed?—No; only to a part. I made out a list of those I had employed for a fortnight or three weeks, or something like that, to the central committee to give me the money to pay those men with, and that is all I paid. Some 10*l.* or 12*l.* perhaps.

55,664. What I want to know is, whether all who you had set down were employed during the election?—There were some of them partially employed.

55,665. Did all those who had had their names set down get something?—Not from me. I do not know that at all.

55,666. Why were they not all employed?—I cannot say; they were first one set to a job and then another.

55,667. How many of those whom you had set down were not employed, do you think?—There would not be a many.

55,668. What do you call not a many?—Perhaps about twenty.

55,669. Do you mean there were twenty names you set down that were not employed?—Not to my knowledge.

55,670. Were any of those men paid any money?—No; I do not know there was.

55,671. At any time?—Not to my knowledge.

55,672. Were you with Mr. Oxtoby after the election?—No; I left Hull on the Monday after the election.

55,673. Had all the persons been paid in your district then?—No.

55,673a. Oxtoby paid after you left?—Yes; so I understood. I only know what I learnt.

55,674. When you say all the persons, whose names were set down, were not paid, you mean they were not paid within your knowledge?—Not paid within my knowledge.

55,675. They may have been paid by Oxtoby?—They may.

55,676. Did you understand they would be?—Yes.

55,677. There was something coming to all those whose names were set down?—They expected it.

55,678. That was the understanding? Had you any papers?—None.

55,679. With regard to the election?—None.

55,680. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes.

55,681. No memorandum of your own?—Nothing whatever.

55,682. Do you recollect some boatmen who wanted to vote?—Yes; I recollect two.

55,683. First of all, you say you have no papers; what did you do with the papers you had?—Mrs. Todd took them on to Mr. Wells after I left Hull.

55,684. You say your wife took them all to Mr. Wells, the solicitor?—Yes; and gave them into his own hands.

55,685. Do you know whether she took them to the central committee room or to Mr. Wells' offices?—She first took them to the central committee room, and she was referred to Mr. Wells. She took them to Mr. Wells' office, and gave them to Mr. Wells himself.

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55,686. You never had those papers back again from Mr. Wells?—I have not seen them since.

55,687. Do you know anything of the list of the Hedon voters?—No.

55,688. Do you know of any refreshments being given to a party of Hedon voters?—No.

55,689. Had you no list of Hedon voters at your committee room?—No.

55,690. A book has been shown to us, or a paper containing an account of dinners given to eighteen Hedon voters; is that so?—I never saw it.

55,691. You know nothing about it?—I know nothing about it.

55,692. There was a list of rooms that were taken from parties, was there not?—Yes.

55,693. Those were sham committee rooms?—Some of them were used.

55,694. Those were all rooms taken for the purpose of getting the votes of the parties who let them?—I do not know, I cannot speak to that.

55,695. Have you any doubt about it?—Perhaps they might.

55,696. You think they were?—Yes.

55,697. About the boatmen, you recollect some voters who were required to vote for your party; Smith's boatmen they have been called?—Two.

55,698. They refused to vote unless payment was insured to them, did they not, for their loss of time?—Yes.

55,699. You were sent to agree with them, were you not?—Yes.

55,700. To agree with them that they should be paid?—Yes.

55,701. What were their names?—Smith, I believe.

55,702. Both of them?—Yes.

55,703. Afterwards did you pay them?—No.

55,704. Was your agreement that they should have 2*l.*?—Yes.

55,705. Was it 2*l.* each?—No; 1*l.* each.

55,706. Are those the only parties with whom you agreed?—Yes.

55,707. For any sum of money?—Yes.

55,708. You did not canvass them?—No.

55,709. You were sent to these Smiths, were you not, at their own house?—No; they came to the committee room.

55,710. You saw them at the committee room, and made the agreement there?—Yes.

55,711. You know nothing of refreshments being given to any voters?—No.

55,712. Who gave you instructions to deal with the boatmen?—Mr. West, the chairman.

55,713. Do you know where the Smith's live, or what are their Christian names?—No; I am sure I do not.

55,714. Was an entry made of it in the book?—I cannot speak to that, I am sure, at present.

55,715. Did any more money pass through your hands? any money paid to you to pay the weekly list?—No.

55,716. That money was expended in paying the runners, and in paying for the committee rooms, was not it?—Paying the runners.

55,717. Only?—Yes.

55,718. Do you know a man in the name of Henry Wood?—Yes.

55,719. Did you pay him 3*l.* or 4*l.*?—I paid him every week.

55,720. What was Wood?—A doorkeeper.

55,721. Do you know anything of some voters in Drypool and Sutton?—No.

55,722. Is that part of your district?—Yes.

55,723. Did you not make some agreement with regard to some voters at Drypool and Sutton on the night before the election?—No.

55,724. Did you see them?—No.

55,725. Nor paid them any money?—No.

John Dixon.

JOHN DIXON sworn, and examined.

55,726. I believe you are a clerk at Messrs. Gibson and Sons?—I am.

55,727. Shipbuilders at Drypool?—Yes.

55,728. You are not on the voters' list at all?—No; not at all.

55,729. Never have been?—No.

55,730. You are not upon the Register?—No.

55,731. Who are your foremen?—John Watson, Thomas Watson, and William Matthews.

55,732. Do you rent a house?—Yes.

55,733. What rent?—£9 18*s.* I had an offer to be on, but I never would accept it.

55,734. Do you know a man of the name of John Harrison, a shipwright? Was he employed by Messrs. Gibson, at the last election?—Not during the election.

55,735. Before the election?—He always is when we have work, according to what we require.

55,736. Do you know anything of a letter Harrison had, stating that he must vote for the blue party?—No.

55,737. Do you know that he was threatened with a discharge if he did not?—From whom?

55,738. From Messrs. Gibson?—Never; it is utterly impossible for them to do that.

55,739. Is Harrison a voter?—I believe so; he served his time with Messrs. Gibson, and they are free both of them.

55,740. Do you know which way he voted?—No.

55,741. How many do the Messrs. Gibson employ?—I sometimes have known 80 to 100, or 120 or 140 I have known.

55,742. What is the average number?—We have none at present. I have no idea of the average; I never averaged them.

55,743. Do you know whether your foreman canvassed the men in the yard for Moore and Butler?—They never saw any occasion to do so; they would not allow it, I am sure.

55,744. You think they would be allowed to vote exactly as they pleased?—Exactly; that is the orders.

55,745. Did they give them a supper before the election?—No; never.

55,746. They gave them a little grog?—No.

55,747. Did you hear Mr. Boulter examined?—No; I have never attended the court.

55,748. Have you seen his examination?—No; I have not seen it; I have had the papers, but I have not read it.

55,749. You have not read it?—No.

55,750. Did not your men, before the election, get a little grog occasionally?—No. Do you mean from Messrs. Gibson?

55,751. Yes.—No, nothing.

55,752. You had something to do with paying out-voters, in Quay Street?—What election was that?

55,753. The last one.—Yes.

55,754. Who assisted you in making those payments?—No one, except a boy, I had to go on errands, of my own choosing.

55,755. It was in Quay Street?—Perhaps it might.

55,756. What were the materials you had before you for making those payments?—I had none; I took no part; I merely paid.

55,757. When I say materials, I mean a list?—I had a sheet of foolscap prepared for me.

55,758. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Henry Barkworth.

55,759. What was upon it?—The first column was the number on the register, the next was the man's name, the next where he came from, and the next the column for the money that I was to pay him.

55,760. And the next to show how he voted, was there not one for tha t?—No.

55,761. You know that?—I should have had to find out; it depended on my care.

55,762. How many names were there on this paper, about?—It occupied about two-thirds of a sheet of foolscap.

55,763. It might have been written very close?—They would not exceed forty I think; I am only guessing.

55,764. I suppose you had the poll book also?—No.

55,765. Did you ask how they voted?—Mr. Barkworth inquired of me the night before if I would oblige him with paying the out-voters. I arranged to meet him at seven o'clock. I did not get the things prepared till eleven, after I got to the committee room, in Bowl Alley Lane.

55,766. What day was it?—The night before the polling—the nomination night.

55,767. He prepared a list?—It was given to me by some of the clerks.

55,768. You told me there was no column for how they voted. Did you ask them? you had to find it out you say?—I had.

55,769. How did you do that?—It was arranged there was to be a man come from the central committee room with them, and he was to state the names and numbers.

55,770. The men's names whom he brought?—Yes; the names that were on any list. I was to pay them according to the column; I had another column to put down what I paid them.

55,471. Who was the man who brought them? Was the arrangement ever carried out?—It was arranged very badly.

55,772. Not carried out to the extent of the man bringing them?—He brought two or three men.

55,773. Who was that man?—I do not know; he was shown to me the following morning.

55,774. Did he come into the room?—He did with two or three.

55,775. How did the others come, the thirty-seven?—I had a youth with me, and he went with a runner when they came, to see that they had polled. I had strict orders from Mr. Barkworth to pay none till I was satisfied; and I sent this youth to the central committee to know if such and such a man had voted. They had to wait, and sometimes

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to call again during the day, as I would not pay till I was satisfied; when I was satisfied, either from this man coming, or the youth I had bringing the message, I then paid them according to the sum upon the list.

55,776. Did they send a slip of paper with the man?—Merely a message; he only came with three or four at the most.

55,777. Did your boy take a paper?—No; he was to ask if such a number, or such a name polled. In many cases he could not tell, and they had to wait.

55,778. Did you send your boy for all these payments?—For all I paid.

55,779. Only three were brought by the man?—Three or four.

55,780. That was all?—I did not pay the whole of them, nor half of them.

55,781. How many did you pay?—I paid forty.

55,782. How much to each?—I cannot recollect that.

55,783. Was it varying?—According to the distance; they were not the near voters, they were those at a distance, scattered over.

55,784. Will you tell me what they were?—I did not pay the Barton, or the Cottingham, or near voters.

55,785. Which class of men?—London, Scotland, Manchester, and Liverpool; those at a distance.

55,786. At what rate did you pay?—I paid one 5*l.*, from London.

55,787. Look at that book (B. C.); turn to the place and show me who you paid?—I never had this book; I never saw it.

55,788. What became of the paper or book that you had?—I handed it over to Mr. Thomas Ward.

55,789. When did you give it to Mr Ward?—Two or three days after the election.

55,790. When did you finish paying those men?—On that day.

55,791. That is the polling day?—Yes. I stayed in the room till between five and six o'clock in the evening.

55,792. Did you pay any on the nomination night?—Not one. I took no part in the election except paying the out-voters.

55,793. The list was made out the nomination night?—It was, the nomination night about eleven o'clock.

55,794. And you paid on the next day?—Yes.

55,795. In paying the expenses of these men, did you allow them their fare, or how was it?—I paid what was put down; I had no bargain with the men.

55,796. Were these names you paid on a paper or on a book?—On a sheet of foolscap.

55,797. Which you returned to Mr. Ward?—Yes; I received it from Mr. Barkworth, and he gave me the money; the list I got from one of the clerks.

55,798. Did you have a memorandum book?—No; it was a sheet of foolscap. I may state one thing,—I was present when you examined Mr. Brodrick this morning; you inquired of him about a captain,—I paid him.

55,799. The Newcastle captain?—It was one of their own captains and one of their own ship carpenters came up from Shields, but he did not send for him. I understood from them both that Mr. Barkworth sent for him; they were running coals.

55,800. You do not know the men?—Oh yes, Captain Clark, of the "Endymion."

55,801. What was the name of the other?—Shakesby.

55,802. Do you know Captain Clark's Christian name?—I do not.

55,803. Where does he live?—He lives in the Pottery.

55,804. Who is William Shakesby? is he alive now?—Yes.

55,805. William Shakesby, of Edward Square, George Street?—Yes; he lives down that way: he is a shipwright.

55,806. Who was the carpenter?—Shakesby.

55,807. Clark was a captain?—Yes.

55,808. Did you pay Shakesby for both of them?—I paid Shakesby.

55,809. How much each?—I do not remember; I think it was 2*l.* 10*s.* or 3*l.* I know they found a deal of fault that it was too little.

55,810. You are sure, are you, Captain Clark said so?—Both of them; but I paid no more than what was down. I took no part in the election except to oblige Mr. Barkworth.

55,811. They may have got something else?—I know nothing of that; we did not interfere; we were not allowed to interfere.

55,812. Where did you pay them?—In Quay Street. I remember paying one man 5*l.* from Scotland, and I think 30*s.* was about the sum from Manchester: I did not take particular notice.

Robert Ash.

ROBERT ASH sworn, and examined.

55,813. Where do you live?—6, Canton Place.

55,814. What is your business?—A stock and share broker.

55,815. What rent do you pay?—£46.

55,816. Are you on the 10*l.* household list as a voter?—A freeman, too.

55,817. How long have you been a voter?—About six years.

55,818. Have you lived in Hull all your life?—Yes.

55,819. Did you take any part in the election of 1841?—No.

55,820. 1847?—No.

55,821. You know nothing about them?—I know nothing about them.

55,822. At the last election you did take part?—Yes, a little.

55,823. You voted for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

55,824. Were you on any committee?—Yes.

55,825. Which?—I was deputy chairman of South Myton district; Dr. Beeton was the chairman.

55,826. When you were on the committee you began to canvass?—Just so.

55,827. And you found people who insisted on having their names set down?—Mr. Croft attended to that department.

55,828. Did any of them apply to you?—To the best of my recollection, they did not.

55,829. Do you mean in the whole course of your canvass nobody applied to you?—If they did I should refer them to Mr. Croft.

55,830. Do you know how many names were set down at the committee by Mr. Croft?—I have no idea.

55,831. Have you an idea whether it was 20 or 100?—I should think under twenty; I could not speak positively. He attended to that part of the business, and therefore I could not say.

55,832. Did you have any part in taking the committee rooms?—No.

55,833. Agreeing with them for a sum of money for the rooms?—None whatever.

55,834. Did you pay money at your committee?—No; Mr. Croft paid the money there.

55,835. I suppose you knew there was such a thing as setting down names going on?—Oh yes.

55,836. You were at one of these clearing houses?—Yes, I was.

55,837. Was that the principal business you did that election?—It was, except going round canvassing.

55,838. Which of the clearing houses were you in?—At the central one, with Mr. Pease and Mr. Saxelby.

55,839. What were your duties there?—To assist on the day of the election.

55,840. To overlook it?—Just so.

55,841. How many men were there employed? have you a list of names?—Yes (*handing in a list*).

55,842. Is this the list of men?—That is the list I paid.

55,843. After the system was carried out, in whatever way it may have been carried out, did you pay the men who had been employed?—I did.

55,844. Is this the list of the men whom you paid?—It is.

55,845. Can you tell me whether they are all voters or not?—You will find a slip of paper there that I have taken out of the poll book.

55,846. Forty-two of them were not voters?—Forty-two were non-voters.

55,847. There are sixty-three altogether?—Yes.

55,848. Twenty-one voters?—There are thirteen I cannot ascertain; there are many in the poll book, some of them I should fancy were not voters.

55,849. How came it that there were men not voters employed?—We took any one we could get for that day; it was actual service.

55,850. Did you take them in consequence of the voters having got out of the way?—I believe there was something of that sort, but I did not engage the whole of those men.

55,851. You had nothing to do with the engaging of the men?—Yes; there are a few I engaged.

55,852. Where did you get them from?—They came to the central committee room, in Bowl Alley Lane.

55,853. Were you there?—I used to attend daily, nearly.

55,854. As the deputy chairman?—Just so.

55,855. Where was this room, the clearing house?—I think they called it Mawers.

55,856. What street?—Castle Street.

55,857. You say you were daily at the central committee room?—Nearly.

55,858. You say you were transacting business there?—No.

55,859. Did you see them setting them down?—No; there was a room set apart, where the chairman and deputy chairman met every day. I was there when I used to belong to it.

55,860. Did you then compare notes as to the prospects of the election?—No; not in my presence, there were no notes compared.

55,861. Did you talk to one another about the number of persons that had been set down on that occasion?—No, on no occasion. I never heard any.

55,862. Did you make any list, or send any list from the committee, of the names of persons who were applying for employment?—No, I think not.

55,863. You think it was the course of business to send an account of the persons that applied through the central committee?—Applications for runners do you mean?

55,864. Yes.—Oh no; they were taking names down at our committee room.

55,865. And employed them at your committee room?—Yes.

55,866. Did you send an account of their names to the central committee room?—I never heard of anything sent.

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55,867. Would you furnish the numbers of the persons stated to be voters, the number on the register?—I should say that I took them out of the poll book.

55,868. Only five voted Moore and Butler?—Five Moore and Butler; one Clay and Moore; two Clay and Goderich; and thirteen I cannot ascertain. There are many of the same name; I have not the Christian name.

55,869. You have no means of ascertaining whether they were voters or not?—I have none.

55,870. Have you endeavoured to do so?—I know no more than the list.

55,871. Who made up this list?—I did.

55,872. This abstract, I mean?—It was made up by two or three parties.

55,873. How soon after the election, this result?—We made the list up after the men were engaged.

55,874. You know who made up the list?—I did, of course.

55,875. How soon after the election?—I only made it up yesterday.

55,876. Yourself?—I know that some of those men engaged were, the greater part of them, non-voters.

55,877. You expected to have had a supply of voters; you found yourself run short, and you employed others?—I have no doubt that was the case.

55,878. Can you fill up the names of the eight, those you could not ascertain?—No; I cannot.

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JOHN PECK recalled, and examined.

55,879. Do you wish to make any addition to your evidence?—I wish to give an explanation of some evidence, that has been called, that seems to criminate my friend Colonel Thompson, and myself.

55,880. Are you alluding to the election of 1847?—1841, if you please; I was the treasurer of Colonel Thompson's election.

55,881. Is it something relating to your own management that you wish to explain?—Not to my own engagement.

55,882. To your own share in the transaction?—Yes; it was on Thursday, the 14th of July.

55,883. What is the name of the witness?—George Walter Marshall.

55,884. What is it you wish to state?—Being treasurer of Colonel Thompson, in fact, at the election of 1841, I come here distinctly to state that either the press must be wrong in stating it, or the party who stated it must be wrong.

55,885. Do you say he never had the money?—Never from me, or the Colonel, for the Colonel never had any money, that is to say he never carried any money about him, all the payments were through me.

55,886. He does not say he had it from the Colonel,—somebody paid it for the Colonel.—

55,887. I will read the words, "from Colonel Thompson, I got 10*s*."?—In the first place the Colonel never had any money, I repeat it again, to pay to any man.

55,888. I will read you what he says: "What did you get from Colonel Thompson? From Colonel Thompson I got 10*s*. Was it for your vote and services? I am sure I do not know, what it was for."—I assure you on my word and oath, that the Colonel never paid any money at all, of any kind.

55,889. You do not mean to say that persons were paid for Colonel Thompson, on his behalf?—Not one, except for work done.

55,890. And vote given?—Vote given I should say; but there were a many paid, who had no votes, who were non-voters.

55,891. This man was a voter?—Yes; but he never received any money; from me or the Colonel; because, in the first place, the Colonel never had any money about him, and therefore he never gave him any; all were paid through me, and I never paid that man 10*s*.; therefore, it is a mistake, unless the man had done some work.

55,892. He took it for his vote?—No.

55,893. He is asked why he got the money, he says he does not know why, unless it was for his vote?—I deny that it came from me. I paid no money at all, I can assure you.

55,894. Have you got a list of those you paid?—No; I have not.

55,895. Then how can you say at this distance of time, that you did not pay them?—Because, I am sure my orders were so strict from the Colonel not to pay one farthing, but for services rendered.

55,896. I know that; you are merely taking issue on whether it was for services, or his vote? You do not mean to deny that you may have paid the man 10*s*.? let us go by steps?—As the first step I may admit that.

55,897. He accepted it in consideration of his vote, that is all I ask you?—No; without some work done, or coming from the country.

55,898. Do you suppose he was conscious that the work was worthless without his vote? the man is right in saying he took it for his vote?—I know I did not pay any man one farthing for one vote and I can prove it on the cross. Those were the Colonel's own words—"pay whatever you please; pay nothing but what you can put on the Market cross."

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55,899. Were not the whole, or the greater part of the people you did employ, voters?—No; we took care to employ all non-voters that we could; if we could not get non-voters, then we took those that were.

55,900. Have you looked for those books that everybody says you have or had?—No, indeed, nobody says I have them, because if I had them, I would give them to you.

55,901. Scarcely a day passes but we hear of your having the books?—I have no books, on my honour, nor have I destroyed any. I have none, except the papers I have given to you.

55,902. We expect to have the pleasure of seeing Colonel Thompson on Tuesday week, and we shall be able to get the books from him,—particularly if he has a hint from you?—If he has the books or papers, I am sure he will bring them.

Mr. G. P. Craven.

Mr. George Popple Craven sworn, and examined.

55,903. Where do you live?—Albion Street.

55,904. What is your business?—A ship and Insurance agent.

55,905. What rent do you pay for your house?—My brother and I live together; I am not rated.

55,906. You live with your brother?—Yes.

55,907. Are you a voter?—Yes; I am a freeman.

55,908. How long have you had the right to vote?—Only since I took up my freedom, in 1847.

55,909. Have you always lived in Hull?—Yes.

55,910. Did you take any part in any election before the last?—A little in Brown's.

55,911. In 1847, you did act for Mr. Brown?—Yes.

55,912. Were you a member of the committee?—Not of any particular committee; I assisted in the canvassing.

55,913. Was your part of the canvassing, confined to the formal part, or the real?—I took no particular interest.

55,914. The substantial part?—No; I did not take any interest in the substantial part at all.

55,915. You did not set down any names?—Not that I am aware of.

55,916. Or received applications from persons?—I cannot say; persons stopped you in the streets.

55,917. What would you do?—Say, go to the committee room.

55,918. Which one?—It was not well organised at Brown's election; being in such a hurry, they would go to any that was open.

55,919. You did send parties to the committee room?—Runners.

55,920. To be set down as runners?—I suppose so.

55,921. You know enough of election matters to understand what I mean?—I never knew much before. I got an insight then.

55,922. At the time you sent them you knew the meaning of it?—I knew what was going on.

55,923. Is that all you know about the election?—Yes. I took no active interest.

55,924. You cannot give us the names?—I can give no information at all that will assist you.

55,925. Did you pay any of those?—Certainly not.

55,926. Did you pay any at all?—No.

55,927. At the last election that took place you were a member of the committee?—Yes.

55,928. Which committee?—Deputy chairman of Mr. Cattley's—the West Sculcoates committee, for Moore and Butler.

55,929. You voted for those gentlemen of course?—Yes.

55,930. Long before the election, did you begin to work?—Very early; I suppose about a month before. I attended several committee meetings beforehand.

55,931. When did you begin to canvass?—I suppose soon after the address was issued.

55,932. Did you find a great number of persons coming in for the purpose of being set down?—Yes.

55,933. Were the names set down at the committee room?—Not at first.

55,934. You refused?—I refused to set them down.

55,935. How soon did you?—The first week or two we confined ourselves almost strictly to doorkeepers, a clerk and messengers; then, perhaps, the second week we had an increase to eight or ten. This is the only paper I can find, that is the third week's pay; there is a date to that.

55,936. This is the 9th of July?—Yes.

55,937. Then you began to increase?—Yes; the week of the election.

55,938. At that time you set down all the persons who applied?—Yes; I think nearly all.

55,939. How soon did you begin to set them down merely as applicants, not to employ them?—We perhaps put a few down a fortnight before.

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55,940. From the time you began to do that, you refused no more?—Certainly not.

55,941. Did you set their names down?—I might set them down; the clerk might set them down, or Mr. Cattley.

55,942. Then it is that they should be employed and paid?—Of course.

55,943. And they at the same time to vote?—Yes; certainly.

55,944. How many names were set down?—I do not think above twenty. We refused them early on, adhering to our instructions; in the meantime Mr. Wilde had been very active in one district.

55,945. Therefore they did not come back to you?—No; we lost one or two that got to his place.

55,946. Did you change the persons employed from week to week, or every three days?—Yes; one or two that we did change with the rest. There was one man called Edwards whom I saw at Mr. Wilde's.

55,947. Then you began to change every three or four days?—The last week we had three or four on; the second week was a less payment than that, because Mr. Thomas Ward stated that our ward had been the most economically managed of any ward in the town, adhering more to instructions than some of the others. As the election got on we increased them. I suppose we did not at any time exceed, perhaps, twenty-five or thirty. I do not think above thirty at any time.

55,948. The number of persons who were employed would not be more than thirty?—No.

55,949. Not at one time, but always?—I should think thirty-five was the outside. I have no complete list, as I did not pay after the election.

55,950. During the election, did you pay on Saturday night?—I paid perhaps two or three weeks.

55,951. Do you recollect the amount you paid, or the number of persons?—I really did not pay in the whole election above 20*l.*

55,952. All you did pay were paid as runners?—All those men were well worked.

55,953. But you fed them?—Of course.

55,954. I observe here three or four names, what do they represent?—They are drawn out from the above list; most probably I should give the 3*l.* or 4*l.* to the clerk; the men not being on at the time.

55,955. Then you paid the runners' list?—I said I would bring the only list I could find. I have none other.

55,956. Cannot you find any more?—You have them in your possession, I believe.

55,957. From your committee room?—Yes.

55,958. That book I saw the other day, does that contain the names of all?—No; some two or three lists were made out after the election, in Mr. Cattley's office, and I believe in my handwriting; I should know it if I were to see it.

55,959. Did you know anything of the engagement of sham committee rooms?—I heard, I believe, that many were engaged.

55,960. Do you know the names?—One was a man called Smelt, and the other, I think his name was Turpin; but I did not engage him.

55,961. Are those the only two that you heard of in your district?—We had the one in Charles Street, and one other, I think; we had only four that I know of; two sham ones.

55,962. Was that 20*l.* all that you paid?—I think so.

55,963. Who was in the district after your connexion with it?—Brown was previously engaged as a clerk during the election.

55,964. Where does he live?—Somewhere in Francis Street; it is a very extensive district.

55,965. What is his Christian name?—Charles.

55,966. He would have a good deal more to pay than your 20*l.*?—I should think he would, perhaps, pay 50*l.* or 60*l.*

55,967. Did anybody pay with him?—Not that I am aware of.

55,968. Do you know what became of the books and papers of your committee?—No.

55,969. In whose custody were they?—The last time I saw them, they were in Mr. Cattley's office. I believe they were sent from there to the central committee.

55,970. Are these all the papers you have with regard to the election?—Those are all I can find.

55,971. Do you think you could not by a little pains give us the names of more persons?—No, I cannot. I should know them during the election. I should not know them if I saw them now.

55,972. Did you meet Lidgard now and then?—I never saw him in my life before.

55,973. Were you not at Mr. Bannister's?—Never.

55,974. You saw Mr. Wilde occasionally?—I did not know him personally till I saw him in this court.

55,975. Was he in the same district?—The same street.

55,976. Who do you think was the best man, Lidgard or Wilde?—Wilde, decidedly.

55,977. You think he is the best man?—He began earlier than we did.

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55,978. He is pretty nearly opposite to you?—Some little distance off.

55,979. Did you see many going there?—The first I know of, is a man named Edwards, who ran from our room; he had had 10*s.* pay for three days' employment. I saw him standing at the door; of course I asked one of our messengers to inquire what he was up to there.

55,980. Then you found him out?—Yes.

55,981. As far as you have heard since the election, how much longer do you think Mr. Wilde's list was than Lidgard's?—I have not heard; I think there were 120 in Lidgard's, and I should say Mr. Wilde's list was nearly four times as many, from what I have heard of the evidence here.

55,982. You spoke of a man named Brown paying, was that man a voter?—Yes.

Mr. William Farthing sworn, and examined.

Mr. W. Farthing.

55,983. Where do you live in Hull?—I live in Portland Place.

55,984. What rent do you pay for your house?—I am paying £25.

55,985. What is your business?—A seed crusher.

55,986. Are you a 10*l.* household voter?—I am not on the register at present; I have not lived long enough in the place where I am to be on.

55,987. Were you once so?—I was once.

55,988. Were you at the last election?—No.

55,989. How long have you lived in Hull?—About forty years.

55,990. You were on the register in 1841 and 1847?—Yes, I was.

55,991. Did you, before 1841, know the system of Hull elections?—I know it in the general way that everybody knows of it; not anything more.

55,992. Did you take any part in the election of 1841?—I was one of the committee that election.

55,993. On which committee?—The West Sculcoates.

55,994. Were you merely a member of the committee?—The chairman.

55,995. For Hanmer and James?—Yes.

55,996. Who was the deputy chairman?—Mr. Lockwood.

55,997. Who was the clerk?—I do not remember.

55,998. Who were the active persons?—We had rather a numerous committee, I think; it is a ward in which a great many gentlemen happened to live.

55,999. Do you recollect who was particularly active?—No, I do not.

56,000. Now, at that election, did you set down names at your committee?—I should think we should set down names, certainly; I do not understand setting down in the way we have heard.

56,001. For the purpose of employing or paying them?—We set down as many as we intended to employ as runners, and certainly paid them.

56,002. All those you did set down, I presume it was part of the condition, that they should vote for you?—Undoubtedly that would be so, if they were voters, but they were not always voters.

56,003. Did you, then, set down names of parties in any other than the ordinary ense?—No; I did not, certainly.

56,004. You did not understand that?—I understood we paid only those that worked, and those that were set down not to work were men, I understood, who intended to vote for the parties, without anything like setting down.

56,005. How many men were employed at your committee room on that occasion?—I do not know in the least how many men were paid; I think they were paid weekly.

56,006. Who paid them?—I do not know.

56,007. You had no part in it?—No, not in the least; we had a clerk or two employed. I really do not know last election how the payments for runners were made, but my impression is they were paid every week.

56,008. Do you not know that, during that election, money was being given to a large extent by your party?—No, I do not.

56,009. Your attention was not called to it?—Not in the least.

56,010. Do you know of any who did not take it, to influence the votes of the parties, by paying money I mean?—No, certainly not.

56,011. Not in the way of taking their rooms?—No; we had no committee room that I know of, except the one we used.

56,012. You knew of the mode of gaining votes by employing runners, did you?—Yes, of course I did.

56,013. Was there any separate room that you know of in your district for setting down names?—I did not know that there was, and I do not think there was.

56,014. Do you know of any separate room at that election, without regard to any district?—I do not think there was.

56,015. In the 1847 election did you take part?—I was not in Hull at that election.

56,016. You know nothing of it?—No.

56,017. At the last election you did take part?—No, not in the least.

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56,018. In 1841, were you at Mrs. Hopper's?—Yes; we had our committee room there.

56,019. The committee at which you sat?—Yes.

56,020. Do you know of the method of paying parties at Mrs. Hopper's?—I do not know that there was any method, except what had been usual everywhere.

56,021. You know Mrs. Hopper sat behind a screen?—No.

56,022. And that she paid the parties?—I never heard of it.

56,023. Did you not understand that she took a part in the payment?—Not in the least; nothing of the kind.

56,024. Were you ever present when anything of the sort took place?—No, never at all.

56,025. That parties were paid through a door?—No.

56,026. It is said Mrs. Hopper sat behind a door, and a knock was given when a voter came; one knock meant one sovereign, and two knocks meant two sovereigns, and so on, and they were paid. Did anything of that kind happen?—It is solely without any foundation. I have heard of the story from Mr. John Richardson, the dentist; there was a riot at the committee room, and the door was broken, and that is how the split was made, which may have been used for that purpose.

56,027. Mrs. Hopper sat behind the door in this way, we have heard; do you deny that?—I deny it in toto, that ever such a thing occurred.

56,028. May it be true that Mrs. Hopper paid it and you not aware of it?—No, it cannot be true.

56,029. Supposing you had heard Mrs. Hopper pledge her oath to the fact, should you still be equally satisfied that it was untrue?—I should say, if it could be true, it would be the act of some other parties; it was a thing I never knew of.

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WILLIAM BOLLAN STEEPLE sworn, and examined.

56,030. Where do you live?—71, Portland Street.

56,031. Do you occupy a house there yourself?—I do.

56,032. What rent do you pay?—£7.

56,033. Are you a freeman?—No; I am freeborn. I served seven years, but I never was a voter.

56,034. Did you assist in any way in the election of 1841?—Yes; Sir John Hanmer.

56,035. Hanmer and James's election?—I was clerk for Mr. Bannister at the rooms in Waterworks Street—Tesseyman's.

56,036. Francis Tesseyman?—I do not know his first name.

56,037. Have you got any papers relating to that election?—No, nothing at all.

56,038. Did you assist in setting down names there?—Some few.

56,039. How many do you think you set down?—Well, upon an average, we had about seven or eight a week employed.

56,040. How long for?—It must be a long time; it was from some two months previous to the election taking place.

56,041. Did you set down 60 or 100 names?—Perhaps there might be; I cannot say exactly; I think we averaged about six or eight a week. We did not keep them on constantly, we changed them; we took so many a week, and the next week we changed them and put on fresh ones again.

56,042. How much each did you give them?—I think a pound, or a guinea a week, if I recollect right.

56,043. Did you pay them?—No.

56,044. Did you pay some of them after the election?—No, none at all; no money passed through my hands.

56,045. Were those men set down on the usual terms?—The late Mr. Thomas Wayne is the gentleman who paid a great many of them.

56,046. Did you not help him?—No, I did not.

56,047. Did you see several of them paid?—No; I understood that he paid them, but I did not help him.

56,048. Were you present to write down the names?—No; but I gave a list in on the Saturday evening of the people who were employed, which, I think, averaged generally about eight each week, as near as I can tell; it is a long time ago.

56,049. Do you know what has become of those papers?—They were all sent to the rooms, and I have never seen them since. I have no papers from that time.

56,050. Is that all you know of that election?—That is all I know of that election.

56,051. Now the election of 1847, did you assist your father then?—No; I worked for Mr. Baines entirely.

56,052. Where?—I was employed as clerk under Mr. Charles Wilkinson, North Myton ward.

56,053. Was that a committee for Mr. Baines alone?—Yes, for Mr. Baines alone.

56,054. Did you set down names there?—Yes, I did; all who came to vote for Mr. Baines I put down, and sent the list of them to the central rooms.

56,055. Where were the central rooms?—At the George Inn.

56,056. How many do you think you set down?—Well, I am sure I cannot say. I would say altogether I may have set down from forty to sixty.

56,057. During what period?—About a week.

56,058. A week before the election?—A week before the election.

56,059. Or it might be less?—It might be less.

56,060. Were they all paid?—I paid none.

56,061. They were set down to vote for Mr. Baines, and to be paid?—To be paid, some, I understood, 10*s.*, and others 5*s.* Some were to have two days' pay, that was 10*s.*, and others one day, that was 5*s.*; that was the sum that was partly promised them.

56,062. They were all to get, at least, 5*s.*?—So I understood, but Mr. Sidebottom paid the men; at least, he ought to have done so.

56,063. Is he alive?—I do not know; I expect so. He is a solicitor. They went to his office, after the election was over, and what he paid them I do not know. I understood he did not pay a great many. There was a great deal of grumbling among the men afterwards. A great many went without payment.

56,064. He did not pay them?—Yes; and that made it worse for me. When I applied to certain parties on this occasion, they said, "Unless we are paid beforehand, we will have nothing to do with you." As far as regards the last election, they would not bestow a word upon it.

56,065. Did you canvass for Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler?—I was clerk. I did not canvass, but we were so poorly assisted by the committee in our district, that instead of the gentlemen working as they ought to have done, I was obliged to leave the room, and go out occasionally canvassing.

56,066. Were the fifty or sixty that you set down employed?—Are you speaking of the last election?

56,067. No, 1847?—That is Mr. Baines'. I am sure I cannot say. I should say that we had above one half of them on constant duty—in attendance, in case they were wanted. Of course we could not keep them constantly going.

56,068. You gave them as much work as you could?—Yes.

56,069. That is so?—They were there in attendance.

56,070. You made work for them?—Yes.

56,071. You did your best, any way, to make work for them?—Yes; it is well understood, these matters.

56,072. Did you give them something to drink?—I did the best I could to keep them together. If I had not done so, Mr. Baines would have been farther astern than he was. If I had not kept the men together Mr. Clay would have been at the head of the poll at that election. I have no doubt that he would have passed Mr. Baines.

56,073. You said you heard the men grumble afterwards at not being paid by Mr. Sidebottom?—Yes, I did.

56,074. You were employed in 1852, canvassing them for Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler?—Yes; and they threw that in my teeth about Mr. Baines.

56,075. Where did you canvass?—The North Myton ward.

56,076. How many do you think you set down then?—I have a list here; that is, as far as I have paid them.

56,077. Can you point out on this list, among these, the people who grumbled? Look at it.—Perhaps I can. (*The witness examined the list.*) Windass is the first.

56,078. You had better look them through at some other time, and give us a list of the names.—I will do so.

56,079. I suppose you set down names as far as you could?—Yes.

56,080. And you kept your men together as far as you could?—Yes.

56,081. Is that a list of those whom you set down (*handing a paper to the witness*)?—This is a list of those I had in my employment, and paid weekly the first, second, third, and fourth week. After that I was ill, and the rest of the payments were made by my father at his house, which he gave you an explanation of last night.

56,082. That contains all the persons you paid?—That is a list of the whole of the men I paid.

56,083. Are there any names in that list set down whom you did not pay, or did you pay something to everybody who was set down?—Those in actual employment; I paid none others.

56,084. Did you find employment for all your applicants in one way or another?—All of those there.

56,085. But did you have any applicants that you did not find employment for?—No; I do not know that. If there had been more applications at the latter end of the time I should have put them on. The first, second, and third week we stuck to the agreement as near as possible; the first week there were three, the next week four, but that list will tell you that. Then we found out that the other party were increasing their men, and we did the same; we followed their example. They broke the agreement first, and then we thought we had a right to do the same, and we put on more men.

56,086. When did you hear of the agreement being broken?—I think it was at the fore end of the third week.

56,087. Were there any sham committee rooms in your district?—Our general com-

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mittee room was at Stephenson's, in Prospect Street. We engaged one at the Paragon Inn, that was two; one at Clappison's, that was three; then we had one at Gilliatt's, that was four; and we engaged one in Brook Street, but that the orange party took from us. We engaged one at Hall's, in Brook Street, and we sent down a blue colour; the next morning the orange colours were flying out, and our blue colour was flying out of the top window, and we sent for it back.

56,088. How came you to take that? did you ascertain that he was a safe man?—No; we wanted another room—we actually did. The electors about that part, especially about Spring Street, lay so wide from the general committee that we thought another room was necessary.

56,089. Did you have any others?—No; those are the only rooms that we had.

56,090. Have you any other papers?—Nothing of any consequence.

56,091. If you will hand us in any papers we will judge of their consequence?—Here are the receipts that the men handed in every Saturday (*handing in some papers*).

56,092. What are those other papers?—Those are minutes of the first meeting, if you like to look at them.

56,093. What is that you have down there?—This is a summary of the voters in the North Myton ward, to see how they voted after the election was over. It is immaterial, and here are the canvass books, with the exception of two which Mr. Markham and Mr. Jubb had. They never returned them to the room, but those are the remainder. That is all I have; all the rest were sent in to the central room.

56,094. Were there any other papers handed over to Mr. Wells, or to the central committee, after the election was over?—The following day after the election I was not able to attend at the room, but the under clerks under me said that a party came from the central committee room to have the papers sent, and Mr. Harrison, my clerk, sent the remainder of the papers to the central committee, and I have not seen them since.

56,095. What is Harrison's Christian name?—I think it is either John or Henry, but I had two others. I had three under clerks for the last two or three days to assist me, but they were not voters. I had three clerks under me who were non-voters.

56,096. Did a man called Legitt, or Ludgard, come to your committee?—I do not know him, I never saw him in my life.

56,097. You have heard of him I suppose?—I perhaps might, but I do not know the man at all.

56,098. Did you have any money from your father to pay the men with?—No; the money I paid our men with I went to the central committee room for, but one Saturday I had the money to pay the men from my father.

56,099. Did he get it from the central committee room?—My father gave it me one week, Mr. Thomas Gleadow gave me the sum another week, and I think one of the clerks perhaps Mr. Rosindale, I cannot exactly say, it might be one of the clerks, that gave me the money the following week. That list will show what payments I made.

56,100. You did not pay any out of door bills for your father?—No; he paid all the bills himself after the election was over.

56,101. Did a man of the name of Thomas Goldsmith, junior, assist you in paying?—No; he never came there but once.

56,102. He was on your committee?—He never acted; he came there but once, and only once, I think.

56,103. Did Mr. Goldsmith pay any money?—It would be out of his own pocket if he did. I cannot say. I am sure he knew better how to take care of his money.

56,104. You say that he never attended?—He never did. I only saw him there once; on the election day he was there, but he did not take a very active part.

56,105. Did he make any payments, to your knowledge?—No; I do not know where he could get the money from. I was the only person who received the money previous to the election.

56,106. It has been so state d that he did?—I think it is wrong. It has been a false statement.

56,107. Do you know a man of the name of Mortimer?—Yes.

56,108. What was he?—He was employed in the last week.

56,109. He is not in your list?—He was employed in the last week. My father paid him; that would be for the last week. I know he was put down. I put him down, previous to my illness, in my list for a week, and I should say my father would pay him. All whom I paid are given in that list, and I know nothing more.

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Mr. Joseph Walker Pease sworn, and examined.

56,110. Do you carry on business in this town?—I do.

56,111. Are you a merchant?—I am a banker.

56,112. What is the rental or the rateable value of the premises you occupy in this town?—£90.

56,113. How long have you been a voter in Hull?—I voted at Baines and Brown's election.

56,114. Are you a freeman?—No, I am not.

56,115. Who did you vote for in 1847?—Baines and Brown.

56,116. Were you a member of any committee then?—No.

56,117. Did you take any part in that election?—No.

56,118. In 1852 you voted for Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler?—Yes.

56,119. Were you an active party?—I was appointed upon their committee.

56,120. Upon the general committee?—Upon the general committee..

56,121. Did you attend pretty frequently?—I attended every day for an hour or so.

56,122. Were you aware of all the arrangements that were made?—I was.

56,123. As far as you know, what was the practice resorted to with respect to setting down and employing voters?—The orders that were given at the central committee were, that no additional runners should be engaged beyond the arrangement that had been entered into between Mr. Wells and Mr. Galloway.

56,124. Was it considered at all inconsistent with that arrangement that the runners should be changed, so that you could employ a greater number of persons in a smaller number of days?—I am not aware that that subject was named in my presence.

56,125. Did you hear that that had been considered?—I have heard so in this court to-day, but I was not aware of it before.

56,126. According to your view, is that inconsistent with the orders that were given?—I should say it would have been better not to have done so.

56,127. But still, I suppose, you knew that that had been so arranged?—I was not aware of it till I heard it given in evidence here.

56,128. You were not aware of it at the time?—No, I was not aware that it had been done.

56,129. Then it was not done in the central committee room?—It was not ordered to be done when I was present, and I was not aware that it was done.

56,130. Nor where it was done?—Nor where.

56,131. Do you know that there were a good many applications to the central committee for employment as runners, and that they were sent to the district committees?—I am aware that parties applied to be employed as runners, and that they were referred to the district committees.

56,132. All that applied to the central committee were referred to the district committee to which they belonged?—Yes. I should say, as a rule, that the central committee would not interfere in that matter at all.

56,133. According to your memory, all who applied were referred to the respective district committees?—Yes. I should wish to explain,—not necessarily that they should be placed on a list for payment, it was not so by any means.

56,134. They were referred to their district, to deal with them as they pleased?—Subject to the orders of the central committee.

56,135. The central committee consisted of all the chairmen, and the deputy chairmen?—Yes; and some few others added to it.

56,136. Like yourself?—Yes.

56,137. Do you remember a discussion taking place, previous to the 30th of June, for increasing the staff of the general committee and all the district committees?—Yes, I believe I do.

56,138. Some parties were for it, and some were against it?—Yes, they were.

56,139. Was it also then that a discussion took place as to to the retaining some of the money in hand, in order to keep the men safe?—Yes; I heard some gentleman advocate the retaining some part of the weekly payment to the men employed.

56,140. You are aware that it appears on your minutes that these resolutions were come to at one and the same time, as to the retaining a portion of the payment; and then that those resolutions were rescinded, and the original resolutions passed again; so on, backwards and forwards?—I am aware that it was changed once or twice.

56,141. Four times?—I am not aware of it to that extent.

56,142. You were present at some of the discussions?—I was present at some of the discussions.

56,143. And both practices were adopted?—Yes, they were.

56,144. Did you take any part in the election, except giving your attendance in the committee room?—No. I did not canvass a vote; I did not apply to any person for his vote.

56,145. Did you pay anybody?—I never saw any money paid, or pay any to any one myself.

56,146. We have a little about the treat that was given in Dock Street; do you know anything about it?—No; I never heard anything of it.

56,147. You know nothing about that?—I do not know anything about it, in Dock Street.

56,148. You never heard of it? You never heard at all of such a thing having taken place?—If it is the supper you are alluding to, I have heard that such a supper did take place, but I was not there, nor do I know the particulars of it. I do not know where it was held.

56,149. It was before the election.—I suppose you are alluding to one about a month before the election?

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56,150. I mean one that took place in Dock Street.—No; I do not know anything about it.

56,151. Have you heard of the scheme called Mr. Wells' scheme?—Yes.

56,152. Did you endeavour to understand it?—Yes, I did, to a certain extent.

56,153. I have very little hesitation in asking you whether it succeeded?—I think it succeeded perfectly with those parties who chose to take the trouble of analysing the return sheets.

56,154. Did you understand the system?—Yes, I did, perfectly. I have in my pocket some of the sheets. (*The witness produced the same.*)

56,155. Did you endeavour, in conjunction with Mr. Saxelby, to work out the system?—Yes, I did.

56,156. Are these the return sheets?—Those are the check sheets. The object of the plan was this: the committee room was too small for the working of the election, and there was a committee room appointed on purpose to relieve it on the day of the election, and the check sheets were sent from each polling booth to this house.

56,157. This is nothing more than the common every day system (*referring to the check sheets*)?—That was sent to the central room.

56,158. I thought it was some new invention of Mr. Wells, but this is the common place system?—It was Mr. Wells's.

56,159. It is the old fashion mode of carrying these things on?—The object of the room was to get the quickest returns made from the polling booths, and send them to the district committees.

56,160. Was it anything more than merely sending the check sheets from the polling booths to the different district committees?—Yes; and to the central committee.

56,161. That was all?—That was all.

56,162. That always takes place?—The great difficulty, in a large contested election, is to get an immediate return to the different district committees.

56,163. How many men were employed in this?—There were sixty-six employed. Mr. Ash, who managed the men there, has a corrected list of them.

56,164. What o'clock did you get there in the morning?—At eight o'clock, I think.

56,165. It had been arranged that the people were to attend there early that morning, on the day before?—No, I think not.

56,166. How did you get the men together that morning?—They were sent from the different district committees in the morning.

56,167. Mr. Wells' own account is this: that all the men were not to be found in the morning.—I believe there was a great difficulty in getting the men together.

56,168. Do you agree with that account of Mr. Wells, that the men who were to come there, the large proportion of them, were not to be found, and that you were obliged to get others?—Yes; I believe that was so.

56,169. That list contains a very much smaller number of persons than were originally intended to work it?—I am not aware of that. The plan was discussed in the committee in a very hurried form, and it was adopted without any settled arrangement about it. We were placed in great confusion, and a fresh list of men had to be provided on the nomination day, in fact.

56,170. And even a great number of those were absent in the morning?—I had not the making out of the list myself. We had a sufficient staff to do what we wanted at nine o'clock.

56,171. That number of men were only found in the morning?—I believe they were men found that morning.

56,172. And those principally were non-voters?—Yes, I presume so; they would be taken indiscriminately.

56,173. You first exhausted the voters, and then exhausted the non-voters?—All we wanted was men to do the work.

56,174. Is that so, that you exhausted the voters first?—No; I do not think so.

56,175. How many, do you think, of the voters were left unemployed, and you preferred non-voters?—I cannot say whether they were or were not. Parties were taken on to work at that room according to their capacity to do the work, independently of their votes.

56,176. You would have got all voters if you could?—I have no doubt a preference would have been given to voters.

56,177. Mr. Wells tells us he wanted 478 persons to carry out the scheme; is that so?—I am not aware of it of my own knowledge.

56,178. You were one of the deputation to Mr. Moore, were you not?—Yes; I went with two other gentlemen to Normanton to see him.

56,179. And there was a proposal that he should pay £2,000?—I was not in England at the time of the first negotiation taking place.

56,180. Were you not at Normanton?—Yes; I went to see him.

56,181. On that occasion was there not a proposal that he should advance £2,000?—I believe it was £1,000.

56,182. Did you not propose £2,000, and he £1,000, and then you split the difference, and there was an understanding to pay £1,200? that is the evidence of one of the gen-

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tlemen.—I cannot tax my memory. It was presumed that we should not have a contest, and if so, the expenses would be less.

56,183. Mr. Barkworth has told us that he went with you, and that you named £2,000; that Mr. Moore bid £1,000, and then you split the difference and agreed to £1,200?—I did not hear it, but if Mr. Barkworth has stated it, no doubt it is correct.

56,184. You will not set your memory up against his, in that respect?—If he stated it, I have no doubt it is most strictly correct.

56,185. Have you any other belief, which is inconsistent with that?—I do not know it of my own knowledge; I do not remember it, but I have no belief inconsistent with that. It is possible the conversation was carried on when I was not present.

56,186. What you say is, that you have no knowledge which is inconsistent with that statement?—No.

56,187. Only you do not remember it yourself?—Yes; I do not remember it myself.

56,188. And it may have occurred while you were not paying any attention to it?—I paid no attention to it, and I do not remember its taking place, of my own knowledge.

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Mr. William Burstall sworn, and examined.

56,189. What are you, Mr. Burstall?—A broker and agent.

56,190. Where do you live?—At Hessle.

56,191. Do you pay a rent for your house?—I do not.

56,192. What are you rated at?—I am rated, I believe, at 50*l.* a year.

56,193. Did you take any interest in the election of 1841?—Yes.

56,194. Who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.

56,195. Were you on any committee at that election?—I was on the general committee, I think.

56,196. Have you also heard of the system of setting down names? You know it was so?—Of course I know what was generally taking place at the elections.

56,197. Did you make any payments yourself at that election?—I do not remember that I did.

56,198. In 1841?—I do not remember that I did.

56,199. Did any money pass through your hands?—I do not remember it.

56,200. At that election in 1841?—I do not remember.

56,201. Have you anything to communicate to us about that election?—Nothing whatever.

56,202. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown and Mr. Baines.

56,203. Were you on a committee then?—I was working in conjunction with Mr. Digby; we scarcely had a committee.

56,204. Were you acting with Mr. Digby?—I was acting with him.

56,205. I believe he was one of the active people for Mr. Brown at that election?—He was; there was no committee.

56,206. There was a good deal of money paid at that election by Mr. Brown for a short time?—There was.

56,207. You made a good many payments yourself?—I did.

56,208. How much, do you know, was paid as a total by Mr. Brown?—£3,000.

56,209. Have you any papers connected with the payments at that election?—None whatever.

56,210. What are the particulars that you will be able to furnish us with?—I paid Mr. Yeall, chairman of the East Sculcoates committee, 105*l.*

56,211. That is 1847 election?—Yes; Mr. Brown's election.

56,212. The next?—Mr. Bannister, about 200*l.*; he said so in Court this morning.

56,213. When did you pay Mr. Yeall the 105*l.*?—I should pay them the day before the election and the election day.

56,214. When did you pay the next sum?—At the same time.

56,215. To Mr. Bannister?—Yes.

56,216. And the next?—I paid to Robert Collison 15*l.*, to Edward Twining 90*l.* (he was the chairman of the Holderness ward), and to William Stephenson 80*l.*

56,217. Give us the times of each?—I will tell you how I paid it. Generally speaking, except in one instance to Mr. Stephenson, I gave him some at the central committee room in the Market Place,—the others I went round to the different committee rooms, and gave the chairman the money at the same time.

56,218. At what time?—The day before the election and the election day.

56,219. In all cases?—In all cases. I have further paid some money, I do not know what sums, to Mr. Stanniland, Mr. P. Day, and Mr. Thomas Mitchell; those three parties are all dead.

56,220. There is a Mr. Thorney?—You have him down as a chairman, but Mr. Twining acted as the chairman. I paid everything to Mr. Twining, not to Mr. Thorney.

56,221. How much altogether?—I paid 90*l.* to Mr. Twining.

56,222. And to the last three?—To Mitchell I have no doubt I should give 200*l.* or 300*l.*; he was the heaviest claimant we had.

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56,223. He happens to be dead?—Yes; I told you three of the chairman were dead. I have got at these sums from the different chairmen. I have no recollection of it myself.

56,224. What are the other two?—Stanniland and Day.

56,225. How much to them?—I do not think they had much; probably somewhere about 50*l.* each, I should think.

56,226. Have you gone through the list?—Yes; I have given the whole.

56,227. I believe you had as much money as you wanted at that election?—Yes.

56,228. Where do you get it from?—Raikes' Bank, by cheque from Mr. Digby. He gave me a cheque on Raikes' Bank.

56,229. For what amount?—For various amounts. I had half a sheet of paper with different chairmen's names on, and when I made a payment I put their initials opposite the payment, and at the end Mr. Digby knew what he gave me cheques for, and I gave him the balance.

56,230. Was the sum you mentioned, the 3,000*l.*, placed to Mr. Digby's credit by Mr. Brown for that election at Raikes' Bank?—No; I believe not.

56,231. Do you know if Mr. Digby had two cheques from Mr. Brown for 1,500*l.* each?—I do.

56,232. Do you know when Mr. Digby had those cheques?—I think Mr. Brown gave one of them, probably, on the day he arrived; the first one I am not so sure about. After the election Mr. Brown requested that all the accounts might be sent in, as he was going to the Moors to shoot.

56,233. Did you send those monies to the different parties in gold?—I paid them all in gold.

56,234. You got the cheques you had cashed in that way?—Yes.

56,235. You had bags of gold?—Yes; I took care of it.

56,236. Besides those monies that you sent to them, did you pay some freemen yourself?—I understand two freemen said that I paid them. I have no recollection of it.

56,237. I understand that you paid eighty of them?—Whoever has told you that has told a deliberate falsehood.

56,238. I am told you paid eighty at the Baltic?—There is not a word of truth in it.

56,239. Did anybody pay the money and you supply it?—Not that I am aware of. I recollect an application that was made by some man at the Baltic, after Mr. Brown had given up the election.

56,240. Did you furnish any money to him?—It is not likely I should.

56,241. It was called Nicholson's lot. He seems to have made a discount in each case for his own benefit?—Very likely.

56,242. Is it likely?—I do not know the man.

56,243. You do not recollect that fact?—Not further than I have stated.

56,244. Was any money paid by you for them?—Not one farthing.

56,245. Do you know whether Mr. Digby sent any money there?—I am sure he would not; the application was made to me. Mr. Brown was then in the committee room; I went to him, and he said he would resign.

56,246. You told me just now that you had as much money as you wanted. Was there any limit put on what you were to ask for?—I was not refused money.

56,247. You said you might have what money you wanted at that election for Mr. Brown. Was there any limit put on it?—No; none whatever. When I say what money I wanted, I mean a few hundred or a thousand pounds.

56,248. Why did Mr. Brown give up?—His impression was, that if he went on, that Mr. Baines would be thrown out, and he said he would not, on any account, be the means of throwing Mr. Baines out.

56,249. Is that the reason?—I heard so.

56,250. Was that likely at the time?—Mr. Brown came to us in the committee room in a great state of excitement, and he said he had been informed that if he went on with the election he would be elected, and Mr. Baines would be thrown out.

56,251. At that time was he at the head of the poll or Mr. Baines?—A very few.

56,252. Mr. Baines?—About 250. There were a great many people then hanging back. We then had an application for 100, which we could have secured.

56,253. Do you know that persons went on polling for Mr. Brown after that?—Yes; it was an hour or half an hour before the closing of the poll.

56,254. That would be about four o'clock?—It was nearly four o'clock before it was publicly known.

56,255. I suppose those who voted after he resigned would be paid as well as before?—Yes; none of his own friends would go to the poll after they knew that he had resigned, which makes his chance still stronger that he would have been elected if he had not resigned.

56,256. It stopped some from voting?—Yes; those who voted afterwards were the people who wanted to be paid. That is the conclusion I came to.

56,257. Did you have any balance left in your hands?—Yes.

56,258. That you paid over, of course?—I returned it to Mr. Digby.

56,259. What might that be?—I really do not know.

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56,260. Did you render him an account?—The only account I gave Mr. Digby was the fly sheet with the chairmen's receipts. I gave him that and the balance at the same time.

56,261. Did you secure some votes yourself or by some other people at that election of 1847; we understand that Mr. Stephenson did?—He was the district chairman.

56,262. Did he secure some votes by money under your direction at that election?—No; not that I am aware of.

56,263. He has stated to us that you directed him to secure some voters at 10*s.* a head?—That was what they generally had.

56,264. Do you recollect at that particular committee room you gave any such direction?—I do not recollect it.

56,265. Where was the committee room at that time?—In Bishop Lane.

56,266. Lowgate?—Yes; going up Lowgate.

56,267. He has made that statement to us.—Very likely it is so.

56,268. Ten shillings a head was the usual sum?—Ten shillings a head was the usual sum.

56,269. Have you any books, or did you return them?—The only memorandum whatever that I had was the sheet of paper I spoke of.

56,270. Had you any other papers, or have you been able to find any, except what you have been good enough to write out?—I never had any other paper.

56,271. Now, in 1852 did you do much in that?—No; I did not.

56,272. Did you vote then?—Yes; I voted.

56,273. For whom?—For Mr. Butler and Mr. Moore.

56,274. Did you take any interest in that election as a committee man?—I was not a committee man at all.

56,275. Did you make any payments at all?—Not one shilling.

56,276. Did any money pass through your hands?—Not one farthing.

56,277. Directly or indirectly?—Neither directly nor indirectly.

56,278. Were you a member of any committee?—No; I was not at the last election.

JOHN AITKIN sworn, and examined.

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56,279. Do you live at Myton Gate?—Yes.

56,280. Do you rent a house?—It is my own house.

56,281. What are you rated at?—£20.

56,282. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—I believe so.

56,283. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

56,284. When were you made a freeman?—In 1812.

56,285. Did you vote as a freeman at the last election?—Yes.

56,286. Did you vote in 1841?—I believe so.

56,287. Hanmer and James?—Yes.

56,288. Did you take any part in any committee?—I think not.

56,289. Did you get any names set down?—I believe not.

56,290. Did you make payments to any voters?—No; not until the last election; at no previous election.

56,291. Not in 1841?—No; at none.

56,292. In 1847, did you vote?—I cannot say.

56,293. The candidates were Clay, Baines, and Brown.—If I did it would be for Mr. Baines. I do not know that I did.

56,294. You voted, I see, for Baines and Brown. Were you upon any committee?—I believe not.

56,295. Say whether you did, or did not; you say you believe, which leaves a doubt.—I did not.

56,296. Then you were not on any committee?—No.

56,297. You have heard what Mr. Burstall has just told us about Mr. Brown's election?—Yes.

56,298. Did you make any payments for Mr. Brown?—No; I did not know that I voted for him.

56,299. Did you pay any money at all at that election?—No.

56,300. Did you do anything for Mr. Brown at that election?—Nothing but voting.

56,301. In 1852 you voted for Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler?—I did.

56,302. You paid some people, I believe, on the morning of the polling day—some freemen?—I paid one, I believe.

56,303. I am told you paid all that came to you; was that only one?—I think only one.

56,304. What is his name?—His name was Dunn.

56,305. What else?—John, I think.

56,306. Where did you pay him?—I paid him in the Falstaff public house.

56,307. How much did you pay him?—£1.

56,308. What for?—For the time he had been employed.

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56,309. Had he voted?—No; he said he should not be able to run about afterwards, and he wished to be paid, and I paid him a pound.

56,310. Where had he been employed?—At the Shakspeare.

56,311. In a committee?—No.

56,312. In what way?—As a runner, occasionally.

56,313. Others were paid at the Falstaff?—There were some others paid there.

56,314. Not by you?—Not by me.

56,315. Mr. Ouston paid?—I believe he did. I saw him pay one man.

56,316. Did you help him to pay?—No, I did not help him. I saw him pay one man.

56,317. Where did you get your money from to pay your freemen?—The one I paid?

56,318. Yes.—Mr. Davis had given me 5*l.* previous to pay two or three parties, and this was money I still had in hand.

56,319. Do you know anything of the employment of those freemen yourself?—This Dunn?

56,320. Yes. How came you to pay him?—I paid him because I had been keeping an account of the runners.

56,321. What runners?—Those that attended there to carry out messages.

56,322. At the Shakspeare?—Yes.

56,323. That was not a committee room?—Yes, it was; it was a regular committee room for the district.

56,324. Did you pay a man named Thomas Tadman?—I think I paid him 10*s.* 6*d.* on the Saturday night before the election. His name was not Thomas,—I think his name was Richard Tadman.

56,325. Where did you pay Richard Tadman?—Most likely at the Shakspeare.

66 326. Can you tell me any more you paid?—That was at the Falstaff.

56,327. You paid this man at the Shakspeare?—Yes.

56,328. When did you pay him?—On the Saturday after the election.

56,329. £1.?—No; 10*s.* 6*d.*

56,330. How came you to pay him?—He required to be paid, being Saturday night.

56,331. Were you the paymaster of this district?—I was so far as the 5*l.* went.

56,332. To whom were you to pay the 5*l.*?—The reason of my getting the 5*l.*——

56,333. Never mind that. Who were you to pay it to?—Those that applied; and the reason of my getting it was, a person of the name of Bell wished to be paid for his family, and Mr. Davis gave me the money and said I was to pay that man.

56,334. You said before you were to pay all who applied?—No.

56,335. You had 5*l.* to pay all who applied?—To pay some that applied.

56,336. How were you to discriminate whom you were to pay?—I had the principal charge of that room with regard to the runners.

56,337. Have you got a list of those you paid?—I have given Mr. Davis a list.

56,338. Did you exhaust the 5*l.*?—Yes.

56,339. And gave in a list?—I gave a statement to Mr. Davis.

56,340. A statement in writing was it?—I believe so.

56,341. When did you give it him?—As soon as the money was paid.

56,342. You spent all the money?—Yes.

56,343. Now, did you assist Mr. Davis in making some payments after the election?—I did.

56,344. Where did you help him?—In the Shakspeare.

56,345. After the election?—After the election.

56,346. How much did you pay away with him after the election?—I do not think there was 40*l.*

56,347. Not so much as 40*l.*?—I think not; about 40*l.*

56,348. What assistance did you give? What part did you take?—I acquainted Mr. Davis that they were the proper persons.

56,349. How did you do that?—By calling them in from the door,—they stood there,—and telling him that was such a person who had attended daily as a runner; he then on a small bit of paper put the sum they were to have, which amounted to about 17*s.* generally; and then they took it into the room adjoining, which was open partly as one room, and received the money and went out of the next door.

56,350. That was after the election?—On the Saturday after the election.

56,351. Did you ascertain which way they voted?—I know which way they voted, because they had been regular attendants.

56,352. Had they all voted?—They had all voted.

56,353. About how many would there be?—I think about thirty-five, as far as I can remember.

56,354. Were there any names put on a paper?—Yes; I have given in a paper on which there were names, as far as I can recollect them.

56,355. Who to?—To Mr. Davis.

56,356. You had to point out who the men were; did you find that some had voted Clay and Goderich?—Not on that list I gave Mr. Davis,—only the two Tadmans and Bell, those two had voted the other way. They did not get paid only for the three days previous to the election.

56,357. Those men who voted the wrong way, if they had not done so, would have got

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four days' pay?—That Bell in particular, I know he attended up to the day of polling; I asked him if he was going to poll.

56,358. He had been employed?—Constantly; it was on account of him that I got the 5*l.* from Mr. Davis.

56,359. How did he vote?—I do not know positively, but he did not vote for Moore and Butler.

56,360. He was not paid?—He was not paid; he never came to be paid for the four days.

56,361. Suppose he had come, what would you have done?—Of course we should not have paid him, because we knew he had not voted for our party.

56,362. Did you pay Robert Headley, a ship's carpenter. ?—Yes.

56,363. Little Lane, Blackfriargate?—Yes.

56,364. How much did you pay him?—17*s.* 6*d.*

56,365. Where did you make that payment?—In the Shakspeare.

56,366. I do not know what you said you had done with the list of the thirty-five?—I gave it to Mr. Davis; I thought he would produce it. I can tell you most of the names.

56,367. Did you make out the list lately?—Yes.

56,368. And give it to Mr. Davis?—Yes; and I put also the numbers to it since he was here.

56,369. You would know most of the names, you think?—Yes, most of them; I think there are about thirty-two.

56,370. You have made them out before?—Yes, I have.

56,371. And gave it to Mr. Davis?—Yes.

56,372. And you can make it out again, I dare say?—I can tell you now, or nearly all of them.

56,373. Did you pay a man of the name of Henry Johnson?—Yes.

56,374. Did you pay him before he voted?—I paid him on the Saturday; he was one that got half a sovereign out of the 5*l.*

56,375. He would not vote for you unless he got his money?—He merely asked for it; he would have voted, no doubt.

56,376. Had he been employed?—Yes, he had.

Adjourned until to-morrow, ten o'clock.

FORTIETH DAY.—Saturday July 23d, 1853.

Richard Smith.

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RICHARD SMITH sworn, and examined.

56,377. Where do you live?—Charter House Square.

56,378. What is your business?—A shipwright.

56,379. Do you occupy a house?—Yes.

56,380. What rent do you pay?—£4 10*s.*

56,381. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

56,382. How long?—The first election I polled at was for Clay and Thompson.

56,383. That was in 1841?—Yes.

56,384. Did you have your freedom in 1839?—Yes, I believe I did.

56,385. Did the orange party take it up for you?—Yes, they took it up for me.

56,386. And you voted for Clay and Thompson in consequence?—Yes.

56,387. Did you get any money for your vote then?—No, I did not; I never got a farthing.

56,388. Neither before nor after polling?—No, not at that election.

56,389. In 1847, did you vote?—Yes.

56,390. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Brown.

56,391. What did you get for your vote?—I got a sovereign.

56,392. For your vote for Clay and Brown?—From Mr. Clay, I believe.

56,393. And Mr. Brown?—I got a sovereign from Mr. Brown.

56,394. Who paid it?—Mr. Hall, in the Pottery, paid me.

56,395. Is that the Baltic?—Yes.

56,396. And in 1852, who did you vote for?—I voted for Moore and Butler.

56,397. And had your name set down?—I was a runner and got four days' pay, 1*l.*

56,398. Was that four days' pay for your vote for Moore and Butler?—I got no more than four days' pay.

56,399. Where did you get it?—I got it in Lowgate, at the committee room.

56,400. After voting?—After voting.

T. Watkinson.

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THOMAS WATKINSON sworn, and examined.

56,401. Where do you live?—Church Street.
56,402. Do you occupy a house?—Yes.
56,403. At what rent?—Five guineas.
56,404. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
56,405. How long have you been free?—1839.
56,406. Was your freedom taken up for you by the orange or the blue party?—By the orange party.
56,407. Did you vote for Clay and Thompson in consequence?—I voted for Hanmer and James.
56,408. How much did you get for your vote then from Hanmer and James?—30*s.*
56,409. Who by?—I do not know the names.
56,410. Where was it paid?—In a smith's shop.
56,411. Where?—In Witham.
56,412. Paid behind a screen?—Yes.
56,413. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
56,414. How much did you get for your vote?—30*s.*
56,415. Was that 10*s.* for Baines and 20*s.* for Brown, or how?—I got 30*s.* for Brown.
56,416. Where?—10*s.* in Sculcoates, 10*s.* in Witham, and 10*s.* in the town.
56,417. Where in the town?—In Bishop Lane.
56,418. Was that all?—Yes.
56,419. Who did you vote for in 1852?—Moore and Butler.
56,420. Did you have your name set down as a runner?—Yes.
56,421. How much did you get for your vote and services?—10*s.* 6*d.*
56,422. You were one of Mr. Cooper's men at the Ropery?—Yes.

Daniel Cherry.

DANIEL CHERRY sworn, and examined.

56,423. Where do you live?—Green Lane, Sculcoates.
56,424. What is your business?—Shipwright.
56,425. Do you occupy a house?—Yes.
56,426. At what rent?—£8.
56,427. Are you a freeman of the borough?—Yes; I was born free.
56,428. When did you take up your freedom?—I took it up in 1824.
56,429. Yourself?—Yes; I paid for it myself.
56,430. Before the Reform Bill, did you get your four guineas and two for your vote?—No, never yet.
56,431. Who did you vote for in 1841?—I hardly remember; I think it was Hanmer and James, but I will not be positive of that. I think it was Hanmer and James, but I will not be positive.
56,432. You did vote Hanmer and James.—I thought it was, but I was not positive.
56,433. How much did you get for your vote?—I cannot tell. I did not get above half a sovereign, if I got that.
56,434. Half a sovereign?—I think I got that; my Missus got it herself, out of Bowl Alley Lane.
56,435. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
56,436. How much did you get?—I got half a sovereign.
56,437. Who for, Mr. Baines or Mr. Brown?—Mr. Brown.
56,438. Who did you vote for in 1852?—Moore and Butler.
56,439. Were you set down as a runner?—Yes, for four days.
56,440. Where?—In Sculcoates ward.
56,441. Did you get 1*l.* or 17*s.*?—I got 1*l.*, the week after the election.
56,442. Who from, do you know?—From Mr. Murtgatroyd, I think it was.
56,443. That was for your vote and services for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

William Burn.

WILLIAM BURN sworn, and examined.

56,444. Your appear to be ill?—Yes.
56,445. Have you been ill long?—Thirteen or fourteen years.
56,446. Where do you live in this town?—Church street, Wincolmlee.
56,447. Do you occupy a house?—Yes; a house and shop.
56,448. What rent do you pay?—£9.
56,449. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
56,450. How long have you been free?—Thirty-three years.
56,451. What business do you carry on?—A tinplate worker.
56,452. Do you remember who you voted for in 1841? Was it Hanmer and James?—Yes, those are the two, I believe, I voted for in the blue interest.

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56,453. Did you receive any money for your vote from those gentlemen?—I cannot say I did.

56,454. Did you receive something afterwards? most of the people did.—Yes; I believe I did.

56,455. A sovereign?—Yes; something of that kind.

56,456. Do you recollect where?—I believe it was at the committee room at Linwood's.

56,457. In 1847 did you vote for Baines and Brown?—I did.

56,458. Did you get any money for your vote from either of those gentlemen?—I did not get it, but I believe my wife got half a sovereign.

56,459. Your wife got it for you?—Yes; she happened to be going by a certain place where they were paying, and they said they were paying there. "Your husband voted for Mr. Brown, come in and get the money," and she went in; but who it came from, I do not know.

56,460. You understood it came from Mr. Brown?—Yes.

56,461. Did you get anything else?—No.

56,462. In 1852, you had your name set down for Moore and Butler?—I had no name set down in 1852, I believe.

56,463. Did you vote Moore and Butler?—I voted for Moore and Butler.

56,464. How much did you get?—I got nothing at the election time.

56,465. After the election?—A month after, I believe, I got a sovereign; they brought it to my house.

56,466. Did you hear who brought it to your house?—I did not know the parties; they were two of the committee, but I did not know their names. They gave that to my wife in the same way, not to me.

56,467. Which ward are you in?—East Sculcoates.

W. Thompson.

William Thompson sworn, and examined.

56,468. Where do you live?—Charles Square, Wincolmlee.

56,469. What is your business?—A cooper.

56,470. Do you occupy a house?—Yes.

56,471. At what rent?—£4 18*s.*

56,472. Are you also a freeman?—Yes.

56,473. How long have you been free?—1839, I got it taken up by the blue party.

56,474. Did you vote in consequence for Hanmer and James?—I did.

56,475. Did you get any money also after the election?—Yes; after the election I got a sovereign.

56,476. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay and Brown.

56,477. Did you get any money for your vote from Mr. Clay?—Not from Mr. Clay then.

56,478. From Mr. Brown?—Yes.

56,479. How much?—One sovereign; and in 1852, I got 10*s.* on account of Mr. Clay.

56,480. Tell us how you got that 10*s.*?—I received it at the room in King——

56,481. How did you get it?—I was set down for two days at the time of the election as a runner.

56,482. In 1847?—Yes.

56,483. Then how did you manage not to get it before 1852?—I never had an opportunity, and never knew where to get it.

56,484. We hear that two gentlemen sat for a long time paying, and advertised in the newspaper, requiring every party to send in their claims?—I do not remember any until 1852.

56,485. There was an office for months?—I do not know of it.

56,486. How came you to hear of it in 1852?—By current report in the town; numbers of men were getting it.

56,487. Who told you?—I cannot say who told me; I heard it from several parties. I cannot say who.

56,488. Did Mr. Wilde tell you?—No; I never changed a word with him in my life. I know the man.

56,489. It must have been some of Mr. Clay's party?—I do not know the party that told me, I am sure.

56,490. Did you not get a ticket or a paper?—Yes; I got a paper.

56,491. Where?—I was told to go to Mr. Samuel Watson, and then I got a note and went to King Street.

56,492. Mr. Watson was one of Clay and Goderich's committee?—I do not know what committee he belonged to. I got it at his house.

56,493. What was written on the paper?—"Two days runner."

56,494. Signed by him?—Yes, signed by him.

56,495. And then you took that paper to King Street?—Yes; and received 10*s.*

56,496. What did you say when you went in?—I do not know that I made any remark further than to hand in the note to Mr. Atkinson or Mr. Carrick, one of them, I

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am not certain which. I can tell you the remark Mr. Carrick made to me. He said why did I not get it before? I told him I should gladly have received it, if I knew where to get it.

56,497. You got it at No. 2, King Street, at Mr. Clay and Lord Goderich's finance committee?—Yes; in King Street.

56,498. When you got to King Street, I suppose you were told that was Clay and Goderich's committee?—I was told that was the room where they were paying the money for the last election.

56,499. That was where all Mr. Clay and Lord Goderich's money matters were carried on?—Yes; I dare say it was.

56,500. You knew that as well as everybody else, did you not?—Yes; I expected so.

56,501. Is that all?—All for that election.

56,502. I suppose they thought you were going to vote for Mr. Clay again?—I was not asked.

56,503. But they took you for one of Mr. Clay's men, did they not?—I do not know what they might think; probably they might think so.

56,504. You have no doubt about it?—No; I have no doubt about it.

56,505. You never had any doubt?—No; not about that I had not.

56,506. They took you for one of their own people? they would not have given it without?—I do not know; taking a note was sufficient, I expect, from Mr. Walton that certified that I had been set down the time before.

56,507. Who did you vote for in 1852?—For Moore and Butler. I was employed at the same time as a runner for them.

56,508. Did you tell them so in King Street?—No; I did not. I was asked no such question, therefore I never named it.

56,509. You were a runner at that time for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

56,510. And you voted blue?—Yes.

56,511. How much were you paid for your vote and services?—I got for my time I was running the two first weeks. I was paid on the Saturday three days one week, and five days the other.

56,512. Were you changed?—There were a many out of work; some were set on one two or three days, and some another two or three days.

56,513. Was that in order to give all Moore and Butler's men a little pay?—It was at that committee room, the East Sculcoates.

56,514. How much was it in money that you got altogether?—I had 3*s.* 6*d.* a day for the days I was employed—three days one week, and five the other; and the four days during the election week I received nothing for until the week after the election,—then I had a sovereign brought to my house.

56,515. That was for your vote and services during the last four days?—Yes.

56,516. I believe you were at the blue supper at the De-la-Pole Tavern?—I was not.

56,517. Did you hear of it?—Not before the election.

John Allison.

JOHN ALLISON sworn, and examined.

56,518. What is your business?—A joiner.

56,519. Where do you live?—Clark Square, Sykes Street.

56,520. Do you pay rent for a house?—No.

56,521. Are you a lodger?—No; it is my own property.

56,522. What are you rated at?—£6 a year.

56,523. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

56,524. How long have you been free?—Since 1841.

56,525. 1839, do you mean?—Yes, 1839.

56,526. Was your freedom taken up for you?—Yes.

56,527. By which party?—By the blue party

56,528. Did you vote for Hanmer and James, the blue candidates, in consequence, in the year 1841?—I did.

56,529. Did you also get paid for that vote?—No.

56,530. All that you got was your freedom?—Yes.

56,531. Were you paid nothing that election?—I was engaged, and worked at the place where the central committee was held. I was employed three weeks by the central committee.

56,532. As a runner?—No; I had charge of all the flags.

56,533. Colourman?—Yes; I lost three weeks' employment where I worked, and I was paid a sovereign after the election. I was 2*l.* 3*s.* out of pocket.

56,534. Who employed you?—Mr. Stork, a wine and spirit merchant.

56,535. Were you a member of any committee?—No.

56,536. A canvasser?—No.

56,537. Do you mean to say that 1*l.* was all you had?—£1 was all I had. I was 2*l.* 3*s.* out of pocket.

56,538. Did he promise you anything?—He said I should be well paid.

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56,539. Before you voted?—Yes; before I voted.

56,540. And you voted, I suppose, expecting to get the money?—I expected I should get my wages anyhow. I had no idea of being 2*l.* 3*s.* out of pocket.

56,541. And I suppose you expected a little more?—Yes; it is a roughish job.

56,542. You expected your wages for the time, and some little addition?—Yes.

56,543. Mr. Stork promised you that, did he?—No.

56,544. Who did?—No one; I was to be well paid for my time.

56,545. Who said so?—Mr. Stork.

56,546. When you say you were set to take care of the colours, do you mean you were to fight for them?—No; I had the charge of the colours and staffs and all that sort of thing.

56,547. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Clay and Brown.

56,548. What were you paid on Mr. Brown's part?—Nothing.

56,549. Did you hear there was money going everywhere?—No.

56,550. How much did you get for Clay?—I never voted for Clay.

56,551. You said Clay and Brown?—I meant Baines and Brown.

56,552. What did you get for Mr. Baines?—Nothing.

56,553. Did you get any money from either of the committees?—No.

56,554. No money that election?—No.

56,555. In the last election of 1852, you were a runner for the blues?—No; I was on the committee; a bigger chap than a runner.

56,556. In East Sculcoates?—Yes.

56,557. You were paid, were you not?—Yes; I got a sovereign.

56,558. After voting?—After voting.

56,559. Who paid it?—William Wright.

56,560. He signed your receipt, William Wright for John Allison?—Yes.

56,561. Had you applied for employment?—No; I was on the committee three weeks.

56,562. How came you to be on the committee? were you asked to be on it, or did you ask?—I was always a sort of a bit of a blue, and would do anything for the blues.

56,563. You canvassed, I suppose?—Yes.

Joseph Laverack.

JOSEPH LAVERACK sworn and examined.

56,564. What is your business?—Lathrender, at present.

56,565. Where do you live?—28, Charles Square, Wincolmlee.

56,566. Do you occupy a house or shop?—A private house.

56,567. At what rent?—£4 10*s.*

56,568. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

56,569. When was your freedom taken up?—Thirty-four years ago, in 1819.

56,570. Was it taken up by yourself?—Yes.

56,571. Before the Reform Act, I suppose you got your two guineas and your four guineas in the old time?—I got the same as the rest.

56,572. It was four guineas and two?—Yes; I think I only got twice two guineas. My Missus did, while I was away at sea.

56,573. In 1841, who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.

56,574. How much did you get paid then for your vote?—My Missus told me she received 10*s.* from Mr. Linwood, who is now dead.

56,575. Are you sure it was not a sovereign?—My Missus told me this morning and yesterday morning, it was only half a sovereign she got. I dare say the money was paid, a sovereign.

56,576. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.

56,577. I believe you were paid for your vote for Mr. Brown?—Yes, I got 10*s.* for that; that was all I got.

56,578. Where was that paid?—I think it was paid at the Bay Horse, at the corner of Machell Street.

56,579. In 1852 I believe you got 1*l.*?—Yes.

56,580. You voted for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

56,581. And got 1*l.* afterwards?—The week after the election, I got 1*l.*; my Missus did; it was taken to our house.

56,582. It was left at your house?—Yes; it was taken to our house the week after the election, for Moore and Butler.

56,583. Did you vote for both candidates, Moore and Butler?—Yes.

56,584. Your wife gets the money?—Yes, I generally leave it to the women.

W. B. Holdsworth.

WILLIAM BARBER HOLDSWORTH sworn, and examined.

56,585. Where do you live?—No. 6, Harbour Square, Wincolmlee.

56,586. What is your business?—A cooper.

56,587. What rent do you pay?—Four guineas.

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56,588. For a house?—Yes.
56,589. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
56,590. When did you become free?—In 1842; after Hanmer and James' election.
56,591. Which party took it up for you, the blues?—Yes.
56,592. And who did you vote for in 1847?—Mr. Brown and Clay.
56,593. What did you get for either of those votes?—I got 10*s.* from Mr. Brown, and nothing from Mr. Clay.
56,594. Was that paid after you voted?—No, before.
56,595. Where was it paid?—In Scale Lane.
56,596. Do you know who paid it?—I am sure I do not know his name.
56,597. And in 1852 you voted for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
56,598. And got 1*l.* for it afterwards?—Yes, I got a sovereign afterwards, or my wife got it for me; I am not sure.

James Hoddall.

JAMES HODDALL sworn, and examined.

56,599. Where do you live?—Church Street, Cumberland Street, Sculcoates.
56,600. How old are you?—In my 76th year.
56,601. What is your business?—Shipwright.
56,602. Do you occupy a house?—Yes.
56,603. At what rent?—£13.
56,604. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
56,605. How long have you been free?—I took my freedom up at Mr. Burke's election.
56,606. Fifty years ago?—No, not so far as that.
56,607. You are also qualified on the 10*l.* list?—Yes.
56,608. Who did you vote for in 1841?—Clay and Thompson, I think, but I forget.
56,609. Did you live at Wincolmlee?—Yes.
56,610. Then you voted for Hanmer and James?—Yes, very likely I did; I forget, I am sure.
56,611. How much did you get paid for your vote then?—I really do not know exactly.
56,612. Was it a sovereign?—I received a sovereign, I believe.
56,613. In Wincolmlee?—Yes.
56,614. After voting?—Yes.
56,615. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I voted for Mr. Clay in mistake, or else I was for the blue party; but they set me down in mistake for Clay.
56,616. Had you been set down for Mr. Brown?—Yes, I got set down for the blue party.
56,617. Were you set down for Mr. Brown, is my question?—Yes.
56,618. For 10*s.*?—Yes, I believe so.
56,619. Did you get it?—Yes, I believe I did.
56,620. Before voting?—Before voting.
56,621. And then you voted by mistake for Clay?—Yes.
56,622. Did you get anything for Mr. Clay?—No.
56,623. In 1852 I believe you voted Moore and Butler?—Yes.
56,624. You got 1*l.* for it afterwards, I believe?—Yes.

W. Jenkinson.

WILLIAM JENKINSON sworn, and examined.

56,625. Where do you live?—Aldborough Street.
56,626. How old are you?—Seventy-three next Thursday.
56,627. What business are you?—A baker.
56,628. Do you occupy a house in this borough?—Yes, in Sculcoates.
56,629. At what rent?—£6 I think it is; I do not know exactly.
56,630. Are you a freeman?—Yes; I got it by servitude.
56,631. When did you take it up?—I took it up, I dare say, fifty years since.
56,632. Used you to get four guineas and two guineas to vote before the Reform Act?—Yes.
56,633. Who did you vote for in 1841?—I am sure I cannot tell you indeed; I do not keep electioneering in my memory so long as that.
56,634. Was it Hanmer and James?—I will not say, for I cannot tell.
56,635. Did you live in Aldborough Street then?—No, in New George Street.
56,636. William Jenkinson, of Aldborough Street, voted in 1841 for Hanmer and James; are you the man?—Yes, I am the same person.
56,637. How much did you get paid afterwards for your vote?—Two guineas from each member.
56,638. Did you get as much as that from Hanmer and James?—I do not know, I am sure; I cannot say exactly.

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56,639. Was it not a sovereign, twelve years ago?—I will not exactly say what it was; I cannot say.

56,640. You got something and cannot tell what?—Yes; I forget.

56,641. In 1847, did you vote for Clay and Brown?—Yes, I did.

56,642. Did you get any money from Brown's party for your vote?—I got a half sovereign.

56,643. Did you get anything from Mr. Clay's party?—No, not a halfpenny.

56,644. Did you vote last year for Moore and Butler?—Yes; the last election.

56,645. And got a sovereign for that after the election?—Yes, after the election.

W. Fairclough.

WILLIAM FAIRCLOUGH sworn, and examined.

56,646. Where do you live in this town?—Quaker's Court, Wincolmlee.

56,647. What is your business?—Shipwright.

56,648. What is the rent you pay for any house there?—£4 10*s.*

56,649. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

56,650. How long have you been a freeman?—I got it in O'Neil's election.

56,651. In 1826?—Yes.

56,652. Was your freedom taken up for you by Mr. O'Neil and Mr. Villars?—Yes.

56,653. Who did you vote for in 1841?—James and Hanmer.

56,654. Were you paid after the election was over?—Yes.

56,655. For your vote?—Yes.

56,656. How much?—A sovereign.

56,657. Who did you vote for in 1847?—Clay and Brown.

56,658. Were you paid for your vote for either of those gentlemen?—I got 10*s.* from Brown.

56,659. Before the election or after?—Before the election.

56,660. Did you get anything for Mr. Clay's vote?—No.

56,661. Last year I believe you voted Moore and Butler?—Yes.

56,662. And got 1*l.* for it afterwards?—Yes.

56,663. I believe that you said you would not vote without being paid?—No, I never said anything of the kind.

56,664. Have you not said that you never will poll without being paid?—I never said anything of the sort.

William Platts.

WILLIAM PLATTS sworn, and examined.

56,665. Where do you live?—Church Street, Wincolmlee.

56,666. What is your business?—A publican.

56,667. Do you occupy a house?—Yes.

56,668. At what rent?—£15.

56,669. How long have you been qualified to vote as a householder? ever since the Reform Act?—I only voted for the last election.

56,670. Never had a right before?—No, I had not been in Hull long enough.

56,671. You are not a freeman, I believe?—No.

56,672. You voted for Moore and Butler, I believe, last time?—Yes.

56,673. And got paid 1*l.* for it afterwards, in Wincolmlee?—I was put on for four days and got 1*l.* afterwards.

56,674. That was for your vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

James Ladley.

JAMES LADLEY sworn, and examined.

56,675. Where do you live?—In Harbour Square.

56,676. What is your business?—A ropemaker.

56,677. What rent do you pay?—Four guineas.

56,678. For a house?—Yes.

56,679. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

56,680. How long have you been free?—In 1839, I believe, I got my freedom.

56,681. Who took up your freedom, the orange or the blues?—Myself.

56,682. Did you pay for it yourself?—Yes.

56,683. Was it repaid to you? did you get the money back, that your freedom cost you?—No, I did not get it back.

56,684. Who did you vote for in 1841?—Hanmer and James.

56,685. And got paid for your vote afterwards?—Yes.

56,686. How much?—A sovereign.

56,687. Were you paid at Linwood's?—I was paid first for James and Hanmer in High Street, at the painter's shop.

James Ladley.

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56,688. Were you paid through a hole in the door there?—Yes, I was.
56,689. Do you know who paid it?—No; I saw nothing but the hand.
56,690. Have you heard who the liberal man or woman was who dispensed that?—No, I did not.
56,691. You never heard that?—No.
56,692. I suppose you heard of a great many people got the money in the same way?—There were a many got it the same way; that is all I know about it.
56,693. Did you ever among people, when talking, who paid it?—No.
56,694. Who did you vote for in 1847?—Brown and Baines.
56,695. Were you paid for either of those votes?—Yes, I got 10*s.* from Mr. Brown before I voted, and I got 10*s.* afterwards.
56,696. Where were they paid?—I got one in Bowl Alley Lane, and the other in Wincolmlee.
56,697. Was the first in Bowl Alley Lane?—Yes.
56,698. Where were you paid afterwards?—I got no more than that.
56,699. The second 10*s.* that you got after voting, who paid that?—Mr. Yeall.
56,700. In 1847, for Brown?—Yes.
56,701. Who paid you in Bowl Alley Lane?—I cannot tell you; I do not know the man's name.
56,702. Where was it? at what house?—It was an office.
56,703. How came you to go there?—Because I saw some others going.
56,704. Do you know any of the people who were then in Bowl Alley Lane?—No; I cannot say that I knew anybody, not when I went in.
56,705. In 1852, I believe you voted Moore and Butler—Yes.
56,706. And got 1*l.* for your vote afterwards?—Yes.
56,707. I believe you also got 10*s.* for Mr. Baines, just before the last election, at the Ropery?—Yes, I got it.
56,708. That was besides the 1*l.*?—That was for Mr. Baines.
56,709. You got 10*s.* back money for Mr. Baines, and 1*l.* for your vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes; that is what we ought to have had at that election; that was for Mr. Baines.

S. Cheeseman.

SAMUEL CHEESEMAN sworn, and examined.

56,710. What is your business?—A ropemaker.
56,711. Where do you live?—Green Lane, Wincolmlee.
56,712. What rent do you pay for a house there?—£5 15*s.*
56,713. Are you also a freeman?—Yes.
56,714. How long have you been free?—Since 1841.
56,715. 1839, was it not?—No.
56,716. Did you not vote in 1841?—No.
56,717. Who took your freedom up for you?—The blue party.
56,718. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
56,719. And were you paid for either of those votes?—Mr. Brown's I was.
56,720. How much?—A sovereign.
56,721. Before or after voting?—10*s.* before, and 10*s.* after.
56,722. Where was the 10*s.* before paid?—I got 10*s.* in Witham, the other in Bishop Lane.
56,723. Where in Witham?—At the committee room in Witham.
56,724. Who paid you?—Dr. Twining paid in Witham.
56,725. Who paid the other?—I do not know the gentleman who gave me the other.
56,726. Where was it paid?—In Bishop Lane.
56,727. In 1852, I think you got 10*s.* back money for your vote for Mr. Baines?—Yes.
56,728. I believe you were not inclined to vote unless you got a little more than that; how much was it?—A little more than what?
56,729. You said you were not inclined to vote unless you got something more?—No.
56,730. Are you sure you did not say you would not vote under 10*l.*?—No; that I never did.
56,731. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
56,732. And you got 1*l.* for it afterwards?—Yes.

Francis Leake.

FRANCIS LEAKE sworn, and examined.

56,733. Where do you live?—In Union Court, New George Street.
56,734. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
56,735. How much?—£7 a year.
56,736. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

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56,737. When were you made a freeman?—About eleven years ago.
56,738. At whose expense?—I took it up myself, and paid for it myself.
56,739. Did you vote in 1841?—Clay and Brown.
56,740. Was that the first time you voted?—Yes; that is the first time.
56,741. That was in 1847?—Yes; Clay and Brown's.
56,742. Did you get some money for your vote?—I was put down as a runner, and I got paid for my running, and that was all.
56,743. How much?—I got a sovereign.
56,744. When were you paid?—A half sovereign before the election and a half sovereign after.
56,745. Who paid you?—I am sure I cannot tell who paid me.
56,746. Where was it?—It was in Wincolmlee.
56,747. At what house?—I got it at the committee room.
56,748. Which 10*s.*?—I got them both there.
56,749. For Mr. Brown?—Yes, for Mr. Brown.
56,750. You voted for him?—I voted for Brown and Clay.
56,751. And that was for your vote and services?—I expect I was paid for my time that I was running about for him.
56,752. Your time was your vote, you may as well say so in plain English; you got 10*s.* for your vote before and 10*s.* afterwards, is not that so?—Yes.
56,753. What did you do in 1852, the last election?—I polled for both the blues; I was a blue.
56,754. And how much money did you get?—I got a sovereign sent to my house.
56,755. Was it for your vote and services?—Yes.
56,756. Who for, Moore and Butler?—Yes.

David Burn.

DAVID BURN sworn, and examined.

56,757. Where do you live?—Air Street, Sculcoates.
56,758. What is your business?—A cowkeeper. I am at present out of business.
56,759. You lodge somewhere, I suppose?—I lodge in Air Street.
56,760. Are you a freeman?—No.
56,761. Are you a voter?—I was a voter then; I was on the register last election and all the previous elections since the Reform Bill.
56,762. As a householder?—Yes.
56,763. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes.
56,764. When a householder, what rent did you pay?—It was my own house.
56,765. What were you rated at?—£9.
56,766. In 1841, who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James. Always blue.
56,767. Did you get some money for your vote?—I never voted for any pecuniary consideration in my life.
56,768. Did you get any money, my question is?—No.
56,769. Not any money at that election?—No.
56,770. Were you a runner?—No.
56,771. A messenger?—No.
56,772. Did you get paid anything afterwards?—No; I worked hard and made myself generally useful, but I got nothing for it.
56,773. You did not get any money at that time?—No; I did not.
56,774. And did not receive anything after the election; six months after?—No.
56,775. In 1847?—Blue again.
56,776. Tell us who?—He fought under false colours,—Mr. Brown.
56,777. Did you get any money for that?—I got 10*s.* after the election.
56,778. What was that for?—I do not know; I never asked any questions about it.
56,779. Where were you paid in 1847?—I was paid at the corner of Scott Street.
56,780. At Mr. Brown's committee room?—Yes.
56,781. In 1852, did you vote blue?—Yes.
56,782. For Moore and Butler?—Yes.
56,783. Did you get some money for your vote?—I got some money, but I did not consider it was for my vote; it was for services rendered during the election.
56,784. What did you do?—Made myself generally useful.
56,785. And got a pound?—Yes.
56,786. You were paid after the election?—Yes.
56,787. They knew which way you voted?—Yes.
56,788. Would they have paid you if you had not voted for Moore and Butler?—I should care nothing about it; I should still have been blue.
56,789. Would you have got the sovereign if you had not voted for Moore and Butler?—I do not know that I should.
56,790. The gentleman who paid it has been examined, and he has told us that he would not have paid anybody, unless he voted for Moore and Butler, and he has also told us that he paid a sovereign for your vote; do you agree in that?—I did not take it as a consideration for my vote; I do not know how he gave it.

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56,791. He gave it you?—Yes; but I did not receive it as a consideration for my vote.

56,792. You were set down as a runner, as the others were?—Not that I know of.

56,793. You did not ask any more questions than you did in 1847, but you took the money?—No; when I got the sovereign, I was met by a gentleman in the street and he gave it me.

56,794. What did he say?—He said there was a sovereign for me, and I took it, of course.

56,795. You did not ask any questions?—No.

George Giles.

GEORGE GILES sworn, and examined.

56,796. Where do you live?—Church Street, Sculcoates.

56,797. What is your business?—An oil miller.

56,798. Do you pay rent for a house?—£5 6*s.* 3*d.*

56,799. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

56,800. When were you made free?—About thirty-three years since.

56,801. Are you a householder or a lodger?—A householder.

56,802. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes.

56,803. Who for, Hanmer and James?—I do not know who for.

56,804. George Giles, of Church Street, voted Hanmer and James; are you the man?—Yes, I am the man.

56,805. Did you get any money at that election for your vote?—I am sure I cannot tell you; I do not know, indeed.

56,806. Cannot you remember that?—No; I cannot, indeed.

56,807. You will not say you did not?—No; I will not say yes or no.

56,808. Do not you recollect you got paid some little time after the election?—No, I do not, indeed; I speak the truth.

56,809. The money was paid, we hear, some time after the election in 1841; now, do not you remember it?—No; I do not.

56,810. They did not finish paying for six months, we hear?—I do not know; I cannot say for the truth.

56,811. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.

56,812. Did you get any money for your vote?—No, I did not; I lost 2*s.* by it; I lost money by it.

56,813. But they paid you, I believe?—No, they did not.

56,814. Never got anything?—No; not a farthing.

56,815. Tell us what you mean by losing money?—I had to pay half a day's pay for loss of time while I was polling; I had to give a man 2*s.* while I was polling, to work for me.

56,816. And never got it back?—No.

56,817. You did not get a farthing?—No.

56,818. In 1852, who did you vote for? Moore and Butler?—Yes.

56,819. Did you get anything?—I got a sovereign.

56.820. For your vote and services?—For running days.

56,821. Four days?—Five or six days.

56,822. Is it not four days at 5*s.* a day?—Yes.

56,823. When were you paid?—It was brought to my house after the election.

56,824. Who brought it?—I am sure I do not know who it was.

56,825. And you did not care about it?—I did not see him.

56,826. You gave a receipt for it?—No; I have not.

John Taylor.

JOHN TAYLOR sworn, and examined.

56,827. Where do you live?—Scott Street.

56,828. What is your business?—A sailmaker.

56,829. Do you pay rent for a house?—I did then; I do not now. I am a lodger now, but I did at the time of the election.

56,830. What rent have you paid sometimes?—£4 15*s.*

56,831. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

56,832. When were you made a freeman?—In 1820.

56,833. At your own expense?—Yes; at my own expense.

56,834. Did you vote at the election of 1841 for Hanmer and James?—Yes.

56,835. Did you get any money then for your vote?—Yes; I got a sovereign.

56,836. When were you paid?—Before the election.

56,837. Who by?—A gentleman in the committee, but I do not who it was.

56,838. Where was it?—Opposite New George Street end.

56,839. In 1847, did you vote for Baines and Brown?—I voted for Brown.

56,840. How much money did you get for that vote?—10*s.*

56,841. Before or after the election?—After.

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56,842. Where were you paid?—At the Sculcoates Tavern, Scott Street end.
56,843. Where did you live in 1847?—In Scott Street.
56,844. Is that the same as Mulgrave Street?—Yes; it leads into the same street.
56,845. Did you live in Mulgrave Street at one time?—Yes.
56,846. In 1852, did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
56,847. Do you know Legitt?—Yes.
56,848. Did he put your name down?—Yes; he put my name down.
56,849. How much money did you get?—25*s.*; 7*s.* 6*d.* before the election, and 17*s.* 6*d.* after.
56,850. For your vote and services?—It was for being a runner; I was set down for seven days running.
56,851. Where did Legitt find you? where did he pick you up?—I was going on that street that leads to the pier, and I met him there.
56,822. What did he say?—He asked me if I would have my name set down, and I went and got it set down.
56,853. He asked you to have your name set down for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

Joseph Dent.

JOSEPH DENT sworn, and examined.

56,854. Where do you live?—Lincoln Street, Wincolmlee.
56,855. What business are you?—A gardener.
56,856. Do you pay rent?—Yes.
56,857. How much?—I have four acres of land belonging to the Kingston cotton mill, 16*l.*, and I have three acres belonging to Mr. Locking.
56,868. Are you a freeman?—No.
56,869. Which election did you vote at first?—Mr. Brown's.
56,860. Did you get some money for your vote?—Yes.
56,861. How much?—10*s.*
56,862. Who paid you?—They call him Foster; he keeps the Bay Horse, in Wincolmlee; he gave me the 10*s.*
56,863. When did he pay you?—It was after the election.
56,864. Is he the landlord of the Bay Horse?—He was then.
56,865. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
56,866. Did you get some money for your vote?—Yes.
56,867. How were you paid?—I was put down as a runner.
56,868. How much were you paid, and when?—I got paid three days before the election, and I got a sovereign after.
56,869. That was for your vote and services?—Yes.

John Wass.

JOHN WASS sworn, and examined.

56,870. Where do you live?—Derby's Court, Scott Street.
56,871. What is your business?—A cooper.
56,872. Do you pay rent?—Yes; a small rent I do.
56,873. How much rent do you pay?—About 3*l.* 15*s.*, I believe.
56,874. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
56,875. Did you live in York Street at the time of the last election?—Yes; just before the election I did.
56,876. Then, you were a householder then?—Yes.
56,877. When were you a freeman?—In 1845; I think it was in 1844 or 1845 I took my freedom up.
56,878. At whose expense?—My own.
56,879. And you voted for Mr. Baines?—Yes; Mr. Baines alone.
56,880. Did you get any money for that vote?—No.
56,881. Did you get any payment at all?—Yes; I got 10*s.* for Mr. Brown before the election.
56,882. You did not poll for him?—No.
56,883. Did you not promise to vote for him? you got 10*s.* to vote for him, but for some reason or other you did not vote?—I did not vote for Mr. Brown, I voted for Mr. Baines alone.
56,884. And got your money from Mr. Brown?—Yes.
56,885. Were you paid after the election?—No, before.
56,886. In 1852, for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
56,887. You were one of Mr. Sisson's men?—Yes, I was at that time.
56,888. And five of you got a holiday the election day, you and a man of the name of Jennings?—Yes.
56,889. And John Norton?—Yes.
56,890. There were five or six of you?—I am sure I do not know. If you mention the names I will tell you who they were.

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56,891. I will mention the names, and you can tell me any others. Joseph Jennings?—Yes.

56,892. John Norton?—Yes.

56,893. Joseph Sands?—Yes.

56,894. George Holmes?—Yes.

56,895. And John Wass?—Yes; that is myself.

56,896. Were there any more?—No.

56,897. Were you promised a holiday before?—No, I was not promised before.

56,898. You were promised a holiday, Mr. Sissons says so, and were you paid for that day?—Yes, I was paid for that day.

56,899. Mr. Sissons says—"I had promised our men a holiday." That is so, is it not?—I was not aware of it.

56,900. When did you hear of the holiday? when did he first tell you you were to have a holiday?—I think the night before the election we were told not to go the next morning.

56,901. Did he say he should pay you just the same?—He did not say anything about paying us at all.

56,902. But you were allowed it?—We got paid on Saturday as usual.

56,903. The full time?—Yes.

56,904. Nothing was said about it that time?—Nothing was said about the payment at that time.

56,905. When you came to be paid, was anything said about it then?—Not at all.

56,906. When you were promised a holiday did you understand you were to vote for Moore and Butler?—I never understood anything about it. They never asked me who I was going to vote for at all.

56,907. You did vote for Moore and Butler?—I did.

56,908. Did you get anything for it?—I got a sovereign after the election.

56,909, For four days?—Yes.

56,910. Do you know if these friends of yours all voted the same way?—I do not.

56,911. Your mates?—I do not know who they voted for. I suppose they would.

56,912. Was one of the days that you were paid for by Moore and Butler the same day that you got your wages from Mr. Sissons? it included that day?—I am sure I cannot tell. I do not know anything about it.

56,913. Do you know what four days were paid for by Moore and Butler?—No; I do not.

56,914. You were in Mr. Sissons' employ at the time?—I was at that time.

56,915. And had been for some time?—Yes, I had been some time, but I am not working under him now.

56,916. Do you know whether those four men, whose names I have mentioned, voted for Moore and Butler or not?—I know now that they voted that way, but I did not know then. I know now because they tell me so, or else I should not have known.

56,917. Who paid you the pound?—I do not know the man's name.

56,918. Did you all go back to work again for Mr. Sissons on the next day?—Yes; and there are some men in the employ yet.

56,919. And you all got paid at the end of the week?—I do not know; I know I did. I do not know about the others.

56,920. Did Mr. Brodrick pay you anything?—No.

56,921. Or Mr. Murgatroyd, did he pay you?—I do not know who it was that brought the money. Somebody brought it, but I do not know who it was.

56,922. Were you thinking of voting for Clay and Goderich?—No; I never thought anything about it.

56,923. You never intended to do it?—No, I never did.

Joseph Mangham.

JOSEPH MANGHAM sworn, and examined.

56,924. Where do you live?—In Dock Street.

56,925. What is your business?—An organ builder.

56,926. What rent do you pay?—£10.

56,927. Did you live in Scott's Place?—Yes.

56,928. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

56,929. When were you made free?—In 1844.

56,930. At your own expense?—Yes.

56,931. Did you vote in 1847?—Yes.

56,932. Who for?—Mr. Brown,

56,933. Did you get some money for that?—Yes.

56,934. How much?—To the best of my recollection, I think 25*s*.

56,935. Where were you paid?—10*s*. in Bishop Lane, and the remainder in Waterworks Street.

56,936. Before and after?—Before and after.

56,937. Who paid you in Bishop Lane?—I think Mr. Stephenson.

56,938. And who in Waterworks Street?—I do not know.

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56,939. Did you not see the person?—Yes.

56,940. Somebody that you did not know?—I did not know any one in the room.

56,941. Did you vote in 1852 for Moore and Butler, the last election?—Yes.

56,942. Did you get some money for your vote?—After the election I received a pound. It was sent to my house for my services.

56,943. What were you, a rnuner?—Well, I was a runner, certainly, on the day of the election, but before that I was asked a question if my name might be put upon the committee, three weeks before the election. After I had promised to vote for them I was invited to go down to the committee room, which I did, and I suppose the services which I rendered I received the pound afterwards for, and I asked no questions.

56,944. Being a committee man?—Yes.

56,945. And for running on the election day?—On the election day I did; I took several messages.

56,946. Where were you paid?—It was sent to my own house in Scott Street.

56,947. Have you any doubt about it, that the principal service your endered was your vote?—Certainly not; I was out of pocket.

56,948. I put it to you from your apparent respectability, have you the slightest doubt upon earth, that the principal service that you were paid for was your vote?—I am certain it was not for my vote.

56,949. You were set down for four days as a runner?—It was unknown to me; there was never such a thing as an agreement made, or anything specified.

56,950. You are set down on the pay sheet for four days?—I cannot avoid that. I do not know anything about it

56,951. When the pound came to your house, did you not some time after inquire how it was to be applied—how much for being committee man, and how much for running?—I never inquired about it.

56,952. And took the money?—Yes.

56,953. Committee men are not paid, are they?—I suppose they are well paid sometimes.

56,954. Can you tell us who were paid among the committee men?—I do not know of any one.

56,955. Why do you say so?—I have heard a good deal.

56,956. What committee man do you say you have heard received any money?—At the last election I did not hear of any one.

56,957. You were a member of Messrs. Moore and Butler's committee?—Yes.

56,958. Supposing, being a member of Moore and Butler's committee, you had voted for Clay and Goderich, how much of that sovereign do you think you would have got?—I do not suppose I should have got anything.

John Sands.

JOHN SANDS sworn, and examined.

56,959. Where do you live?—Oxford Street, Sculcoates.

56,960. What is your business?—A cooper.

56,961. What rent do you pay?—£5 10*s.*

56,962. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

56,963. When were you made afreeman?—In 1831.

56,964. At your own expense?—No.

56,965. By which colour?—The blues.

56,966. Did you vote for Hanmer and James in 1841?—No, I did not vote at all.

56,967. In 1847?—I voted Baines and Brown.

56,968. Did you get some money for that vote?—I got 10*s.*

56,969. When were you paid?—I will not say whether it was before or after the election.

56,970. You do not know which?—I cannot say.

56,971. Who paid you?—I do not know the parties' names who paid me.

56,972. Where was it?—In the Market Place.

56,973. At Mr. Brown's committee room?—I do not know whether it was a committee room or not.

56,974. It was a place where Mr. Brown paid?—Yes.

56,975. Not in the street but in a room?—Yes.

56,976. Did you see the person who paid you?—Yes, I saw him, but I do not know the party.

56,977. In 1852 did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

56,978. How much did you get for that vote?—A sovereign.

56,979. Afterwards?—Yes.

Thomas Temple.

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THOMAS TEMPLE sworn, and examined.

56,980. Where do you live?—Charles Square, Wincolmlee.
56,981. What is your business?—A shipwight.
56,982. What rent do you pay?—£4 10*s.*
56,983. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
56,984. When were you made free?—In the year 1821 I took my freedom up.
56,985. And paid for it?—Yes.
56,986. In 1841 did you vote?—I am sure I cannot recollect.
56,987. For Hanmer and James?—I cannot recollect anything about it.
56,988. Are you the Thomas Temple who lived in Bourne Street, and voted for James and Clay?—No; I never voted for Clay.
56,989. There is a Thomas Temple, in Bourne Street, the only one who voted in 1841; is that you?—Yes, I believe it is.
56,990. It is stated that he voted for James, at all events?—I might; I cannot say.
56,991. Did you vote for the blues?—Yes.
56,992. Did you get any money?—I cannot say.
56,993. I thought you would remember that?—No, I cannot.
56,994. You are speaking upon your oath: did you get any money in 1841 or not?—I cannot say at all.
56,995. Did you not get 10*s.*, or a sovereign, or whatever it was after the election?—I cannot say whether it was.
56,996. Do you mean to say you cannot recollect whether you got money, or how much it was?—I cannot say, indeed, whether I got money or not.
56,997. Or how you voted?—Or how I voted.
56,998. Do you remember in 1841 whether you voted at all?—I cannot.
56,999. Did you vote at the next election in 1847?—Yes, I believe so.
57,000. For Baines and Brown?—Yes.
57,001. I see you got something then?—Yes, I got 10*s.*
57,002. Who paid that?—I cannot tell you I am sure.
57,003. Where was it paid?—In Bowl Alley Lane.
57,004. Before or after the election?—After the election.
57,005. For Mr. Brown?—Yes.
57,006. Did you vote in 1852?—Yes.
57,007. Who for?—Bramley Moore and Butler.
57,008. How much did you get for your vote then?—A sovereign.
57,009. Where were you paid?—It was brought to my own house.
57,010. Do you know Mr. West?—I know a Mr. West, a baker.
57,011. Did you get more than that sovereign?—No.

William Davis.

WILLIAM DAVIS sworn, and examined.

57,012. Where do you live?—Scott Street.
57,013. What is your business?—A fishmonger.
57,014. What rent do you pay?—£9.
57,015. Are you a freeman?—No.
57,016, £9 is not enough for a vote?—I paid 12*l.* at the time of the election.
57,017. Did you vote in 1841?—No.
57,018. In 1847?—No.
57,019. In 1852?—Yes.
57,020. For Moore and Butler?—Yes.
57,021. Did you get some money for your vote?—I did.
57,022. How much?—A sovereign.
57,023. After the election?—Yes.

Joseph Jennings.

JOSEPH JENNINGS sworn, and examined.

57,024. What is your business?—A cooper.
57,025. Where do you live?—Bankside, Sculcoates.
57,026. What rent do you pay?—I do not pay any, my employers pay it.
57,027. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
57,028. How much do they pay for you?—Five guineas.
57,029. Do you know when you were made a freeman?—1818.
57,030. At your own expense?—No.
57,031. Who took it up for you?—The corporation, I believe.
57,032. Which colour?—Staniforth.
57,033. That is the blue, is it?—Yes.
57,034. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.

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57,035. Did you get any money for your vote?—Yes.
57,036. How much?—I got two half-sovereigns.
57,037. Where were they paid you?—I was paid at Mr. Linwood's, I believe.
57,038. Both?—Yes.
57,039. Before or after the election?—I cannot exactly say; but one before and one after, I should say.
57,040. In 1847, were you paid?—For four days, as a runner.
57,041, For Baines and Brown?—Yes.
57,042. Did you get some money for your vote?—10*s.* from Mr. Brown's party.
57,043. Where were you paid?—At Mr. Linwood's too, I believe.
57,044. For Mr. Baines, did you you get anything?—No.
57,045. Then you only got the 10*s.*?—That was all I got, every halfpenny.
57,046. You voted Moore and Butler?—Yes.
57,047. You were one of Mr. Sissons' men?—I was.
57,048. How much money did you get for your vote then?—I got a sovereign then; it was taken to my house after the election; who brought it I do not know.
57,049. You got a holiday as well?—Yes.
57,050. You were in Mr. Sissons' employ?—Twenty-two years.
57,051. You got a holiday that day?—When I ask to go anywhere, or want to have a holiday, they give it to me.

T. Chapman.

THOMAS CHAPMAN sworn, and examined.

57,052, Where do you live?—I lived in Kingston Court when I was a voter. I have shifted my residence lately; I live in Pothouse Yard now.
57,053. What rent do you pay for a house?—£4 12*s.*
57,054. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
57,055. When did you become free?—I cannot exactly say, but I voted for James and Hanmer.
57,056. Did they take up your freedom for you?—No, I never had it taken up; I think I took it up myself.
57,057. When you voted for them in 1841 did you get some money for your vote?—One sovereign, after the election.
57,058. Where?—At Mr. Linwood's, at the committee room.
57,059. In 1847 you voted Baines and Brown?—Yes.
57,060. How much did you get?—30*s.*
57,061. Did you vote Baines and Brown?—Certainly I did.
57,062. When was it paid?—Before the election.
57,063. Where?—Various places. I cannot tell exactly.
57,064. 10*s.* from each?—Yes.
57,065. You went about to different committee rooms and got 10*s.* from each?—No, I think not.
57,066. Was it 15*s.* at two?—I was a runner and I expected I should be paid for my labour.
57,067. You got it paid at various committee rooms?—Yes.
57,068. Was it 15*s.* at one and 15*s.* at another, or 20*s.* at one?—No; three separate half sovereigns.
57,069. In 1852, how much did you get that election?—One sovereign.
57,070. Who did you vote for?—The worthy blues.
57,071. Moore and Butler?—Yes.
57,072. Where did they pay you?—It was brought to my home.

William Metcalf.

WILLIAM METCALF sworn, and examined.

57,073. Where do you live?—14, Wincolmlee.
57,074. What is your business?—A grocer.
57,075. What rent do you pay?—I did pay 13*l.* a year before I voted; I do not know what I pay now.
57,076. At the time of the election you paid 13*l.*?—Yes.
57,077. Are you a freeman?—No.
57,078. Did you vote at any election before the last?—Yes, the election before.
57,079. 1847?—Yes.
57,080. Who for?—Brown and Clay.
57,081. Had you a right to vote in 1841?—No, I was not in Hull at that time.
57,082. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay and Brown.
57,083. Did you get some money?—Yes.
57,084. How much?—10*s.*
57,085. For which?—Mr. Brown.
57,086. Where was it paid?—It was paid at the committee.

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57,087. Where?—Wincolmlee, New Charles Street.
57,088. When, the day of election?—Yes.
57,089. Did you get anything from Mr. Clay?—No, not a halfpenny.
57,090. Did you try?—No.
57,091. In 1852, did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
57,092. How much money did you get for your vote?—A sovereign.
57,093. Where was it paid?—At my own house.
57,094. After the election?—Yes.

George Holmes.

GEORGE HOLMES sworn, and examined.

57,095. Where do you live?—York Street, Sculcoates.
57,096. What is your business?—A cooper.
57,097. What rent do you pay?—£5 10*s.*
57,098. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
57,099. When were you made a freeman?—Either 1839 or 1840, I am not sure which.
57,100. At whose expense?—I believe the blues.
57,101. You voted for them in consequence at the 1841 election?—No; I paid a trifle to it myself as well.
57,102. You voted Hanmer and James, did you?—Yes.
57,103. How much money did you get for your vote?—10*s.* before and 10*s.* afterwards.
57,104. Where were the monies paid?—One at Mr. Linwood's.
57,105. And the other?—I think I got it in the street, North End, George Street end.
57,106. Who paid you in the street?—James Tawl.
57,107. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I voted for Brown.
57,108. How much did you get?—I was out of work at the time, and I got 30*s.* when I came up at first, and there was a sovereign paid afterwards.
57,109. £2 10*s.* altogether?—Yes.
57,110. You were here at the time of the election?—I came over; I was working away from home.
57,111. The 30*s.* was paid before?—Yes.
57,112. You had been ill?—I was not ill when the sovereign was paid, but I received it afterwards.
57,113. Where did you come from?—Beverley.
57,114. You got 30*s.* for it?—Yes.
57,115. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Mr. Sissons.
57,116. You voted as your master did?—No, I did not, not that I know of.
57,117. Are you the George Holmes of Wright Street, or the George Holmes of High Street?—No.
57,118. Where did you live in 1847?—In 1847 I lived in Garden Square, Princes Street, Mason street.
57,119. George Holmes of Dimsdale Square, is that you?—Yes.
57,120. You are wrong, you voted for Mr. Baines?—No.
57,121. Are you not aware of that?—I am confident I did not.
57,122. In 1852, you voted for Mr. Sissons, you say?—No; I understood you to say where did I work.
57,123. I ask who you voted for?—Moore and Butler.
57,124. Did Mr. Sissons pay you anything?—No.
57,125. How much did Moore and Butler pay you?—I got a sovereign.
57,126. And a holiday?—I believe not.
57,127. Mr. Sissons paid you and gave you a holiday?—He paid the wages on a Saturday night, and it is not a great deal of wages neither.

James Stubbs.

JAMES STUBBS sworn, and examined.

57,128. Where do you live?—No. 4, Thomas Place, Scott Street.
57,129. What is your business?—A cooper.
57,130. What rent do you pay?—£6. 10*s.*
57,131. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
57,132. When were you free?—1847.
57,133. Did you vote at that election?—No.
57,134. Who took up your freedom for you?—I took it up myself.
57,135. Are you sure you did not vote for Baines and Brown?—I was out of town then.
57,136. Where did you live in 1847?—56, Scott Street.
57,137. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
57,138. Did you get some money for your vote?—I had a sovereign, brought after.

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57,139. Did you take it?—Yes; I should take one of you if you were to bring me one in the same way.

57,140. Brought to your house?—Yes.

57,141. Is your next-door neighbour a man of the same name as you?—Yes.

John Little.

JOHN LITTLE sworn, and examined.

57,142. What is your business?—A distiller, at present.

57,143. Where do you live?—Bankside, Sculcoates.

57,144. What rent do you pay?—None at all, I live on the premises.

57,145. For your services?—Yes.

57,146. What is your house rated at?—I do not know.

57,147. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

57,148. When were you made a freeman?—1820.

57,149. At your own expense?—Yes; I took it up at my own expense.

57,150. In 1841, did you vote Hanmer and James?—Yes.

57,151. Did you receive any money at that election?—I believe I did, after the election.

57,152. How much?—I think, a sovereign.

57,153. Who was that for?—For Hanmer and James.

57,154. Who paid you?—I cannot recollect; I was paid at Mr. Linwood's committee room; I think it was at Mr. Linwood's at that time.

57,155. 1847, Baines and Brown?—Yes.

57,156. How much did you get for your vote at that election?—I got 10*s.* from Mr. Brown.

57,157. Afterwards?—Yes.

57,158. Nothing from Mr. Baines?—No.

57,159. Where was it paid?—I think at the Bay Horse.

57,160. By Foster?—I think so.

57,161. In 1852, did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

57,162. They say you got 2*l.* 10*s.*?—I got no such sum.

57,163. How much did you get?—I got 1*l.* left at my house.

57,164. It is a mistake about the 2*l.* 10*s.*?—It is; I wish I had got it.

57,165. Is that all the money you got?—It was.

57,166. Left at your house?—Yes.

William Stubbs.

WILLIAM STUBBS sworn and examined.

57,167. Where do you live?—5, Thomas's Place, Scott Street.

57,168. What is you business?—A smith.

57,169. What rent do you pay?—None; the property is my own.

57,170. What is it rated at?—I compound with six other houses.

57,171. How much is paid for each house?—They will let for 6*l.* 10*s.* I have compounded with the guardians at 29*l.*

57,172. Did you vote in 1841?—No; I did not vote in 1841.

57,173. In 1847?—Yes; I voted in 1847.

57,174. You had a right to vote in 1841?—No; the barrister had not been. I had taken up my freedom in March, 1841.

57,175. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Clay.

57,176. How much money did you get?—Ten shillings for carrying out polling cards two days, and 1*l.*, being a poll clerk on the day of the election.

57,177. Who was it from?—From Mr. Baines.

57,178. Do you mean a check clerk?—Yes.

57,179. What did you have for carrying out polling cards?—Two previous days to the nomination day.

57,180. How much were you paid?—Five shillings each day.

57,181. Who paid you?—I was paid at the committee rooms opposite the George in the Land of Green Ginger.

57,182. Did Mr. Bannister pay you?—I do not know who it was.

57,183. Mr. Barkworth?—I cannot say the party. I do not know the man. We all got paid at one time, I suppose.

57,184. You had applied to to be employed?—Yes.

57,185. You carried cards about?—Yes; I took the cards to the voters.

57,186. They knew which way you would vote? I suppose they would expect that you should vote for them?—I intended to vote for Mr. Baines. I signed the requisition requesting him to come to the town.

57,187. Was the 10*s.* paid before or after voting?—It was after the election.

57,188. That the 10*s.* was paid?—Yes; all were paid after the election. Mr. Sidebottom's clerk paid the 1*l.* for being a check clerk.

William Stubbs.

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57,189. What were those cards?—Cards with the names of the voters and their numbers on the register, and where they resided.

57,190. You signed the requisition to Mr. Baines?—Yes.

57,191. What did you do in 1852?—Voted Moore and Butler. I was a check clerk the polling day.

57,192. Who do you say you voted for?—Moore and Butler.

57,193. You rather changed?—I voted from principle, not from colour; there is too much of that system.

57,194. You had voted Clay and Baines?—If their principles were in accordance with mine I should vote for them again.

57,195. Did you get the money?—No; not one farthing. I never asked for it.

57,196. You voted this time for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

57,197. Did you get any money?—I got 10*s.* for writing on the day of the election, not the 10*s.* on the day; I received it after the election.

57,198. Where did you write?—At Moore's, in Castle Street.

57,199. One pound?—Ten shillings for that.

57,200. How much more?—£1 afterwards was left at my house. I never expected anything of the kind. Three gentlemen came in and handed me a sovereign, and I took it.

57,201. What was it for?—They said it was for my services during the election.

57,202. Do you know any of them?—One I did not know; the other was Murgatroyd.

57,203. Had he got a good deal of money with him?—I do not know how much money he had with him.

57,204. Did he have a large bag?—He handed it out of his pocket.

57,205. How long after the election?—A fortnight or three weeks.

57,206. How came you, who had signed the requisition to Mr. Baines, to be employed in such an office as carrying out cards?—It was the first election I had had to do with. I thought I would know a little about electioneering matters.

57,207. You made no contract or agreement to be paid?—No.

57,208. You went and asked to be employed?—I went to the committee room and asked if there was anything wanted doing.

57,209. When you went and asked for employment, did you not mean to be paid for it?—I never asked them.

57,210. Did you not mean to be paid?—I say not. If the rest had not got paid I never should have been paid. Afterwards a person came and told me what had been done, and I went to the same place and received the same pay.

57,211. You made no agreement to be paid then?—No; none.

57,212. You took the 10*s.* afterwards?—I took the 10*s.* after the election.

57,213. As a reward for your voting services?—It would be a reward for my services. I do not consider I received anything for my vote.

57,214. Do you think Baines' party would have given you that 10*s.* if you had not voted for them?—I delivered out the cards, so that I considered I had a claim upon them.

57,215. Do you believe that they would have paid you that 10*s.* if after carrying out the cards you did not vote?—If they had acted on an honest principle they would have done so.

57,216. I want to know what your belief is as to that matter at the time you took the money; did you believe they would have paid you if you had voted against Mr. Baines?—I am sure I cannot say.

57,217. Supposing you had gone, after having carried out the cards, and shouted "Down with Baines," do you think they would have paid you?—I am sure I cannot say.

57,218. I want your belief?—I cannot tell.

57,219. You can tell.—I consider they ought to have done it.

57,220. Do you believe if, after carrying out cards for Mr. Baines, you had gone on to the hustings and opposed him, and shouted "Down with Baines," they would have paid you 10*s.*?—Perhaps not if any of the committee had seen me, but I consider I was entitled to it.

THOMAS SMITH sworn, and examined.

Thomas Smith.

57,221. Where do you live?—Cotton Street.

57,222. What is your business?—A corn and seed meter.

57,223. What rent do you pay?—It is my own property.

57,224. What are you rated at?—£9 10*s.*

57,225. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

57,226. When were you made free?—In 1820.

57,227. At your own expense?—Yes.

57,228. Did you vote in 1841 for Hanmer and James?—Yes.

57,229. Did you get any money for your vote?—I got a sovereign.

57,230. Who paid you?—That I cannot say.

57,231. Where were you paid?—At one of the committee rooms; I am sure I cannot say which.

Thomas Smith.

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57,232. When were you paid,—before or after polling?—In the evening just after the election.
57,233. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.
57,234. How much money did you get for your vote then?—10*s.*
57,235. Where were you paid?—At Wincolmlee the Sculcoates Tavern, I think it was.
57,236. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
57,237. You were a runner, were you not?—Yes.
57,238. How much did you get for that?—I got 6*s.* 8*d.* in Wincolmlee. I went home; I had given it up, and they sent for me to go to the committee room in Bowl Alley Lane to employ me again. Then I was stationed to go out to look at the high tide for vessels coming up.
57,239. How much money did you get?—Upon my word I cannot say.
57,240. £10?—No; nor half of it.
57,241. £3 we will say?—Yes; I think I got as much as that.
57,242. Was it in Holderness?—No.
57,243. You ran in Holderness, did you not?—No.
57,244. You say you did not vote for Brown, how is that?—Yes; I did.
57,245. Who else?—None else.
57,246. Where did you live at the time?—I think I lived in Queen Square.
57,247. You lived in Union Square, New George Street?—Yes.
57,248. You voted Baines and Brown?—I did not intend that.
57,249. Did you get anything for Mr. Baines?—No.
57,250. Did you get more than 3*l.*?—I cannot positively say at present. I do not keep such things in my memory; my memory is not very good at present.

Smith Sotheron.

SMITH SOTHERON sworn, and examined.

57,251. What is your business?—A baker.
57,252. Where do you live?—Charles Square, Wincolmlee.
57,253. What rent do you pay?—£4 14*s.*
57,254. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
57,255. When were you made free?—1828.
57,256. At whose expense?—My own.
57,257. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes.
57,258. For Hanmer and James?—Yes.
57,259. Did you get some money at that election?—Yes.
57,260. How much?—10*s.* before the election, and 10*s.* after.
57,261. Where were you paid?—I got the 10*s.* in the street; the sovereign my Missus got; I was out at the time when they paid it at Mr. Linwood's, Wincolmlee.
57,262. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Brown and Baines.
57,263. How much money did you get?—10*s.*
57,264 Where was it paid?—At where I work, in Wincolmlee bakehouse.
57,265. Who was it for?—Mr. Brown.
57,266. Did you get anything for Mr. Baines?—No.
57,267. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
57,268. Did you get any money for your vote?—A sovereign.
57,269. Where was it paid?—At my own house.
57,270. After the election?—Yes.
57,271. The money was brought to you?—Yes.
57,272. Who brought it to you?—Three came.
57,273. Was Murgatroyd one?—Murgatroyd gave me the money.

Edward Wright.

EDWARD WRIGHT sworn, and examined.

57,274. Where do you live?—Church Street.
57,275. What is your business?—A button maker.
57,276. What rent do you pay?—None.
57,277. Are you a lodger?—Yes.
57,278. Are you a freeman?—No.
57,279. I think you are?—I am not a burgess.
57,280. A 10*l.* householder?—Yes.
57,281. Which election did you vote at first?—Every one since the Reform Act.
57,282. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James; I am not sure.
57,283. Did you get any money?—No.
57,284. Were you paid no money at all at the election, or after it?—No.
57,285. Are you sure of that?—Sure of it.
57,286. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Brown only.
57,287. Did you get some money for your vote?—No.

Edward Wright.

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57,288. Were you paid any money at all?—Yes.

57,289. Where were you paid?—I am sure I do not know; some was left with me to pay four or five parties.

57,290. I ask whether you got some money for yourself?—No; I paid some four or five parties half a sovereign. I neither know the parties or their names.

57,291. Who gave you the money?—It came from the East Sculcoates committee room. I cannot positively say who gave it to me; the parties did not come up there that night that other parties were there to be paid, and the money was left with me to pay them with.

57,292. Did you give in a list?—They were on a scrap of paper; I do not know what has become of it.

57,293. Did you give it back?—Yes, I did. There was a receipt for the money I had.

57,294. Did you give it back to those that gave it you?—I gave it back again into the committee room.

57,295. Were they Mr. Brown's voters?—Yes.

57,296. How many?—Four or five of them; I cannot say which exactly.

57,297. Do you not know any of their names?—Not a single individual; I am sure I do not, or I would tell you at once, as soon as I would tell you the money I gave.

57,298. Were you not to have some yourself?—No.

57,299. Not at all?—Not a farthing; I never required it.

57,300. Were you on the committee?—No.

57,301. Why did they choose you to pay?—I thought myself as officious as the others.

57,302. Did you get a good many set down?—Not to my knowledge.

57,303. You had not the management of the election?—No.

57,304. Did you pay some others at that election?—No.

57,305. You do not know who you got the money from, you say?—I cannot positively say; it was from the East Sculcoates committee room. I cannot say who it was gave it to me.

57,306. Who was the chairman?—Mr. Yeall was the chairman.

57,307. In 1852, you voted Moore and Butler?—Yes.

57,308. Did you get some money for your vote?—No.

57,309. Did you get any money?—Yes, I did.

57,310. How much?—Three weeks' canvassing,—about 1*l.* for my expenses in canvassing three weeks.

57,311. When was it paid?—I cannot say exactly; some time after the election. I had taken an active part, and they gave me a sovereign for my services. I never required anything for my vote, and I hope I never shall.

57,312. You voted for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

57,313. I suppose they knew you would vote that way?—I do not know.

57,114. Who employed you?—Nobody; I never was employed in my life.

57,315. You were not employed?—Not at all.

57,316. They came and paid you 1*l.* for what you did?—For what I had done. I had been canvassing about three weeks,—it was a long canvass. I had been at a deal of expense, and had employed time in canvassing as much as any man on the list, and there was sent down to my house a pound. I never sent it back again.

57,317. You had volunteered to be a canvasser? nobody employed you?—Nobody employed me.

57,318. No promise had been made before?—No; I never expected it.

57,319. You took it as a reward?—I took it as a reward, for being at expense and trouble.

57,320. How much were you out of pocket?—I cannot say; a many pounds this election.

57,321. Will you say you were out of pocket a shilling?—Yes; if I had all the money it cost me that election I would never vote any more.

57,322. How much did you spend?—£2 or 3*l.*

57,323, Do you mean to say you expended anything for Moore and Butler?—I expended it in this way: I am one that is well known in Sculcoates parish, and there are many that I know; if I was to meet one of the opposite party even, we are so friendly, that we should go in and have a glass, and be comfortable.

57,324. Did you do that after the writ had been issued?—I know there was a paper on the wall; I never took any notice of the paper.

57,325. You did not give them anything to drink afterwards?—Oh yes, many of them, both orange and blue; free of everything else, we were all friendly.

57,326. Did you send any account of it in to the committee?—At the time I gave no account. They never gave me anything while the election was on.

57,327. Had they any account of the expenses you had been put to when you got that sovereign?—Not a farthing. I never gave them any notice of any of the expenses.

57,338. Were you in business?—Yes.

57,329. Did you pay any man to attend to your business?—No.

JOHN NORTON sworn, and examined. *John Norton.*

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57,330. What is your business?—A labourer.
57,331. Where do you live?—Bankside, Sculcoates.
57,332. What rent do you pay?—My house is rented at five guineas, but I do not pay five guineas; I pay part, and my master pays part.
57,333. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
57,334. When were you made a freeman?—I do not know the date; it was at Schonswar and Wrightson's.
57,335. At your own expense?—My master paid for me—being out of work.
57,336. In 1841, who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
57,337. Did you receive any money for your vote?—10*s.* after the election.
57,338. Where were you paid?—At Mr. Linwood's house.
57,339. In 1847, who did you vote for? Baines and Brown?—Yes.
57,340. Did you get some money for your vote at that election?—A sovereign for Mr. Brown; it was paid at Sculcoates Tavern, Scott Street.
57,341. After your vote?—A month or six weeks after the election. I do not know to a fortnight or a month.
57,342. In 1852 did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
57,343. Did you get some money for your vote then?—Yes, a sovereign, about a month after.
57,344. Where was it paid?—Paid at a neighbour's house where I live.
57,345. Left for you?—Left for me at a neighbour's house.
57,346. Who left it, do you know?—I do not know the party's name that left it.
57,347. Three gentlemen?—Yes.
57,348. Did you see them?—I received it myself.
57,349. Was Murgatroyd one?—I do not know the man's name; I should know him if I saw him.
57,350. Why did they not pay you at your own house?—It was Jennings' house; they happened to be there first, and I was sent for there of course. I had no occasion to take them to my own house.
57,351. Was it at Schonswar's and Wrightson's first election?—I do not know.

JAMES HARPER sworn, and examined. *James Harper.*

57,352. Where do you live?—1, Glear Buildings, Trippett Street.
57,353. What rent do you pay?—£4 10*s.*
57,354. Are you a freeman?—I am.
57,355. How long have you been free?—Forty-four years.
57,356. Before the Reform Bill did you get the 2*l.* and 4*l.* a vote?—The first time of polling I got 4*l.*
57,357. In 1841, who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.
57,358. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes; I believe I got 1*l.*
57,359. Where was it paid?—It was paid in High Street, at Mr. Freebody's.
57,360. Was it before or after your vote?—Before the election.
57,361. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
57,362. Were you paid for your vote that time?—I got about 15*s.*
57,363. Where was it paid?—It was paid at a public house in Witham, the Noah's Ark.
57,364. Who was it for?—Mr. Brown.
57,365. Who paid it?—I do not know the person.
57,366. Was that all you got?—Yes; that was all that I got.
57,367. Were you paid anything in Bishops Lane?—No; I do not remember anything.
57,368. In 1852 did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Moore and Butler.
57,369. What were you paid for your vote that time?—I got 1*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* as for labour.
57,370. Were you employed as a runner?—Yes.
57,371. How many weeks?—I was set down three weeks. I only got part of two.
57,372. Was not all at the committee room?—The committee room in Lowgate.
75,373. I suppose you had applied to be set down?—Yes.

TIMOTHY ASKWORTH sworn, and examined. *T. Askworth.*

57,374. Where do you live?—Trippett Street.
57,375. What rent do you pay?—£4 18*s.*
57,376. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
57,377. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1820.

T. Askworth.

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57,378. Before the Reform Bill, did you get the two guineas and four?—I got two guineas at the election.

57,379. In 1841, who did you vote for?—I do not know; I cannot recollect; it was for the blues.

57,380. Did you get paid?—No.

57,381. Did you get any money that election?—No; I got none.

57,382. Are you quite sure?—Yes.

57,383. Neither before nor after?—No.

57,384. Six months afterwards were you paid?—That I cannot recollect.

57,325. In 1847, who did you vote for?—The blues.

57,386. There were no blues then.—Brown.

57,387. Did you get paid for your vote that time?—10*s.*, I believe.

57,388. Was it before or after you voted?—After.

57,389. Where was it paid?—White Horse Yard.

57,390. Who paid it?—I am sure I cannot say who paid it.

57,391. Was it a committee room?—No.

57,392. In 1852, did you vote blue?—Yes.

57,393. For Moore and Butler?—Yes.

57,394. What did you get paid at that time for your vote?—The first election?

57,395. Yes.—It was 17*s.* 6*d.*, and 1*l.* I was set down as a runner.

57,396. Are you quite sure that there was not a sovereign left at yonr house a few months after the election in 1841?—No.

57,397. You are sure of that?—I am sure of it. I cannot recollect.

W. Coverdale.

WILLIAM COVERDALE sworn, and examined.

57,398. Where do you live?—11, Glass Gallery, Trippett.

57,399. What rent do you pay?—Four guineas.

57,400. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

57,401. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1818.

57,402. Did you get the two guineas and four?—Oh yes.

57,403. In 1841, did you vote for Hanmer and James?—I did.

57,404. Did you get paid for your vote?—Yes.

57,405. How much?—I am sure I cannot tell exactly what I got; I was set down.

57,406. As near as you can?—I cannot bear in mind exactly what it was.

57,407. Was it 1*l.*?—More than that.

57,408. £2?—Somewhere thereabout.

57,409. Before or after you voted?—Before the election.

57,410. Where?—Freebody's, in High Street.

57,411. Was that all you got?—Yes.

57,412. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.

57,413. Only?—Only.

57,414. What were you paid for your vote?—20*s.*

57,415. Before or after the polling?—Afrer the election; some time after, a week or a fortnight.

57,416. Where was it?—Bishop Lane.

57,417. By Mr. Stephenson?—Yes.

57,418. At the last election did you vote blue?—Yes; Moore and Butler.

57,419. Were you set down by Lidgard?—Yes, I was.

57,420. What were you paid?—I received 7*s.* 6*d.* the first week.

57,421. What the second?—I went two or three times afterwards and never got anything. I never received it; it was my wife received 17*s.* 6*d.* after.

57,422. We hear that the business of the man Lidgard was principally amongst this class of people?—I am sure I do not know.

57,423. Did he do anything more than that?—I was very seldom there.

Charles Harding.

CHARLES HARDING sworn, and examined.

57,424. Where do you live?—Medlay's Gallery, Trippett.

57,425. What rent do you pay?—Four guineas.

57,426. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

57,427. When were you free?—1841.

57,428. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—No; I never voted, only the last election.

57,429. Who took up your freedom?—I cannot tell; I was told to go and get it, and which of the parties paid for it I do not know. I never inquired who took it up.

57,430, Had you a right to vote at the election of 1841?—Yes; but I was not at home, I was at sea.

57,431. You were entitled to vote in 1841, you say?—I was at sea.

Charles Harding.

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57,432. In 1847, were you entitled to vote?—Yes; but I was at sea.
57,433. In 1852, did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
57,434. Were you paid for your vote?—Yes.
57,435. How much?—I received 1*l.* 3*s.*; 3*s.* before the election, and one sovereign after.
57,436. Where?—Mr. Pulleyn paid me the sovereign, three shillings were brought to my house.

William Horner.

WILLIAM HORNER sworn, and examined.

57,437. Where do you live?—Salthouse Lane.
57,438. What rent do you pay for a house?—£5.
57,439. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
57,440. How long have you been free?—Since 1812.
57,441. Did you get the two guineas and four?—Yes.
57,442. In 1841, did you vote for Hanmer and James?—Yes.
57,443. Were you paid for your vote?—Yes.
57,444. How much?—One sovereign.
57,445. Before or after?—After.
57,446. Where?—It was at the saddler's shop in Witham. I received a note to say I was to go there and ask to receive a sovereign. I took the note; I knocked at the door, the room was in darkness; the man there asked which way I voted, I told him, and he gave me a sovereign. I asked no more, and away I walked.
57,447. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Brown and Baines.
47,448. Were you paid for your vote that time?—I got 10*s.*
57,449. Before or after?—After.
57,450. For Brown?—Yes.
56,451. Where was it paid?—Bishop Lane.
57,452. In 1852, did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
57,453. Were you paid for your vote that time?—Yes.
57,454. How much?—I got just the same as before, 7*s.* 6*d.*, and 17*s.* 6*d.* afterwards.
57,455. Who paid you?—Legitt.
57,456. You were set down at Lidgard's?—Yes.
57,457. How old are you?—Sixty-five.
57,458. You had not very hard work at Lidgard's—No.
57,459. What is your business?—A sailmaker.

John Robinson.

JOHN ROBINSON sworn, and examined.

57,460. Where do you live?—No. 6, Trippett Street.
57,461. What rent do you pay?—£6 10*s.*
57,462. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
57,463. How long have you been a freeman?—1826.
57,464. Did you get the two guineas and four?—At that time, I hardly can remember. I have been at sea a good deal.
57,465. In 1841, did you vote?—I believe I did.
57,466. You voted for Hanmer and James?—Yes.
57,467. Were you paid for your vote?—I never received anything from any party.
57,468. Six months after the election?—No.
57,469. Left at your house?—No; I never received anything.
57,470. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I did not vote at all.
57,471. Why not?—Because I was at work, and I considered if I left off my labour I should lose more.
57,472. In 1852?—I solicited to become a runner.
57,473. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Goderich.
57,474. Where did you ask for employment?—At the committee room in Lowgate.
57,475. Which?—The blues'.
57,476. They set your name down for employment?—Yes.
57,477. Were you afterwards employed as a runner?—I was a messenger in the office.
57,478. How much did you get?—I think I got 30*s.* altogether.
57,479. That is by the blues?—Yes.
57,480. Was it before you voted?—No; part before, and part afterwards.
57,481. Who paid you, do you know?—No; a stranger at the committee room. I was a messenger; they paid me 5*s.* after the election, and the other I received at the Lowgate committee room.
57,482. Did you get anything from the orange?—No; I never was in one of the committee rooms.
57,483. Did you get anything?—No; I never received any money.

John Robinson.

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57,484. You were never in the Trinity House, were you?—No.

57,485. How came you to vote for the blues?—I am one who works for different parties.

Mr. R. Boyle.

Mr. Richard Boyle sworn, and examined.

57,486. Where do you live?—John Street, Sculcoates.

57,487. What is your business?—I am out of business at present.

57,488. Do you pay rent for your house?—Yes.

57,489. How much?—At present 18*l.*

57,490. Are you a freeman?—No.

57,491. How long have you been a voter?—I am a disfranchised freeman by the Reform Bill, but I am entitled by patrimony to the freedom of the City of York.

57,492. You are not a freeman of this borough?—No.

57,493. How long have you been a voter?—Since the Reform Bill.

57,494. Did you vote in the year 1841?—Yes.

57,495. Who for?—Hanmer and James.

57,496. Did you have anything to do with the payments at that election?—No, I think not; to the best of my remembrance, I think not.

57,497. Had you anything to do with the financial arrangements?—No.

57,498. In 1847, who did you vote for?—For Brown.

57,499. Only?—Only.

57,500. Did you have anything to do with the payments made at that election?—No.

57,501. Now, in 1852, did you vote for Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler?—No.

57,502. You did not vote at all then?—No.

57,503. Were you employed by anybody to canvass?—No; I had nothing whatever to do with it. I refused to vote.

57,504. Had you done nothing at any election before?—No.

57,505. You have taken no part in any transactions?—Not since the election of Wilberforce and James, in 1837.

57,506. You know nothing about the three last elections?—No; I perhaps know a good deal, but I know nothing officially.

57,507. Tell us what you do know unofficially?—I shall decline to enter into any conversational information which I may have gleaned.

57,508. You must tell us that.—No.

57,509. You must tell it.—I will not.

57,510. Now, attend to me: have you had any conversations with any of the voters since the election?—No.

57,511. Or at the time of the election?—No.

57,512. What is it you alluded to just now?—What I know is merely from observation in passing about.

57,513. I thought you said from conversations?—No.

57,514. Did you have any conversation about the election with people who said they had taken bribes?—I should not like to say I had not, because I cannot say with whom I might converse.

57,515. What did you mean just now, when you said you knew of something in a conversational way?—Merely what I gleaned from moving about.

57,516. Tell us what you have gleaned.—I do not know. I can answer you any question that you will put to me; if I can answer it, I will do so.

57,517. My question is this, What have you gleaned?—Then I should say nothing; you give me no clue.

57,518. I want you to give us a clue?—I can give you none.

57,519. It is your duty by Act of Parliament to tell us all you know?—I know nothing.

57,520. You have placed yourself in a very unpleasant predicament by using those words. What did you mean just now when you said what you had gleaned?—I mean to say I took no active part.

57,521. That is not my question. My question is, what you meant when you said you knew nothing but what you had gleaned?—Nothing but what I might hear passing about.

57,522. Tell us what you did hear?—That I cannot tell you. I tell you I took no active part on the election.

57,523. You have given me an answer that I do not exactly understand.—I have no doubt I heard from this party, for instance, at the last election, that Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler were to be returned; others with whom I met might say Clay and Goderich would be returned.

57,524. What did you mean when you said that you knew nothing more than what you had gleaned?—Nothing more than what I have stated.

57,525. Mere casual observation?—Mere casual observation.

57,526. Have you heard anything relating to the modes made use of at the election for the buying of votes?—No.

57,527. Have you heard anything about the practice of setting down names?—No; not having taken any active part in the election, and refusing to vote, I consider that I know nothing whatever.

57,528. You are bound to tell us what you know; the Act of Parliament requires that you should do so; it is pointed out as your duty. Your duty is not merely to tell us what you know, but what you have heard?—Then I may say that I have not heard anything.

57,529. Were you canvassed for your vote?—Yes.

57,530. By both sides?—Yes.

57,531. Can you make any disclosure relating to the election of 1852?—No.

57,532. Can you make any disclosure relating to the election of 1847?—No, I cannot.

57,533. Can you make any disclosure as to any matter relating to the election of 1841?—No.

57,534. Then you do not require a certificate of course. You are entitled to a certificate if your answers implicate you in these transactions?—Not having taken any interest in the elections, I consider I am not in a position to give any information.

57,535. The certificate is to protect anybody who has been mixed up with bribery from any penalty. If anything should hereafter be discovered which you have not stated to-day, whatever trifling proceeding it may be, you will be liable to be proceeded against?—I have answered to the best of my belief.

57,536. It is entirely at your own peril; if any time anything is discovered relating to the election in which you have been concerned, or which you have heard, you will be liable to be proceeded against?—I am not aware of anything.

57,537, Tell us anything important, though it happened in a mere conversation, because if at any time hereafter anything should be discovered within your knowledge you will be entitled to be proceeded against?—I must take the risk.

57,538. Were you ever in any of the committee rooms?—Yes; I believe I was in Mr. Brown's.

57,539. Were you one of the parties who brought him here?—No.

57,540. Which committee were you in?—The Market Place one.

57,541. Who were the gentlemen there?—I am sure I cannot say.

57,542. Who were the committee?—William Stephenson was one. I do not remember any others.

57,543. Mr. Stephenson, the proprietor of the newspaper?—Yes.

57,544. Is he not your brother-in-law?—Yes.

57,545. Who else was present?—I am sure I cannot say.

57,546. There were others there?—Oh yes; I should say several.

57,547. Did you ever see Mr. Brown there?—Never that I know of.

57,548. Did you ever see him at all?—I think not.

57,549. Can you tell us the names of any persons who were present in the committee room?—No.

57,550. You cannot tell the name of a single one, except Mr Stephenson?—Not at this moment.

57,551. Was it before or after you voted you went there?—I should say during the polling.

57,552. About what time of the day was it? Was it in the morning?—No; it would be about noon.

57,553. Were you there more than once?—I might be; I do not know.

57,554. You might, for anything you know, have been there all day? I want you to tell us how often you were there?—No. I took no part in it, consequently I had no occasion to be there.

57,555. You have already told us you were there?—I might be there once or twice.

57,556. I want you to tell me all the times you were there?—I tell you the whole, as far as I know.

57,557. How often do you think you were there?—Once or twice.

57,558. Where you there at the time when the voters were paid?—No. I know nothing of any money transactions.

57,559. Were you there at the time when the voters were applying to be paid?—No.

57,560. Then as far as your knowledge goes, no voter was ever paid?—I know nothing of it.

57,561. I ask you what your recollection is, could it have occurred and you have forgotten it?—I should say not, because it would be in the heat of the day during the polling.

57,562. How long were you there?—Only a few moments.

57,563. On both times?—I should say so.

57,564. You say no money was paid in the committee room while you were there?—No money was paid while I was there.

57,565. Twice you were there, and neither time did you see a penny paid?—No.

57,566. Were you there after the poll closed?—No.

57,567. Were you in any other committee room?—No, I was not.

57,568. None besides this one?—No.

Mr. R. Boyle.

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57,569. Do you know who was the chairman of the committee that you were at?—I understood Mr. Digby was the chairman, but whether he was there or not, I do not know.

57,570. He was the chairman where you were?—Yes; at that committee room.

57,571. He was the chairman of the committee where you were?—I presume Mr. Digby. I do not know it.

57,572. You understood so?—Yes; I understood him to be a chairman, but whether of that committee room or not I do not know.

57,573. Did you understand him to be the chairman of that particular room?—I did not.

57,574. What did you understand?—I understood Mr. Digby was chairman of that committee.

57,575. The committee that met at that place?—I do not know where it met.

57,576. I want to know whom you understood was the chairman of the particular committee at which you were?—I am not aware.

57,577. You did not understand him to be?—No.

57,578. Did you understand that there was a chairman?—Yes; I presume there would be one.

57,579. Did you understand also that Mr. Digby was the treasurer?—I did not understand it.

57,580. Did you understand that there was a treasurer at all?—I am not aware that I asked the question or made the inquiry.

57,581. Did you understand that there was a treasurer at all?—I scarcely know how to answer the question.

57,582. Did you hear that there was a treasurer?—No.

57,583. Have you heard that there was any money paid at all in that room?—Yes; I have heard since there was money paid, for instance, this morning in this court.

57,584. Before you came here?—No; I knew nothing of it.

57,585. Did you hear that money was paid?—No.

57,586. As far as you know, the expenses of that election are not paid at this moment?—They may not be, as far as I know.

57,587. You did not vote at the last election?—1852?

57,588. Yes.—No.

57,589. In the election of 1852, were you canvassed by anybody not to vote?—No.

57,590. Nor solicited not to vote?—No.

Thomas Smith.

THOMAS SMITH sworn, and examined.

57,591. Where do you live?—26, High Street, at present.

57,592. What are you?—A labourer.

57,593. What rent do you pay?—None.

57,594. Are you a lodger?—No; I live rent free.

57,595. Does your master pay the rent?—Yes.

57,596. What is the house let for?—The house has been let, I do not know exactly, for about 10*l.* or 12*l.*; there are two of us occupy it.

57,597. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

57,598. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1841.

57,599. Were you entitled to vote at the election of of 1841?—I do not think I was; I took it up in 1841.

57,600. Did you take it up yourself?—No.

57,601. Who paid for it?—The blue party.

57,602. Was the 1847 election the first at which you voted?—I did not vote then.

57,603. Why not?—I was away from the town.

57,604. Was the last election the first at which you voted?—Yes.

57,605. You voted for Moore and Butler?—I did.

57,606. Did you get paid for your vote?—I did.

57,607. How much?—One sovereign.

57,608. Before or after?—After.

57,609. Where?—It was brought to the house.

57,610. Do you know by whom?—No; a stranger to me.

David Fisher.

DAVID FISHER sworn, and examined.

57,611. Where do you live?—Trinity House Hospital.

57,612. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

57,613. How long have you been a freeman?—It is no use asking me about back elections, my memory will not carry me back. I cannot speak to truth.

57,614. Do you recollect how long you have been a freeman?—I do not recollect; it was at Staniforth's election that they first took my freedom up; which of them it was I cannot say.

David Fisher.

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57,615. In the year 1841, who did you vote for? Hanmer and James?—I am sure I cannot say.

57,616. Do you live at Barton?—No; that is a cousin of mine.

57,617. Did you live at the Groves?—Yes.

57,618. You voted for James and Hanmer?—I dare say I did.

57,619. Did you get any money for it?—I am sure I cannot tell you.

57,620. Did you ever vote without having anything?—I have been away so many elections, I cannot say that I did not.

57,621. Did you get money at all the last three elections?—I cannot say the last three.

57,622. In 1847 did you vote for Mr. Brown?—I cannot say who I voted for.

57,623. Can you recollect about the last election?—Yes; the last election I can recollect.

57,624. Who did you vote for? Moore and Butler?—Yes; Moore and Butler.

57,625. Did you get any money the last time?—Yes; 17*s.* 6*d.*

57,626. Who paid it you?—I am sure I cannot say.

57,627. Where were you paid?—I was paid at Lowgate.

57,628. Where were you paid? at the committee room?—Yes.

57,629. Did they come to canvass you at the Trinity Hospital?—Yes.

57,630. Are there some other men in the hospital who voted blue?—Yes.

57,631. Who are they?—There is one of the nome of Boyden.

57,632. Who else?—There is another of the name of Thomas Lenham, and another of the name of John Frere.

57,633. Who else?—That is all but one, I cannot think of his name.

57,634. How many of them are there?—Five or six of them.

57,635. Did you hear tell that they were paid too?—No; some of them were not.

57,636. Which of them did not?—Frere did not, and Lenham did not, I know.

57,637. Boyden did?—Yes.

57,638. Did the others get something for voting?—I cannot say.

57,639. Do you remember voting for Hanmer and James?—Yes.

57,640. Do you remember getting a sovereign afterwards?—No.

57,641. How much then?—I got 17*s.* 6*d.* this last election.

57,642. Do you remember voting for Hanmer and James? I see David Fisher of the Groves.—I remember voting in Witham, but what members they were I cannot say.

57,643. Do you remember twelve years ago voting for Hanmer and James?—I dare say I might.

57,644. And did you not get a sovereign afterwards?—No.

57,645. How much was it?—10*s.*

57,646. Now, in 1847, do you remember that you voted for Mr. Baines and Mr. Brown? I see David Fisher, Groves, Baines and Brown.—I do not know the names at all.

57,647. I am talking of about six years ago; Baines and Brown, do you remember them?—Yes.

57,648. And do you remember getting 10*s.*?—Yes.

57,649. From Mr. Brown?—In Witham.

John Atkinson.

JOHN ATKINSON sworn, and examined.

57,650. Where do you live?—George Yard.

57,651. Do you pay rent for your house?—I have one room.

57,652. Are you a lodger?—I am a burgess.

57,653. Are you a lodger?—No.

57,654. What rent do you pay?—£4.

57,655. Is that for the house?—For the room.

57,656. You are a freeman?—Yes.

57,657. How long have you been a freeman?—Ever since 1825.

57,658. In 1841 did you vote for Hanmer and James?—No; I did not.

57,659. Who for?—For no one.

57,660. Why not?—I was not registered.

57,661. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.

57,662. Only?—Only Mr. Brown.

57,663. Did you get paid for your vote?—I got 10*s.*

57,664. Was that before or after the election?—Before.

57,665. Where?—Bishop Lane.

57,666. Did Mr. Stephenson pay you?—I believe he did.

57,667. Is that all you got?—Yes; that is every farthing I got.

57,668. At the last election did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

57,669. Were you paid for your vote?—Yes.

57,670. How much?—A sovereign.

57,571. Was that before or after the election?—After.

57,672. Who paid it?—I do not know the gentleman.

W. M. Boanson.

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WILLIAM MARTIN BOANSON sworn, and examined.

57,673. Where do you live?—Salthouse Lane.
57,674. Do you pay rent for your house?—Yes.
57,675. How much?—£4 10*s.*
57,676. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
57,677. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1851.
57,678. Did you take it up yourself?—Yes.
57,679. Then the last was the first election at which you voted?—Yes.
57,680. Did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
57,681. Were you paid for your vote?—I was paid for running, a pound.
57,682. When were you paid?—On the Saturday after the election.
57,683. Where were you set down as a runner?—At the Conservative rooms, in Lowgate.
57,684. Did you apply for employment?—Yes.
57,685. Were you paid this 1*l.* afterwards?—Yes.
57,686. Who paid you?—Mr. Pulleyn.
57,687. He knew which way you were going to vote I suppose?—I should think so.
57,688. If you had voted for Clay and Goderich, do you expect you would have had the sovereign?—Well, I should have expected it for my labour.
57,689. You think he would have paid it?—I think I earned it.
57,690. My question is whether you think he would have paid it?—I think he would. Many of the hands were not freemen, and they had 5*s.* a day the same as I had. They could not vote.
57,691. Can you tell us any freemen that voted for Clay and Goderich, who were paid by Moore and Butler?—No.
57,692. Do you think the freemen who voted for Clay and Goderich would have been paid for running for Moore and Butler?—No; I should think not.
57,693. Do you think if you had voted for Clay and Goderich that you would have been paid?—I think I ought to be paid.
57,694. That is not an answer to my question; do you think you would have been paid?—I say I thought I ought to be paid.
57,695. You have said that already; you have got hearing and understanding too.—Now tell me on your oath do you think you would have been paid?—I think I ought to be paid.
57,696. That is three times you have said that; be so good as not tell us a fourth; on your oath do you think you would then have been paid?—I cannot answer that.
57,697. Do you think you would have been paid? You must have some expectation about it?—Yes; I should think so.
57,698. You think you would have been paid?—Yes.
57,699. Did you get the same, or more, than persons who had no vote at all?—Exactly the same; they had 5*s.* a day.
57,700. Tell us how many of the non-voters got 1*l.*?—I think Mr. Plummer had eight men.
57,701. Give us the names of those that had the 1*l.*?—They had 10*s.* for two days; I had 1*l.* for four.
57,702. Who were they? Tell us any of those non-voters who got a sovereign?—I may say—that was two days.
57,703. But you got four days?—I got four days. I do not know the names of any who got four; I know some had two.
57,704. Was that before, or after the election?—The Saturday after the election.
57,705. How many of you?—I should think perhaps fifty of us, at least.
57,706. How many of those, do you think, had not a vote?—I think eight of them. Mr. Plummer had them under his care.
57,707. Which Mr. Plummer?—Mr. Humphrey's foreman.
57,708. He selected eight, did he?—They wanted eight more hands. They could not get any more freemen, and so they took those.
57,709. You went to the blue party because they gave the most?—Yes; you may be sure I went to the one I could get the most of.
57,710. Do you not know very well that if you had told them at the time that you intended to vote orange, they would not have employed you?—I was not asked.
57,711. If you had told them at that time that you intended to vote orange, do you think they would have employed you?—I should not have gone there.
57,712. When you went and asked for employment, and said nothing, you left them to understand that you would vote blue?—Yes; I was not asked the question.

R. Matthews.

RICHARD MATTHEWS sworn, and examined.

57,713. Where do you live?—In Bridge Street.
57,714. Do you pay any rent for your house?—Yes.
57,715. How much?—£6.

R. Matthews.

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57,716. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
57,717. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1841.
57,718. Were you entitled to vote at the election in 1841?—Yes.
57,719. Then your freedom was probably taken up in 1839?—It was taken up in 1841.
57,720. Who took it up? who paid for it?—The blue party, I expect.
57,721. Did you vote for them in consequence, in 1841?—No; I was not at home, I was at sea.
57,722. Now, in 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay and Brown.
57,723. Did you get any money for your vote then?—No.
57,724. Did you not get any money at all?—No; not a farthing.
57,725. Not at that election?—No.
57,726. Not at all?—Nothing at all.
57,727. Neither before, or after the election?—Neither before or after.
57,728. At the last election, did you vote blue?—Yes.
57,729. Did you get anything this time?—Yes.
57,730. What did you get?—I got a pound.
57,731. Was that before, or after you voted?—The day after.
57,732. From whom?—From Mr. Pulleyn.
57,733. That was for voting for Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler?—Yes; for Mr. Moore.

John Robinson.

JOHN ROBINSON sworn, and examined.

57,734. Where do you live?—Trinity Square, Carr Lane.
57,735. What are you?—A seaman.
57,736. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
57,737. How long have you been so?—Since 1813.
57,738. Did you get your two guineas, and four?—No; never, at no election but one,—Sykes and Mitchell. I got two then.
57,739. In 1841, did you vote for Hanmer and James?—I voted for nobody; I went away, and would not stop.
57,740. Why did you go away?—Because I would not lose my voyage to St. Petersburgh for 40*l.*
57,741. You went to sea?—Yes.
57,742. You did not get any money to go to sea then, did you?—I could have, but I would not. I could have stopped at home, and not have gone to sea.
57,743. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Baines and Mr. Brown.
57,744. Did you get any money for your vote then?—Not a mag.
57,745. Did you get any money during the election?—Not a mag.
57,746. After it?—No; I lost half a day's work by it, and did not get that even.
57,747. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.
57,748. For Moore and Butler?—For Moore and Butler.
57,749. Were you paid for your vote?—Nothing. I was paid three days' running, 13*s.* 6*d.*
57,750. As a runner?—Yes.
57,751. Did you apply to be set down as a runner?—Yes.
57,752. At Lowgate?—Yes.
57,753. Where did you apply?—At the Black Horse, in Carr Lane.
57,754. Was that a committee room?—Yes.
57,755. If you had told them at that time that you intended to vote orange, you knew very well they would not have employed you?—Yes; I never intended to vote orange.
57,756. Be so good as to listen to what I say, and answer me. You knew very well at that time that if you had told them you were going to vote orange, they would not employ you?—It was not likely.
57,757. You did tell them you were going to vote blue?—Yes; I told them I had promised blue, that I had promised them.
57,758. When were you paid?—On the Saturday week after the election.
57,759. Do you know who paid you?—Yes; Mr. Wells, George Yard.
57,760. Are you in the Trinity almshouses?—Yes.
57,761. Do you know of any other person who voted on your side?—No; I know nothing about anybody myself. I never interfered with them.
57,762. Have you not heard?—No; I never had any conversation with them about their vote at all. I only trouble my head with my own affairs; that is, my own business. I do not trouble myself with other people's.

John Farrah.

JOHN FARRAH sworn, and examined.

57,763. Are you a ropemaker?—Yes.
57,764. Where do you live?—Lime Street.
57,765. At any number?—No; I live in the ropeyard.

John Farrah.

23d July 1853.

57,766. Are you the foreman at Mr. Cooper's ropery?—Yes.

57,767. What rent do you pay? do you pay any?—I do not pay any rent.

57,768. Do you live in a house?—I live in a house, rent free.

57,769. As part of your salary?—Yes.

57,770. Do you know what the value of the house is?—No, I do not.

57,771. I mean, is it worth 2*l.* or 200*l.*?—Perhaps it may be worth 6*l.*, or something of that kind.

57,772. Are you a freeman?—Yes, I am.

57,773. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1812.

57,774. In 1841, did you vote?—Yes.

57,775. Who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.

57,776. Did you get any money for your vote?—Yes.

57,777. How much?—£1, I had brought to me.

57,778. £1, after the election?—Yes.

57,779. Do you know who brought it?—Yes; one of my brothers.

57,780. Do you know where he got it from?—He got it in Witham.

57,781. In 1847, who did you vote for?—For Brown and Baines.

57,782. Did you get any money for your vote at that time?—I promised Mr. Brown, and I got 10*s.*

57,783. Was that paid before, or after you voted?—Before I voted; after I had promised the man.

57,784. He would not have given it you unless?—Perhaps not.

57,785. You had 10*s.* for voting for Mr. Brown, before voting?—Yes.

57,786. Where were you paid?—In Witham.

57,787. Was Dr. Twining the person to whom you promised your vote?—No, he was not.

57,788. Did you get any more money at that election?—No.

57,789. At the last election, for whom did you vote?—I got the 10*s.* from the last election before that.

57,790. Did you get another 10*s.* just before this election?—Yes.

57,791. Just before this election you got 10*s.* for Mr. Baines; that was back money?—Back money you may call it.

57,792. Polling money for Mr. Baines?—I do not call it exactly that.

57,793. At this election, did you vote for Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler?—Yes.

57,794. Did you get any money for it?—No.

57,795. Then you had nothing at this election?—Nothing at all.

57,796. Was your name set down?—I promised them.

57,797. Was your name set down for employment?—No.

57,798. As a runner?—No.

57,799. Had you complained of not being paid by Mr. Baines?—No, I did not. I said this, if they never paid me I should never ask for it, and therefore I never complained of not being paid.

57,800. You never complained of it?—I cannot say that exactly; I may have put it in this way, that I had as much right to be paid as anybody else. I will not say I did not say that, but I never complained to them about it.

57,801. You mean that you grumbled?—I might grumble in this way, and say that I had as much right to it as anybody else.

57,802. You thought it scarcely right to vote for the blues until they wiped off your old score?—No; I should have voted for them whether they had paid me or not.

57,803. That made no difference?—No.

57,804. It had no effect upon you?—Not a bit.

57,805. Had you said anything so as to make the people think it would be prudent to pay you?—No.

57,806. I suppose you knew it was not Mr. Baines's money you got?—I did not know that when I got it. I know it since, because I have heard them say so.

57,807. Then I suppose you have paid it back again?—No; I did not pay it back.

57,808. Not when you heard that it was not Mr. Baines' money, but Mr. Moore's and Mr. Butler's?—No; because I heard them say yesterday that Mr. Barkworth had been up here, and it was his money.

57,809. I thought you would have ran as hard as you could to pay him his money back again?—No.

57,810. You have not had the opportunity, I suppose you mean, to go this evening?—No; I never thought of it.

57,911. Were you at the De-la-Pole Tavern supper?—No.

57,812. Did it occur to you, when you heard yesterday that it was Mr. Moore's and Mr. Butler's money, as an honest man that you ought to pay it back again?—No, it has never occurred to me so.

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57,813. Where do you live?—Lime Street.
57,814. At the Ropery?—No, by the Ropery; not at the Ropery.
57,815. Do you pay rent for your house?—Yes.
57,816. How much?—£3 a year.
57,817. You are the brother of the last witness, John Farrah?—Yes.
57,818. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
57,819. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1825.
57,820. In 1841 did you vote?—Yes.
57,821. For Hanmer James?—Yes.
57,822. Did you get any money for your vote?—£1.
57,823. Was it before or after the election?—After.
57,824. By whom?—I do not know.
57,825. Where?—It was in Witham.
57,826. At the committee room?—No; it was in a shop.
57,827. Did you see the person who paid you?—No; I did not see the person.
57,828. Was the person concealed?—I saw his arm and hand.
57,829. In 1847, who did you vote for?—For Brown and Baines.
57,830. Did you get any money for your vote then?—I got 10*s.* from Mr. Brown's party.
57,831. Was that before or after you had voted?—Before.
57,832. Who paid you?—Dr. Twining.
57,833. Did you get any anything from Mr. Baines?—No.
57,834. Not then?—Not then.
57,835. Did you get anything more at that election?—I did not get anything then.
57,846. Just before the last election, were you paid 10*s.* for your old claim?—Yes.
57,837. Had you ever made a claim for it against anybody until just before the last election?—No.
57,838. Did you ever make a claim against anybody?—No, I never did; it was promised, that 10*s.*
57,839. Was it in consequence of your having complained? Did they promise it because you had grumbled?—Yes; I suppose that was it.
57,840. Who did you grumble to?—Why, I cannot say.
57,841. Was it not to some of Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler's people?—I did, when they came to canvass me. I told them I had been promised that, and that I never got it.
57,842. That was when Mr. Moore's and Mr. Butler's canvassers came to you?—Yes.
57,843. Did they come to your brother at the same time they came to you?—I am not aware of that; I do not know.
57,844. Afterwards they paid you the 10*s.*?—Yes; my brother paid it me.
57,845. And after that you promised to vote for them?—I promised to vote for them before that; before I got the money I promised them.
57,846. Did they tell you you should have the money?—No; they did not.
57,847. You promised them first to vote, and then they gave you the 10*s.*?—Yes; not directly after, but soon after.
57,848. Did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes, I did.
57,849. Were you paid anything?—10*s.*
57,850. Was that after you had polled?—Yes.
57,851. Where?—At a public house in Lime Street.
57,852. Who paid it?—Mr. West.
57,853. Were you at the supper at the De-la-Pole Tavern?—No; I was not.

JOSEPH ROBINSON FARRAH sworn, and examined. *J. R. Farrah.*

57,854. Are you a brother of the last two witnesses?—A nephew.
57,855. Are you employed at the Ropery?—I have been.
57,856. Where do you live?—I live at Christchurch Street, in the parish of Sculcoates.
57,857. What rent do you pay for your house?—£12.
57,858. Are you a freeman?—Yes, I am.
57,859. Are you also on the 10*l.* householders' list?—No.
57,860. How long have you been a freeman?—In 1830, I took up my freedom.
57,861. Was it taken up for you or did you take it up yourself?—I took it up myself.
57,862. In 1841 did you vote for Hanmer and James?—Yes.
57,863. Were you paid for your vote?—I received a sovereign about six months after.
57,864. Who paid it you?—That I do not know. I received it through a window.
57,865. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I voted for Mr. Baines and Mr. Brown.
57,866. Were you paid for your vote at that time?—I received 10*s.* the night before the election in Bishop Lane.
57,867. From Mr. Stephenson?—From Mr. Stephenson, and 10*s.* after I had polled.

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57,868. Who paid you the second?—Mr. Stephenson.

57,869. Was that for Mr. Brown?—Yes; and 5*s.* I received from Mr. Twining, at Witham.

57,870. Who was that for?—For Mr. Brown.

57,871. Just before the last election were you paid 10*s.*, the back claim for Mr. Baines?—Yes.

57,872. Had you grumbled about it?—Well, I said, with the rest of my fellow workmen, that I should not promise till the old score was rubbed off.

57,873. And Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler's people paid you the 10*s.*?—Yes.

57,874. Do you mean, you told that to Moore and Butler's people?—Yes; when they came canvassing.

57,875. Did you vote for Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler?—I did.

57,876. Were you paid after for that anything?—Nothing.

57,877. Were you paid nothing during that election but the 10*s*?—Nothing at all.

J. E. Stephenson.

JOHN EDWARD STEPHENSON sworn, and examined.

57,878. What are you?—A rope maker.

57,879. Where do you live?—The Groves, Orchard Street.

57,880. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.

57,881. How much?—£4 10*s.*

57,882. Are you employed at the Ropery?—Yes.

57,883. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

57,884. How long have you been a freeman?—1818, I believe.

57,885. And before the Reform bill did you get your two guineas and four?—Yes.

57,886. In 1841, did you vote for Hanmer and James?—Yes.

57,887. Were you paid for your vote?—Yes.

57,888. After the election, or before?—I was paid partly during the canvassing time, and partly after.

57,889. How much?—I was engaged for about six weeks—three weeks before the election, and three weeks after.

57,890. How much were you paid altogether?—I cannot exactly say, I am sure; I did not make any memorandum of it.

57,891. You were paid about six guineas, were you not?—Yes; I should think it would come pretty well up to it.

57,892. Were you employed as a messenger?—Yes, and doorkeeper.

57,893. Where were you a doorkeeper?—In Bowl Alley Lane.

57,894. And had you applied to be employed?—Yes.

57,895. When you applied to be employed, you knew that if you told them you meant to vote orange, they would not have employed you?—I was out of employment, and I engaged myself as a doorkeeper; I had no other intention, but to vote for that party.

57,896. You knew that if you had not intended to vote for them, they would not have employed you?—They knew it.

57,897. And you knew it too?—Yes, of course.

57,898. In 1847, who did you vote for?—For Mr. Brown, and Mr. Baines.

57,899. Were you a doorkeeper at any place where the parties were being paid in 1841?—No, I was not.

57,900. Was Bowl Alley Lane the central committee then?— Yes.

57,901. Did you see any people paid at that election, or after?—No; not any.

57,902. Were you at any of the places when they were paid through the windows?—No; it was in open daylight where I got mine.

57,903. Were you at any of those places where they were paying other people through the doors?—No; I had nothing to do with any others.

57,904. Gentlemen behind screens?—No; nothing at all.

57,905. You know nothing about it?—Nothing at all.

57,906. Did you see any money, although you did not see the people? did you see any money on a table, or anywhere else, with which the voters were to be paid?—Not for that purpose.

57,907. For what purpose did you see the money?—I saw money for different purposes,—for paper, and the different utensils they wanted.

57,908. At Bowl Alley Lane?—Yes; at the central committee.

57,909. You did not see any money anywhere else?—No; I did not.

57,910. In 1847, did you vote for Brown and Baines?—Yes; for Mr. Brown, and Mr. Baines.

57,911. Were you paid anything at that election for your vote?—Yes.

57,912. How much?—15*s.* before the election; I believe about 30*s.* altogether, before and after.

57,913. 15*s.* before, and 15*s.* after?—No; it was a pound after, I believe.

57,914. Was that for Mr. Brown?—No; I was referring to Mr. Butler's.

57,915. When you voted for Mr. Brown and Mr. Baines, what did you get paid?—I

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got paid in Bishop Lane two half sovereigns; one half before the election, and the other after.

57,916. By Stephenson?—Well, I really do not know. Mr. Goddard was there; I know him; he did not pay me the money, it was perhaps Mr. Stephenson that paid me the money.

57,917. Was it Stephenson?—I do not know him.

57,918. It was paid for Mr. Brown?—Yes.

57,919. Just before the last election, were you paid 10*s.* for the old claim against Mr. Baines?—Yes.

57,920. You grumbled a little?—Yes, of course, till I got the money.

57,921. Did you tell the people who canvassed you, that they must satisfy you?—Yes; to be sure I did.

57,922. Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler's people?—Yes; because they were Mr. Baines's friends at the election before, and I had a right to grumble to them.

57,923. Afterwards did they pay you the 10*s.*?—Yes.

57,924. And you promised to vote for them, did you not?—When they had paid the 10*s.*

57,925. Then you promised to vote?—Yes; I believe I had promised before.

57,926. After that did you vote for them?—Yes.

57,927. And did you get paid for that?—Yes.

57,928. How much?—A sovereign after the election, and 15*s.* before, but I returned 5*s.* back.

57,929. Were you then employed?—I was put down as a runner.

57,930. Where?—In Witham.

57,931. What made you give back the 5*s.*?—Because the person told me that he had paid it out of his own pocket.

57,932. Who paid you?—My broker.

57,933. The 10*s.* you got from these parties, which you say you got before?—Yes, I expect so.

John Lambert.

JOHN LAMBERT sworn, and examined.

57,934. What are you?—A ropemaker.

57,935. Where do you live?—No. 1, John's Place, Popple Street, Drypool.

57,936. Do you pay rent for your house?—Yes.

57,937. How much?—Six guineas.

57,938. Are you employed at this ropery?—Yes.

57,939. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

57,940. How long have you been a freeman?—August, 1841, I took it up.

57,941. Not in time to vote at the election of 1841?—No.

57,942. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown and Mr. Baines.

57,943. Were you paid anything for your vote at that election?—10*s.* before, and 10*s.* after.

57,944. That was 1847, you say?—Yes.

57,945. Who was it for?—For Mr. Brown.

57,946. Where were you paid?—I believe we got one 10*s.* in Witham, and the other in Bishop Lane.

57,947. Who paid you in Witham?—Dr. Twining.

57,948. And Mr. Stephenson at the other place?—I am sure I do not know who paid it at the other place.

57,949. Just before the last election did you get 10*s.* for your old claim against Mr. Baines?—Yes.

57,950. Had you been grumbling?—I was never canvassed then, and I never grumbled to them; I never asked them for it for three years before the election came off. I saw Mr. Harris and I asked him, and he promised me.

57,951. Were you canvassed?—Yes; I was canvassed.

57,952. Did you say anything to them about the back claim?—I had got my money then.

57,953. You had mentioned it among your mates?—Of course we talked about it, one amongst the other.

57,954. Did you mention, when you were canvassed by Moore and Butler's people, that you had not been paid for Mr. Baines?—No, I never mentioned it then, because I had gotten it, and they never mentioned it to me.

57,955. You may have grumbled before?—I never grumbled to the parties that canvassed me.

57,956. You did grumble at first?—No; I did not say that I did.

57,957. You talked it over among your mates?—Yes; in the same way as that gentleman (*referring to one of the Commissioners*) put it to me just now.

57,958. You said you thought you had a claim against the party?—Yes.

57,959. And were not satisfied till you got paid?—And we got 10*s.* each.

57,960. You got 10*s.* from Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler's people?—Yes.

57,961. And then you promised to vote for them?—No.

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57,962. Not when they canvassed you?—I promised when they canvassed me, except that I had got the 10*s.*

57,963. Did you vote for them?—Yes.

57,964. Did you get paid afterwards for that?—I got a sovereign after the election, about a fortnight after.

57,965. From whom?—I believe it was Mr. Walker, the druggist, he was one; I do not know the other.

57,966. Henry Whytal Walker?—Yes; that I believe is his name.

James Hannah.

JAMES HANNAH sworn, and examined.

57,967. Where do you live?—In Cumberland Street.

57,968. What are you?—A rope and twine maker.

57,969. What rent do you pay for your house?—£24.

57,970. Are you a freeman?—No.

57,971. How long have you been entitled to vote?—For four years; this is the first time I have ever voted.

57,972. Did you vote for Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler?—Yes.

57,973. Were you paid anything for your vote?—I do not know that I was paid anything for my vote; I let my room as a committee-room, and I was doorkeeper for nearly a fortnight, and I got 30*s.* for my trouble.

57,974. Let us take it by steps?—I got 10*s.* for the first week.

57,975. Did you apply to have your room taken?—No, I did not.

57,976. Did they come to you?—Yes, the parties came to me.

57,977. In order to take your room?—Yes; they wanted a room in that street.

57,978. Did you agree with them that they should have it?—My missus did.

57,979. How much were you to be paid for it?—£2.

57,980. Did anybody ever come there?—Yes.

57,981. How many?—There were three or four at different times, in and out.

57,982. Those were the runners?—No; men from another committee opposite, at the end of George Street.

57,983. Who came from that committee?—There were some.

57,984. There was a clerk and some messengers?—Yes; backwards and forwards.

57,985. Those were the people who came?—At first.

57,986. At any time?—Yes.

57,987. Did you yourself, besides being paid for your room, get paid as a messenger?—Yes, and to keep the door; to take care of my own place.

57,988. How much were you paid for taking care of your own place?—I got 30*s.* I got 10*s.* the first week, and 20*s.* the week following the election was over.

57,989. I suppose all you did was to look after your own room?—Yes, and went some errands occasionally.

57,990. I suppose you were sent to look at what o'clock it was?—No.

57,991. What were you sent to do? Your room was engaged by the blue party?—Yes.

57,992. And you were paid by the blue party?—I was canvassed for the room by the orange party; before I gave consent for a colour, I let it to the blue party.

57,993. You did conclude with the blue party?—Yes; my inclination led me that way.

57,994. Did you let it to the orange party as well?—No; my inclination was always for the blue party, whenever I was amind to vote.

57,995. You like to have 2*l.* and 30*s.* to support your inclination?—No, I do not know as to that; I got a deal of ill-will, and a deal of abuse about it.

57,996. The orange party canvassed you first?—No; I do not know that they did first.

57,997. They canvassed you before the other side took your room?—They were both there at different times.

57,998. The orange party had canvassed you, before the blue party came and took your room?—The orange party sent me in a card before the blue party came to me; but I had nothing to do with them, no farther than giving them an answer.

W. Willingham.

WILLIAM WILLINGHAM sworn, and examined.

57,999. What is your business?—I am in the oil business.

58,000. Where do you live?—In Church Street.

58,001. What rent do you pay for the house?—Five guineas.

58,002. You are a freeman?—Yes.

58,003. How long have you been one?—Since 1841.

58,004. Was it taken up for you?—No; I took it up myself.

58,005. Were you entitled to vote in 1841?—No.

58,006. Did you vote in 1847?—Yes.

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58,007. Who for?—Mr. Brown.
58,008. Only?—Only.
58,009. Were you paid for your vote?—I got 10*s.* after.
58,010. Where?—At Mr. Yealls.
58,011. Did you not vote for Mr. Brown and Mr. Baines?—Yes.
58,012. Did you get anything from Mr. Baines?—I got a sovereign after.
58,013. How long after?—Were you saying from Mr. Baines? I got nothing from Mr. Baines.
58,014. Are you sure you voted for Mr. Baines?—No; I said I voted for Mr. Brown.
58,015. And you were paid 10*s.*?—Yes; a good bit after, for Mr. Brown.
58,016. When were you paid the 1*l.*?—At the last election.
58,017. In 1852, at the last election, did you vote for Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler?—Yes.
58,018. Did you get 1*l.* for that afterwards?—Yes; I did.
58,019. Who paid it you?—I cannot say who it was. I was not at home when they brought it to my house.

John Thorney.

JOHN THORNEY sworn, and examined.

58,020. Where do you live?—In Church Street, Sculcoates.
58,021. Are there any numbers to the houses there?—No.
58,022. What rent do you pay?—£6.
58,023. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
58,024. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1818.
58,025. In 1841 did you vote for Hanmer and James?—Yes.
58,026. Did you get paid for your vote?—I think I did.
58,027. How much?—Why, I believe 10*s.* from each party. 10*s.* from Hanmer and James each,—that would be 20*s.* altogether.
58,028. Do you know where you were paid?—I do not.
58,029. Do you know who paid you?—I do not know who it was paid me.
58,030. In 1847 who did you vote for?—For Mr. Brown.
58,031. Only?—Only.
58,032. What were you paid for that?—10*s.*
58,033. Was that before or after you voted?—After.
58,034. Who paid it you?—I cannot say that. I can tell you where we were paid.
58,035. Where was that?—At Scott Street end,—at the Sculcoates tavern.
58,036. Who was the landlord?—David Ledger.
58,037. Is that all you got?—That is all I got.
58,038. At the last election, did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
58,039. How much were you paid for that?—20*s.*
58,040. Was that after or before the election?—After.
58,041. Where?—At my own house.
58,042. Do you know who paid it you?—I do not indeed. I was at work at the time.

Thomas Croft.

THOMAS CROFT sworn, and examined.

58,043. Where do you live?—In the Trinity Alms Houses.
58,044. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
58,045. How long have you been a freeman?—Ever since Nelson lost his hand.
58,046. Did you used to get your two guineas and four guineas?—Yes; and more than that a good deal.
58,047. At the election of 1841, did you vote for Hanmer and James?—Yes.
58,048. Did you get any money for it?—Yes.
58,049. How much?—I got a little.
58,050. How much? A pound?—No; I only got 10*s.*
58,051. Was that before or after you had voted?—It was after I had voted.
58,052. Who paid it to you? do you know?—Yes.
58,053. Who was it?—Collison, who kept the Black Horse in Carr Lane.
58,054. At the next election in 1847, who did you vote for, Mr. Baines and Mr. Brown?—Yes; Mr. Baines and Mr. Brown.
58,055. What did you get for that?—10*s.*
58,056. Was that before or after you had voted?—Before.
58,057. Where was it paid you?—At the Black Horse.
58,058. Who paid it you?—Mr. Collison.
58,059. Was that for Mr. Brown?—Yes.
58,060. Did you see many others paid at the same time?—Oh yes.
58,061. Was that on the nomination day? was it the day before you polled?—The day before I polled.
58,062. Did you get anything afterwards?—No.

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58,063. At the last election did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
58,064. How much did you get for that?—£2.
58,065. Who paid you?—Mr. Collison.
58,066. Were there a good many of them being paid at that time?—Yes.
58,067. Was it paid before or after you had voted?—It was paid before.
58,068. All of it?—Yes, all of it.
58,069. Was that on the day before you voted again?—Yes.
58,070. Where was it paid?—At the Black Horse.
58,071. Who was it paid for?—Mr. Baines and Mr. Brown.
58,072. Now the last election last year, Mr. Moore's and Mr. Butler's, how much did you get then?—I got, I think, about 16*s*.
58,073. Where was it paid you?—At the central room in Bowl Alley Lane.
58,074. How old are you?—If I live a bit longer, I shall be ninety.
58,075. You are now in your ninetieth year?—Yes.
58,076. Do you remember when Nelson lost his arm?—Yes.
58,077. Were you a freeman then?—Yes; I was at Copenhagen at the time.

Adjourned until Monday, at ten o'clock.

FORTY-FIRST DAY.—Monday, 25th July 1853.

Mr. CHARLES BAMFORD, junior, sworn, and examined.

Mr. C. Bamford, jun.
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58,078. What business are you?—A merchant.
58,079. Within the borough?—Yes, within this borough.
58,080. What rent do you pay?—For my premises, my own property, I am rated at about 400*l*. a year.
58,081. How long have you been a voter for the borough?—I cannot recollect exactly when I took up my freedom, but I think it was in 1837.
58,082. Were you not a voter in 1839 as an occupier?—No, I think not.
58,083. Did you take any interest in the election of 1841?—No, none but voting.
58,084. Who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.
58,085. And took no interest whatever but the voting?—None but the voting.
58,086. You were not a member of any committee?—None at all.
58,087. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I did not vote at all.
58,088. Did you take any interest, in any other way, in the election?—None whatever.
58,089. In 1852 did you vote for Moore and Butler?—I voted for Moore and Butler in 1852.
58,090. Were you a member of any committee?—Nominally so, I was.
58,091. Of which committee?—The general committee.
58,092. Have you got any book, papers, or letters of any description in any way referring to the election?—None whatever, and I never had any.
58,093. Never had any correspondence with any one yourself?—No, none.
58,094. You neither wrote to nor received any letters from anybody?—Not that I am aware of.
58,095. Were you aware of the course of business pursued by the general committee?—No; because I never attended, that is, to the details of the business.
58,096. Did you take any share in making any of the appointments, in the employment of any of the parties? Mr. Murgatroyd, we are told, you employed?—No, none.
58,097. Did you not employ a person named Murgatroyd?—Not that I am aware of; I do not recollect any at all.
58,098. Did any of the money pass through your hands?—None passed through my hands in the shape of payments.
58,099. In what sense did it pass through your hands not as payments?—I had money placed in my hands under my control, which I returned to Mr. Barkworth, and he forwarded it to Mr. Ward.
58,100. Was that for the purpose of paying the Cottingham voters?—No.
58,101. What was it for?—For the purpose of paying such men as were employed as runners, and wanted payment before they voted.
58,102. How much?—£200.
58,103. Who placed in in your hands?—Mr. John Boulderson Barkworth.
58,104. What did he say when he placed the money in your hands?—That I cannot recollect, but it was for the purpose I told you before.
58,105. Did you understand it was extremely likely that they would insist upon payment beforehand, and the money was placed ready for the purpose?—I cannot tell what understanding there was at the central committee.
58,106. What understanding had you?—I was not present at the central committee, and did not know anything of the arrangements than what I was told.

58,107. What was the understanding between you and Mr. Barkworth?—That was the understanding.

58,108. That the runners would require to be paid before they voted?—Yes, and the money was for that purpose.

58,109. How were you to know them?—That was not arranged. I should have sent them to the central committee first for a note, if I had paid them.

58,110. Then the arrangement was not completed?—No.

58,111. Did you understand then that some further arrangement would be necessary before you could pay them?—No, none whatever.

58,112. I do not think I made myself understood. You must have understood that some arrangement was necessary to know who to pay—you would not pay the first man that came?—I should have sent them to the central committee.

58,113. That was an arrangement?—No; it was not an arrangement between Mr. Barkworth and myself, but my own judgment would have adopted that course.

58,114. How long before the election was it?—The day of the election.

58,115. That the money was paid?—No, the night before; but the day of the election it was to have been operated upon.

58,116. Did you understand how many persons were likely to require payment out of that 200*l.*?—No; I have no idea at all.

58,117. Where were you to have paid them?—Wherever I might be.

58,118. Was there any place fixed?—There was no place fixed.

58,119. Where should you have been?—Where I was, the Kingston Hotel.

58,120. Where did you expect you would have to pay them?—I did not expect at all, but where I was, the Kingston Hotel.

58,121. I presume when you took the 200*l.* you did not mean to go away from the town that night, and not to return till the election was over?—No; but still there was no arrangement between Mr. Barkworth and myself.

58,122. Were you then living at Cottingham?—Yes, I was.

58,123. Then you had to wait in the town for this purpose?—I was here for some time.

58,124. Were you at the Kingston upon that day?—I was at the Kingston upon that day.

58,125. Was this arrangement made at the Kingston?—No; the arrangement was made at my office.

58,126. And the payment would take place at the Kingston?—No, there was no arrangement to that effect.

58,127. Where would it have taken place?—It would have taken place at the Kingston.

58,128. What street is the Kingston in?—In the Market Place.

58,129. I understood you to say that you paid none?—I paid none at all.

58,130. Why not?—I did not think it was prudent to do so.

58,131. Did they come to be paid?—They came.

58,132. And you went to the Kingston?—I was at the Kingston the entire of the election day.

58,133. And had it occurred to you in the meantime that it was an imprudent arrangement?—It had.

58,134. Had anybody told you it would be prudent to pay?—No, no one.

58,135. And the voters did come to be paid?—Yes, they came to receive pay.

58,136. And you sent them away again?—Yes.

58,137. How many do you think came to be paid?—I am sure I cannot tell that.

58,138. About how many?—That is a difficult thing to say.

58,139. Twenty, 100, 2000, or what?—Neither.

58,140. Tell us as nearly as you can. I do not ask the precise number, but give us the best that is passing in your mind as to the number, and we shall be satisfied?—That is a most difficult thing to do.

58,141. Go by steps. Was it 100?—I should think not more than fourteen or fifteen.

58,142 Did they come early in the day?—No; they came about one o'clock.

58,143. What did you say to them?—I referred them to the central committee.

58,144. What did they say?—They went to the central committee.

58,145. What did they say when they came to be paid?—They wanted to be put down as runners for six days.

58,146. I suppose you understood, having voted at one election since 1837, what that meant?—I did not put any construction upon it.

58,147. But surely you had an understanding upon the subject; you thought it not prudent—that explains it?—I did not think it prudent to pay them.

58,148. Tell us the whole, and explain my question in the terms I put it. Did you not understand perfectly well what it meant, being a runner for six days?—Yes. I understood they would vote for Bramley Moore and Butler.

58,149. We want to know if you put a different construction upon it to what other persons do?—No.

58,150. Was that all that they said?—That was all that they said.

58,151. That they wanted to be set down as runners?—Or the pay for six days; that was understood.

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58,152. Is that what you expected would occur—that people would come and ask to be set down for six days, or to be paid?—I did not expect that they would ask for six days—it might have been a matter of bargain.

58,153. You expected it would have been a matter of bargain?—It might have been.

58,154. Is not that what you expected?—I expected it.

58,155. You were not given this 200*l.* for the purpose of paying the actual staff of persons, but for the purpose of paying persons who would require being bought?—It was supposed that those persons who would have applied generally would be the parties termed runners.

58,156. Not the regular staff?—No, the parties who had been engaged as runners, but who might run us.

58,157. Was there any list furnished you?—No, none whatever.

58,158. Consequently you did not expect to have to pay the regular staff, the list of which is kept in a book?—I should have paid them if I had a note from the central committee of who had been actually engaged as runners.

58,159. But you had not?—I had no general power.

58,160. At the time you received the 200*l.* from Mr. Barkworth, you had no materials to pay upon?—I had no general power at all.

58,161. In fact, we like to have in plain English; in plain English, the 200*l.* was given to you for the purpose of paying those who required to be bought?—I will give it you honestly. I do not think that was the understanding with Mr. Barkworth at all, it was what I told you previously; there might be a great number who would want the payment before voting, and I was to be prepared to pay them if they wanted, before voting; that was the principal understanding; I could have bought plenty if I had liked.

58,162. A list has been shown to us, called Mr. Bamford's list; can you explain what that means?—That was a list taken down from the parties that came to the Kingston, by Mr. Barkworth's clerk, and handed to the central committee.

58,163. Was that a list of persons who applied for payment?—That was a list of persons who applied for payment but who were not voters.

58,164. These fourteen or fifteen?—Yes.

58,165. He took their names down?—Yes, and handed them to the central committee.

58,166. Which clerk of Mr. Barkworth's was that?—Richard Clappison.

58,167. He was there at the Kingston to assist you?—He was there to take down the names.

58,168. And assist you?—Yes.

58,169. By taking the names down?—Yes.

58,170. Do I understand that this ceased about one o'clock; you named one?—I think before one.

58,171. What do you attribute that to, people getting to know that there was no money to be had?—They could not know that, because there was money to be had.

58,172. There was money, but not to be had?—I think the opponents of Moore and Butler were too far ahead to attempt to gain the election.

58,173. The election had become hopeless?—That was the general opinion, that it was so.

58,174. Before one o'clock?—Yes.

58,175. It was the general opinion that you would be beaten?—Yes.

58,176. Did you send these names from time to time by anybody, to the central committee?—I sent them in twice.

58,177. How late did you remain there?—That I cannot recollect, I was there throughout the day.

58,178. Had you a doorkeeper there?—No; it is a house where I have a sitting room, and a bed room for myself; it is not a committee room at all.

58,179. Was it you who selected that as the place?—Yes.

58,180. How soon did you return the money?—I returned it the same day, to Mr. Barkworth, that is, the day after I received it; on the day of the election.

58,181. You returned it in the evening, after the election was over?—Yes; or the following morning, I am not sure, but it was within twenty-four hours after the close of the poll.

58,182. Do you recollect what these men said when they could not get any money?—I do not,—they went away.

58,183. Have you seen the list since?—Yes; I have.

58,184. Is that the list (*handing a paper to the witness*)?—I do not know; I did not know a name upon it; in fact, I did not look at the names that were taken down.

58,185. You recognise it as the list?—Not the one that I have seen.

58,186. Did you make some arrangement respecting the Cottingham voters?—Yes; I did.

58,187. What arrangements did you make with them?—To bring them to Hull by the omnibus.

58,188. Did you canvass them?—I did.

58,189. How many?—About twenty of them.

58,190. Are they named in that list (*handing a paper to the witness*)?—Yes, they are in this list; there is one who is not a voter,—Samuel Watson; he is not a voter.

58,191. Did you canvass all in that list, or is that a list of those you brought up?—There are some there I did not canvass; for instance there is Mr. Barkworth of Cottingham Castle, I should not canvass him.

58,192. Is this the list of the parties you brought up to vote?—No, it is only a list of the Cottingham voters.

58,193. Did you bring any not in that list?—That I cannot recollect; I think not; I think the principal of them are there.

58,194. Are they all there, do you think?—I should say they are; I brought nine of them.

58,195. Did you bring up any others?—None.

58,196. What arrangements did you make for their expenses?—None whatever; they never got any.

58,197. If they came in a public conveyance, their fare would be paid?—Yes; I paid for the omnibus.

58,198. You paid the omnibus fare here and back?—I will give you the receipt for it; it was two guineas for the omnibus, that was, there and back.

58,199. Did you make a bargain with the proprietor of the omnibus, to bring them all up for two guineas?—Yes; I made no arrangement with the parties themselves, but only with the proprietor of the omnibus.

58,200. You paid him?—I paid him, but not out of the funds; that was out of my own pocket.

58,201. Were you repaid that?—No.

58,202. Are you a subscriber to the fund?—Yes.

58,203. Did you subscribe this over and above?—I subscribed that over and above what I did subscribe previously, to the general fund.

58,204. Besides this payment of the two guineas, were you at any expense upon their account, on the election day?—Yes.

58,205. What expenses?—Cabs from Cottingham, to and from, and refreshments at the Kingston.

58,206. How much?—£12 16*s.* 3*d.*, but not for the nine voters; there are generally about three times as many who are non voters, who attended with them.

58,207. For the nine voters, together with other persons?—Yes.

58,208. How many of them?—I cannot tell that.

58,209. Refreshments for the nine Cottingham voters and others?—Yes.

58,210. Were the others voters?—No.

58,211. None of them?—No; there are my own private expenses in that bill as well.

58,212. Were they the members of the families of the voters,—their wives and children?—No; they are generally the parties who hang on at elections to get what they can.

58,213. Were they persons brought in by the voters?—Yes; they were persons brought in by the voters.

58,214. Shouters?—Yes; the bill will give the number, I have not taken the trouble to look.

58,215. They were not Hull voters?—No.

58,216. They were persons brought in by the voters?—Yes.

58,217. Their families?—No, not their families; men who wanted something to eat and drink.

58,218. Relations and friends of the voters?—Yes; perhaps acquaintances.

58,219. With good lungs, and useful men?—Yes.

58,220. There is a breakfast charged for the voters, and they brought their friends with them?—It was their refreshment after they arrived, and had voted here; it does not do well to pay them before.

58,221. Part of it is on the 7th?—That is part of my own private bill, and I had several friends there who were engaged in canvassing as well.

58,222. Had you arranged with them, that they should have some refreshments before they came in?—Not at all.

58,223. They did not go back to dinner?—No; they did not go back.

58,224. When did you order the dinner?—At half-past twelve; it was only cold meat; after they voted and came back to the Kingston Hotel, I ordered some refreshment, whatever there was in the house.

58,225. I understood you to say that they ordered it as soon as they came in; that would be before they voted?—No; not as soon as the omnibus came in; they voted first.

58,226. As soon as the voters came in, after they voted?—Yes; then they had it.

58,227. Are you sure it was after they voted?—It was after they voted.

58,228. Did you understand that they had voted for Moore and Butler?—I know they had; that was paid out of my own pocket.

58,229. And that was never repaid to you?—That has never been repaid to me.

58,230. Besides that, did you give any voters any refreshment afterwards?—Not afterwards; the Cottingham voters had their breakfast before they left Cottingham.

58,231. Who paid for that?—I think there is a voucher for it.

58,232. How much is it?—I think there is 3*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.*

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58,233. For the nine voters?—Yes, and others who were with them.

58,234. And you paid 12*l.* for their dinners afterwards?—No; not for their dinners exactly, I paid that at the Kingston.

58,235. Them and their friends?—Yes, and my own friends as well; and there is a voucher for 4*l.* 12*s.* 10*d.*, and coachman 7*s.* 2*d.*

58,236. What was that for?—This extends from June 17th to July 8th; sundry bottles of porter, ale, tobacco, sherry, brandy and gin, 4*l.* 12*s.* 10*d.* and 7*s.* 2*d.*

58,237. Refreshment for the Hull voters, are these the same persons?—A great many of them were not voters at all, but it is a bill that I paid on account of the election, but it has not been returned to me.

58,238. Where?—At Cottingham.

58,239. What is the 1*l.* paid to Mr. Watson?—For allowances to different men who were canvassing and going round for a time.

58,240. Was Mr. Watson a canvasser?—No; it was money to be expended; he gave 5*s.* to the ringers; such things as these, and cabmen, and friends of mine, who assisted me; it is for canvassing and going round to the several public houses; I think there was 5*s.* or 7*s.* 6*d.* paid to the ringers.

58,241. That seems to be written upon a separate bill—the ringers?—It was for sundry small expenses that he had paid; in treating no doubt.

58,242. Who is Mr. Conkerton?—He is a publican and a voter.

58,243. Is the Conkerton, whose name is mentioned here, the man that keeps the public house?—It is.

58,244. Who is John Newton who signed the receipt?—He is not a voter, but an active man and a canvasser.

58,245. How came John Newton to give a receipt on behalf of Conkerton?—Because he paid the money.

58,246. John Newton? Is the receipt from you?—Yes; that is my receipt for the money paid; I paid Newton the money, and he paid Conkerton.

58,247. Conkerton is a voter, and keeps the public house?—Yes.

58,248, Who is Newton?—Newton is a carrier, farmer, and dog fancier, &c., and a very good electioneerer.

58,249. What is Watson?—A surgeon.

58,250. Did you pay anything more on account of the Cottingham people?—No; I paid no more on account of them.

58,251. Did you not have a treat after the election?—Yes, six weeks after; I gave them a dinner at my own expense, six weeks after the election.

58,252. To the voters?—There were more than voters.

58,253. How many voters?—There were eight or nine voters.

58,254. The same nine?—I cannot recollect whether they were the same nine; I should say that they were.

58,255. Were they your own personal friends?—A great many were.

58,256. The nine voters, were they persons in your station in life who you invited to meet your family and friends?—Certainly not.

58,257. It was given merely on account of the election?—It was for the way they came forward, without asking for any payment for their votes.

58,258. As a reward?—Yes; they came voluntarily, and I thought they were entitled to it.

58,259. And they understood that that was given them as a reward?—I do not know what they understood, I should suppose they understood so; it was a very indifferent one; it was only an eighteen penny dinner; I should think they would be the nine voters that I brought to the poll, and perhaps there would be twenty more who had no vote at all.

58,260. Still we want to have the questions answered in the terms in which I put them: they were not persons in the same rank in life who you would ask to meet your friends and family?—A great many were not; these voters were not.

58,261. Did you incur other expenses, or make other payments?—Yes; I paid 3*l.* for printing bills.

58,262. Have any of these payments been repaid to you?—None whatever; those apply to my own private matters, independent of the subscription I paid to the general fund.

58,263. You paid these on the footing of a further subscription?—This is a further subscription; at all events, I expect it will be so.

58,264. You paid 3*l.* for printing and stationery?—Yes, for stationery.

58,265. That was to Mr. Kirk; is he a voter?—Yes, he is a voter.

58,266. If I understand you, it is this; that it is a further contribution towards the election?—I consider it as such.

58,267. What is the stationery for? Was there not sufficient stationery to be had at the committee?—It was a private bill that was put out, that I thought would be of advantage to the cause, and I had it printed and circulated.

58,268. Probably Mr. Kirk thought it would be an advantage to him to get the 3*l.* also?—I should say he thought so.

58,269. What took place when you gave this order?—I sent the proof into him.

58,270. Did you see Mr. Kirk?—No, I did not; I sent it by one of my clerks.

58,271. Why was it not ordered, if necessary, at the committee?—As I paid for it myself, I thought I had a right to order it where I thought proper.

58,272. You ordered it independently?—Yes; I knew I should have to pay for it, therefore I thought I had a right to give the order where I thought proper.

58,273. If the order had been made at that committee, you would not have had the payment?—No, I did not attend the committee.

58,274. Is Mr. Kirk a person that you always deal with?—He is a man I generally get printing done by, for my own private business.

58,275. What was it?—I do not recollect what it was just now; it was something relative to the shipping interest.

58,276. What else?—I paid 2*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* for cabs at the railway station, to Dotesio, for cabs backwards and forwards.

58,277. What voters were those to carry?—Myself and two or three friends who were canvassing, and who were connected with the election.

58,278. Anything else?—I paid 2*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to Mr. Garbut for ribbons with "Moore and Butler" upon them, to go round the caps for lads.

58,279. What else?—I had a gig and horse in the Paragon, 17*s.* 10*d.*, connected with the election. Those ribbons, were not given to voters, that is the fact; and the 17*s.* 10*d.* was for a horse and gig, for bringing up voters the day of the election.

58,280. Other voters?—Yes, other voters.

58,281. What else?—There is 2*l.* 10*s.* I paid to a man of the name of John Jackson, by order of Mr. Brodrick.

58,282. What is that for?—For refreshments.

58,283. £2 10*s.* for refreshments supplied to voters on the election day, ordered by Mr. Brodrick?—Yes.

58,284. The Greenland Fishery, is that the name of the public house?—I do not know; I have never heard the name before, and I do not know there is such an inn.

58,285. Did you make any other payments?—None.

58,286. Did you canvass a person of the name of Richard Glover Carter, a cabman?—No.

58,287. Did you desire any people at the Railway Hotel to canvass him; the man I mean is a cabman in the employ of the Railway Hotel?—Yes, I did do so? I did not know his name, but I was told he was a voter, and I asked him for his vote.

58,288. You canvassed him?—I canvassed him.

58,289. Did you hold out any influence to him, with respect to his employment at Dotesio's?—No, none whatever; if I take a cab from Dotesio, Dotesio is benefitted and not the cabman.

58,290. Did you use any influence with respect to his employment at Dotesio's, to induce him to vote?—No, not that I am aware of.

58,291. Did you tell him that it would be advisable for him to do so?—I should think I should use the influence most men do in canvassing.

58,292. How is that?—Endeavour to get his vote.

58,293. What did you do with him? Did you speak to him with reference to his employment?—No, not that I am aware of.

58,294. For instance, say it might be better for him if he did, and worse for him if he did not?—I did not make use of any such words.

58,295. And nothing to that effect?—Nothing to that effect.

58,296. Or that he might endanger his employment by not doing so?—No, not that I recollect.

58,297. Do you think you might have done it, and have forgotten it?—No, I do not think I should.

58,298. Would you undertake to say that it did not occur?—I should not like to say so, but my own impression is that I did not do so.

58,299. Did you endeavour, through Dotesio or the proprietors of the hotel, to influence him, or any of the other voters in their employment?—None at all.

58,300. Did you express any desire to Dotesio to canvass him?—I never spoke to Dotesio on the matter in any shape or way, with respect to the election.

58,301. Did you canvass your own men, in your own employ?—No.

58,302. None of them?—None of them.

58,303. Were any of them voters?—There is only one.

58,304. At that time, had you only one voter in your employment?—No, two; one warehouseman and one clerk.

58,305. And you canvassed neither of them?—Neither of them.

58,306. Are they in your service now?—They are in my service now.

58,307. Do you know anything of any other money coming down to Hull, for the purpose of the election, on the election day or afterwards?—No.

58,308. Or about that time?—I never heard of any at all, with the exception of the general subscription, and the funds that were provided by Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler.

58,309. The local subscription?—The local subscription.

58,310. Did you hear it was intended that any other money should be raised in London or elsewhere?—No, it was not done so.

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58,311. It is reported that you had some money from the Carlton Club?—I never had any communication with the Carlton Club, either directly or indirectly.

58,312. Did any money come to you, from any place?—Not a penny.

58,313. It is said that some money came to you from some place in London, but that it came too late?—I never received any money from London, either directly or indirectly, in connexion with the election.

58,314. Did you expect any?—No.

58,315. And none came?—None came.

58,316. Did you have anything to do with Mr. Bramley Moore?—Nothing whatever.

58,317. Did you go to the Carlton to see him?—I never was there in my life; I called upon him at the Conservative, after he had been in Hull.

58,318. You were not at all engaged in bringing him in the first instance?—No.

58,319. You were not on any committee, if I understand?—Nominally, I was.

58,320. On which committee was your name?—The general committee; I was on as deputy chairman, and never attended when the appointment was made, nor attended any of the preliminary meetings at the George.

58,321. Were you aware that your name was on the list?—I was told so.

58,322. Have you ever attended a committee room?—Yes, three or four times as I passed, not on any general business.

58,323. Was it understood, either at the committee room or from any other arrangement, what you have told us,—that the part you took was an independent part, and to be transacted by yourself?—No, nothing was said upon the subject; I took it upon myself entirely.

58,324. Did you communicate at any time to Mr. Barkworth, or to any of the committee, that you were taking these people under your guidance?—No

58,325. You did not communicate it?—No; I told them I was canvassing Cottingham, which was the only part I took an interest in.

58,326. Who did you tell that to?—It was known only in the committee.

58,327. Where was the money given you by Mr. Barkworth, the 200*l.*?—At my own office.

58,328. In sovereigns?—In sovereigns and half sovereigns.

58,329. Who brought it there?—He brought it himself.

58,330. At that time, when the money was brought, or subsequently, and before the election, was anything said about the refreshments that you have stated you did give?—No, not a word.

58,331. You considered that you would be at liberty to give those refreshments, either from your own moneys, or from the moneys that you had had promised to you?—No, certainly not.

58,332. You considered them payments entirely from your own resources?—Yes, entirely.

58,333. How did the fourteen or fifteen men, who came to the Kingston, know of the existence of that place as a place of payment?—That I am not aware of, without they had been told by Mr. Barkworth, or the chairman or deputy chairman of these committees.

58,334. Had Mr. Barkworth at all told you of the sort of persons that would be applicants to you?—He named the runners who, in all probability, would require payment before they voted; and he at the same time said he should inform the district committees of that.

58,335. When you say he named the runners, do you mean that he said there was a class of that kind, or gave the names?—He did not give the names; he never gave a single name; but that there was a class of men who might be termed runners, who might not vote if not paid.

58,336. In other words, that might run if not paid?—Yes.

58,337. Did he state the number of them?—No; he gave no number at all.

58,338. The sum is large, 200*l.*?—He had confidence that I should make proper use of it.

58,339. When you say proper use, what do you mean?—By returning it back to the chairman.

58,340. He knew you would apply it properly?—The fact is, I paid it all back without expending a single penny.

58,341. I want to know why 200*l.* was given more than 500*l.* or 100*l.*?—There was no arrangement of any sort.

58,342. The number of that sort of persons was not mentioned?—Not any; none were named at all.

58,343. Clappison was a voter, I believe?—I do not know whether he was; that is the one alluded to, Mr. Barkworth's clerk.

58,344. Do you know if he was a voter?—I rather think he was not; he was quite a young man; I do not suppose that he was.

58,345. Information had been sent to the district committees which would give knowledge to those sort of persons, that they might come to Kingston?—I do not know that of my own knowledge; but I suppose so.

58,346. You said after you received the money, and before you paid any of it away,

you thought it not prudent to make the payments?—Not prudent to pay any parties at all that came.

58,347. Do you use the word "prudent" in the sense of useless payments?—Decidedly so.

58,348. A useless payment, from the course the election was taking?—Yes.

58,349. That is what you mean by the word "prudent"?—Yes.

58,350. It would have been money completely thrown away?—Yes.

58,351. About what o'clock was it that they began to come?—I should say from, perhaps, half past eleven till one, and some afterwards.

58,352. And at half past eleven, Clay and Lord Goderich were a good deal ahead?—Yes, they were; but there was more time to bring it up at half past eleven than at one.

58,353. What is the ordinary fare by omnibus from Cottingham?—We have no omnibus from Cottingham; this is one that I engaged entirely for the Cottingham voters.

58,354. What is the fare by the railway?—First class 1*s.*, second class 9*d.*, third class 6*d.*

58,355. 1*s.* 6*d.* a return ticket first class?—I think it is.

58,356. Was the proprietor of the omibus a voter?—No, he was not.

58,357. I did not quite understand what you said, the cabs were from Cottingham, or who did they carry?—They carried several of my friends who were canvassers, and I had occasion to go backwards and forwards myself and remain there; I went with Mr. Bramley Moore and Mr. Butler.

58,358. Those that used those cabs were probably gentlemen who could pay their own expenses?—Yes.

58,359. Was there a man of the name of Goldsmith present at the Kingston?—I am not aware.

58,360. Clappison, was he in the room?—If it is the same person that I got the name from Mr. Barkworth, he was.

58,361. Nobody else?—There were several parties called in. I can give you a great number of names.

58,362. I mean, engaged in the payments?—There were no payments made.

58,363. In the arrangements for the payments?—Yes.

58,364. Did you at any time communicate to the committee that you had made those several payments for refreshments?—No; never.

58,365. You took those payments upon yourself?—Entirely.

58,366. And do not intend to be repaid?—I do not intend it.

58,367. When you began to canvass the Cottingham voters, had you heard at former elections that they were in the habit of being paid one way or another?—I had no communication of the sort.

58,368. Had you heard it?—I knew parties had been paid.

58,369. At former elections?—At former elections; but not the Cottingham voters particularly.

58,370. I ask as to the Cottingham voters?—I did not know that they had been paid; but the impression was, that all the out-voters had been paid.

58,371. When you began to canvass the Cottingham voters?—Yes; when I began to canvass the Cottingham voters.

58,372. When you canvassed them, what did they answer?—Generally when I asked them, they said with pleasure they would vote for Moore and Butler.

58,373. They promised at once?—They promised at once, with the exception of four or five.

58,374. I ask you candidly, was there any understanding that their expenses would be paid upon this occasion?—None whatever, except being brought to Hull and taken back again.

58,375. How came you to give them a breakfast before they came?—I knew they were entitled to it,—they asked for some refreshment before they came.

58,376. Did they ask for that when you canvassed them?—Certainly not.

58,377. How long before the day did you canvass them?—That I cannot tell. I should think immediately after Moore and Butler came to Hull, which would be a considerable time before the election.

58,378. Did they also ask to have refreshment in Hull?—No; I gave it to them.

58,379. Was it the understanding that they would have the refreshment and be brought to Hull free of expense?—They were to be brought to Hull free of expense; there was no understanding with respect to refreshment. When they came I gave them the refreshment at the Kingston.

58,380. Was that an after thought?—It was a general thought with me.

58,381. You intended from the beginning to give them a breakfast?—I should never have thought of bringing them here and sending them back, in July, without some refreshment.

58,382. You seem to say that you gave them a dinner as a reward for not having asked for anything?—For not having asked for anything in the shape of a bribe, or to be put on as runners, or anything of that sort.

58,383. As you understood it before the election, the out-voters were not set down as runners,—they were paid their expenses, as it is called?—Yes.

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58,384. Did you understand it was to be the same thing with them?—I did not know specially that these parties had been paid as voters; they willingly came forward and said they would vote for Moore and Butler; no doubt expecting they would all be placed in the same position as others; but they never asked for anything, and never got anything.

58,385. From their bearing and manner you understood they were coming in the same manner as always?—I think I had some little influence with the Cottingham voters; and without being egotistical they came on that account entirely.

58,386. Was it on that understanding that they would come?—I did not think they would ask for any payment at all.

58,387. Then they were to come on a different understanding than formerly?—They may have done..

58,388. Was it so?—It was not named at all; there was no impression at the time with respect to it. There is one thing I should like to say: Mr. Boswell, Middleton Jalland, when here, stated that I brought Mr. Lennox Butler down. I never saw Mr. Butler down here or knew him until I saw him in the town.

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58,389. You have a paper to hand in?—Yes; this is the list I mentioned of runners (*the list was handed in by the witness*).

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ROBERT MIDDLEMISS sworn, and examined.

58,390. Are you a clerk to Mr. Sidebottom, an attorney in this town?—I am.

58,391. Mr. Sidebottom we hear is too ill to attend?—He is.

58,392. Has he been long ill?—He has been ill since the 5th of May, but more seriously ill during the last four weeks.

58,393. He is too ill to attend here?—He is.

58,394. Do you know in your capacity as his clerk that he has any papers relating to the election of 1841, when Hanmer and James were the candidates?—I do not.

58,395. Have you never seen any such papers?—I have not.

58,396. How lately have you seen him?—I saw him on Saturday night.

58,397. Was he then quite incapable of attending?—He was.

58,398. Have you heard from him that he has any papers relating to the election of 1841?—I have not. I may say I have only been with him since 1851. I had no conversation with him about them.

58,399. You mean to say on your oath, so far as you believe, he has got no papers relating to the election of 1841?—I cannot say that. I have seen an election card or two throwing about the office; but I cannot say to what election they belong, and there are papers perhaps in the office.

58,400. What are the names of the persons?—I do not recollect. I think one was a pink card, and I believe that is the colour of Mr. Baines.

58,401. Is there any box with Sir Walter James or Sir John Hanmer's name upon it?—Not that I know of.

58,402. Is there any box with the election of 1841 on it?—Not that I know of.

58,403. You mean to pledge your oath to the best of your knowledge and belief, that Mr. Sidebottom has no papers relating to the election of 1841?—I cannot say that. I have seen a card or two throwing about, and that would lead me to infer that there would be papers about the office in connexion with the election. I may say this was in an up-stairs room, quite unconnected with the office.

58,404. Have you the care of his books?—I have.

58,405. Do you manage his books during his illness?—I do.

58,406. Would it not appear from those books, if they were examined as to 1841, whether he had been concerned in the election of 1841?—I should think it would.

58,407. Mr. Sidebottom is carrying on his business now through you?—He is.

58,408. You see the clients?—Yes.

58,409. And carry on the suits, whatever they may be, that are in progress?—Yes.

58,410. Have you been paid since he has been ill?—My salary do you mean?

58,411. Yes.—I have.

58,412. How recently?—About the 1st of July, I think.

58,413. He was well enough then for that purpose?—He did not pay me. I paid myself.

58,414. Out of moneys received by you from professional business?—Yes.

58,415. And you are authorized to receive his moneys?—Yes.

58,416. And to disburse them of course, if you paid yourself?—Yes.

58,417. And give receipts on his behalf, I suppose?—I do so.

58,418. You have both received and paid moneys on his account?—I have.

58,419. Have you seen any papers relating to the election of 1847?—Nothing beyond this card, if it relates to that election.

58,420. Do you know that Mr. Sidebottom was attorney to Mr. Baines?—I have heard so, I believe he was; but I was not with him at that time.

58,421. Is he so ill that you cannot ask him a question?—The question, whether he was the attorney?

58,422. The question whether he was the attorney of Hanmer and James in 1841, and Mr. Baines in 1847. Is he so ill that the medical gentleman would think it imprudent, because nothing must be done to endanger his life?—The medical man states it would be most imprudent to mention any matter of business to him, and I do not.

58,423. You consider yourself fully authorized to carry on his business without making any communication to him?—So far as I know.

58,424. And you consider it quite within the scope of your authority to do everything?—Yes; as far as I can.

58,425. You have got a certificate, I believe?—I obtained a certificate from the medical man, which I sent to Mr. Shaen.

58,426. What was the date of it?—I think it was the 22nd or 21st, I am not certain which, of July.

58,427. You have the care of all his books?—All the books that he has.

58,428. How long has he been in practice?—I really do not know; but I should think from twelve to fifteen years. I am not certain; he was in partnership up to 1844 or 1845, I believe.

58,429. What was the gentleman's name?—Pruney.

58,430. At all events you know this: he was in practice previous to 1841 in this town?—I do not know of my own knowledge; but I believe so.

58,431. His books will tell you?—I cannot remember that I have seen any books that go back as far as 1841.

58,432. Who was the managing clerk before you?—Mr. Walter Read.

58,433. Is he in business in the town?—He is.

48,434. Where does he live now?—He lives in Parliament Street.

58,435. With a solicitor?—He is a solicitor himself.

58,436, Do you know whether he was with Mr. Sidebottom at that time in 1841?—I should think he would be.

58,437. You have bills of costs of course in your office?—Yes.

58,438. Have you looked at all among the bills of costs relating to that period to see if there are any charges against Hanmer and James?—I have not looked.

58,439. You can do that, can you not, or employ some under clerk to do it?—I could do so.

58,440. There are bills of costs relating to those periods?—I do not know that, I am sure.

58,441. Will you be kind enough to look?—I can look.

58,442. Do you think papers of this kind relating to an election will be likely to be among the ordinary papers?—They would not be among the ordinary papers I should say.

58,443. Why not?—Because I do not remember ever to have seen them.

58,444. You told me you had not looked?—I have not looked particularly.

58,445. That would be a better reason for not having seen them. Have you any reason to believe that there are separate papers in the office?—Having seen that card about, I am led to believe there are papers.

58,446. Do you know of any box or place in which you believe they may be?—There are rooms where there are many old papers.

58,447. Do you believe there are papers there relating to the election?—I think it is very likely.

58,448. Do you think you have no liberty to look among those papers?—I have access to any part of the office.

58,449. Supposing you are served with a notice to produce papers in an ordinary suit which you have in a court, pendent at this moment—any old papers, what is the course you would take with it? I dare say Mr. Sidebottom has got many suits going on now: do you consider that would be as much part of your duty as anything else?—I should not consider myself at liberty so to do.

58,450. You say you are at liberty to make use of Mr. Sidebottom's money to pay yourself?—Yes.

58,451. Then what distinction do you draw? Supposing Mr. Sidebottom has a suit now, and is concerned for the plaintiff, and it was necessary to substantiate his own client's case, would you not look for the papers that were necessary to support the case now pending?—The papers would not be in my custody so as to produce them.

58,452. Supposing there is a suit now pending, in which Mr. Sidebottom is attorney for the plaintiff, and it is necessary for the conduct of that cause, and in support of the plaintiff's case to produce those papers, should you look for them to produce them?—Do you mean produced by the opposite party?

58,453. You do not understand my question: suppose Mr. Sidebottom is now attorney for the plaintiff, in an action to be tried at the assizes, should you not look for any papers which might throw light on that cause?—I should most likely have the papers if I was conducting the cause.

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58,454. Supposing there is an action on an apprentice deed, and that you must either produce the deed or your client he non-suited, should you look for the deed?—Yes; no doubt I should.

58,455. If you could not find it, should you rout among his papers and look for it?—If I supposed or had reason to believe he had the papers, I should no doubt look for it.

58,456. Supposing the client came and said "I have a distinct recollection of having handed it over twenty years ago to Mr. Sidebottom, I have brought an action upon it, and I must either produce the deed or be non-suited;" should you look for it?—Most likely I should; no doubt of it.

58,457. Would you feel it within the scope of your duty, or should you allow your client to be non-suited?—I should look for it.

58,458. Supposing also that the defendant in the same suit gave you notice to produce the deed, would you do it?—No.

58,459. Why not?—Because I should not consider it in my custody to produce.

58,460. A notice is served on Mr. Sidebottom?—I should not consider it a service on myself.

58,461. You are carrying on Mr. Sidebottom's business, you told us, managing his causes?—Yes.

58,462. Paying away his money and putting part of it into your own pocket?—Yes.

58,463. What distinction do you draw between that and having a notice served on you to produce by the defendant in a suit?—I should consider it was not in my custody to produce.

58,464. It would be Mr. Sidebottom's duty to produce?—Yes.

58,465. What I want to know is this, whether you would neglect that part of Mr. Sidebottom's duty and omit to produce it, you being doing his duty?—I should do so, because I should not consider that I had any authority to part with any papers without his consent.

58,466. Would you consider that you were doing your duty by Mr. Sidebottom to expose him to an action for negligence for not producing the deed?—I do not see that he would be exposed to any action.

58,467. Do you mean to say that you would expose your master to proceedings rather than not produce the deed?—I should not consider it my duty to part with it on notice to produce.

58,468. You have already told us that if your own client, the plaintiff, was to produce, that you would. What is the distinction between the plaintiff and the defendant?—Because I should have authority to do so.

58,469. Do you consider the authority is limited to plaintiff and defendant?—The defendant has no right to call for it out of the possession of the plaintiff.

58,470. On a notice to produce you produce the document, and it is handed to the officer of the court, whoever he may be?—Yes.

58,471. You consider you would produce a document on the part of the plaintiff where it was necessary to your client's cause, and you would not obey a notice to produce?—Given by the defendant?

58,472. You were not sure?—I think not; I should not consider it my duty to do so

58,473. Are you out of your articles?—I am not articled.

58,474. You have a clerk of the name of Eaton?—Yes.

58,475. Has he been with you a good while in the office?—Yes.

58,476. How long has Eaton been there?—I think seven or eight years.

58,477. You have only been managing clerk?—I have only been there two years.

58,478. And not a clerk there at all before that? only in that office for two years?—Yes; that is all

58,479. You can look for these papers for us, of course; you can look and see if there are any such?—I can look.

58,480. You do not object to look for them at all events, do you? and then if you find there are such papers you can report it to Mr. Shaen; you will not object to that, I suppose? Should you have any objection to produce them?—Yes; I should.

58,481. On what ground? what is your ground of objection?—Because I conceive I have no authority to give up such papers.

58,482. That is not an answer to the question?—It is.

58,483. It is not an answer to the question; you are not asked whether you would part with them, you are asked to produce them?—I do not undertake to produce them.

58,484. You know the difference between producing and parting with them?—You have put the word produce, so as that I should have to part with them.

58,485. We are authorised to call for all papers, books, documents, and a great many things that are mentioned, and the usual course is to ask the party who has the custody of them to produce them, not by way of parting with them, or anything like it, but in order that the Commissioners may receive information from them if there is anything, and I ask you, if you find any papers relating to the election of 1841 and 1847, have you any objection to produce them for the purpose of our information?—So far as my own feeling goes, I should have no objection; but looking at my position in the office, I do not think the papers are in my custody to produce them.

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58,486. Is that the reason you think you ought not to produce them?—I do not think they are in my custody to produce any one paper relating to a matter I know nothing about, and that is closed.

58,487. You have told us you could produce them?—That is to show them.

58,488. Should you object to show them to Mr. Shaen at the office?—I should.

58,489. Understand the position exactly of Mr. Sidebottom: you say he is extremely ill?—Yes.

58,490. He has no relations as I understand?—No.

58,491. You are the person managing his business?—Yes.

58,492. We have the power, and may be obliged to exercise it, and go to Mr. Sidebottom himself, to insist on having the papers?—Yes.

58,493. Instead of doing it, in order to spare him that pain, anxiety, and perhaps danger, we ask you to produce the papers. Do you say you do or not?—Looking at my position in the office, I know nothing about them. I think it is not my duty to show them to any one.

58,494. Rather than produce them, you will run the risk of having a subpœna served upon him?—I cannot give any other answer.

58,495. Is that the answer you give? If you do, we shall have to consider another matter; but we ask you, considering the risk Mr. Sidebottom must run, whether you now refuse to let the papers be looked at?—I cannot give any other answer; I do not want to throw any objection or hindrance in the way of any one; I look to my duty, and I do not think it is my duty to let any one see them.

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ROBERT FOWLER sworn, and examined.

58,496. Where do you live?—Spring Street.

58,497. In this borough?—Yes.

58,498. What business do you carry on?—Porter merchant.

58,499. Are you a voter for the borough?—I am.

58,500. How long have you been a voter?—Seven or eight years.

58,501. As a householder?—Yes.

58,502. Also as a freeman?—No.

58,503. What is the rent you pay?—£18 or guineas, I forget which.

58,504. Before you acquired a vote, I believe you took a considerable interest in the election matters of this borough?—In the registration matters I did.

58,505. I believe you are the agent for the blue party?—I was the agent.

58,506. When did you commence being the agent?—In 1846.

58,507. Not previous to that?—No; I have assisted off and on several times.

58,508. So far back as the year 1838 or 1839, did you not?—Almost from the passing of the Reform Bill. I think from being a very little boy. I remember being among them as a clerk.

58,509. You assisted the blue party in their registration before 1846?—A little I did, a day or two before the finishing of the services of the objections, perhaps for a day or two I might assist Mr. Sidebottom, he was the agent before myself.

58,510. And you assisted him while he was agent?—At the close of the registration, that is about the 23d of August; the 25th is about the last day of giving objections; about the 23d of August I might give a little assistance.

58,511. Who were you employed by?—I should get no payment for it.

58,512. Who by?—By Mr. Sidebottom, before 1846.

58,513. And who afterwards?—I believe by Mr. John Beadle.

58,514. Probably you have extensive acquaintance with the state of the registration and the state of public opinion—your business is so to do—to object to as many as you can of the opposite party, and to support as many as you can of your own party?—My business is to inquire thoroughly about those who are against us in politics, and if I can find a flaw in the qualification, to object to them.

58,515. And also to support the claims of your own friends?—And get our own friends on if I could.

58,516. Does not that lead you to an extensive acquaintance with the voters?—Yes.

58,517. We have seen notes that have been furnished us by some people, marking those that are most likely to require money: have you any knowledge or belief of the kind as to the particular class of people you think most likely to be influenced by money?—The lower order of voters.

58,518. I am not talking of the classes, but of the particular persons; would you mark off so and so requires money, and so and so expects to be employed?—No, that was my duty; there are many I consider of the working freemen are the party that require to be paid at election times.

58,519. We have got already lists of persons such as I have already mentioned, does your knowledge of the registration enable you to collect and add to any such list as that?—I should not. I have looked over part of the evidence, and they have given you a great deal more than I was aware of.

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58,520. That is not exactly the thing. Looking at the state of the registration, does your knowledge of it enable you to suggest the names of the parties that are most likely to be open to influence?—To be open to bribery?

58,521. Besides bribery, I mean to be influenced by employment?—I understand the question by looking over the list. I might mark many that I presume would require to be paid in some shape or anotner.

58,522. Directly or indirectly, runners' employment, and who wish to have their rooms let—in various forms in which people get payment?—Yes.

58,523. You could do that if necessary?—I could. I imagine, from what I have seen of parties running about and being at the committee rooms, that would be the way I should draw my conclusion, that they would want pay. The registration and the election I always consider quite distinct.

58,524. You misunderstood my question. Supposing we were to show you a list of persons handed in to us as persons already open to influence: do you think by looking at the register you would be able to add to it by picking out some other names?

58,525. Have you got any papers relating to the registration or the election?—I have two poll books, that is all.

58,526. Do those poll books contain any remarks that throw any light upon it?—No; one is marked showing a few errors.

58,527. Merely that?—Yes; the other one has a lot of ticks to it; but what they mean I do not remember.

58,528. Those poll books contain no further information than the poll book I have here?—None, excepting mine is marked with a few errors of the getter up of it or misprints.

58,529. Have you taken any share in the election, independent of the registration?—I have not. My business has been in a shut up room among clerks, where I was quite away from committee rooms. I was at the election with Mr. Brown.

58,530. Who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.

58,531. What share in that election did you take? Were you in any way employed for either of the candidates?—I was employed by Mr. Wells for Mr. Brown.

58,532. I dare say you agree with the other witnesses; there was a great deal of money spent. He managed to get through a great deal of money in three days?—I believe he did at Brown's election. I believe he arrived on the Monday or the Tuesday; at any rate on the Monday morning, the week of the election. I was retained by Mr. Wells.

58,533. In what capacity?—To make up canvassing books.

58,534. That is a kind of chief clerk's business?—Yes; I had a room where I sat with the clerks, and no one to interfere with me; separate from the committee rooms.

58,535. Those books, did they relate to the paying department?—None at all.

58,536. Or the setting down?—Nothing but showing who were voters, and the number on the register, and so on.

58,537. Had you anything to do with keeping the lists in which the runners were set down?—No; I ran out to vote, and back again; two books I got finished. After the election was over I left them.

58,538. Tell us all that you know about the election?—On the Monday I commenced with a lot of clerks to make out the canvassing books. It took me the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and two nights without ever going to bed, to complete them and the voting cards. After we got the canvassing books complete, then we got the voting cards ready. We sorted them and got them out, and on the day of the election I had to enter up the parties that had voted on the register.

58,539. Do you mean you had nothing whatever to do with anything whatever, except that common-place detail?—I had nothing whatever to do with any canvassing with any books.

58,540. Where was it you were employed at that time?—In a private room at the Bull and Sun. I was at the Bull and Sun. There was another room, a committee room, which I never was in.

58,541. You knew there were a good many voters there intending to be paid?—I heard of it; but I saw less of it almost than any man in Hull. I was shut up from morning till night, and I ran as fast as my legs would carry me to vote, and back again.

58,542. Did you canvass?—No; I did not canvass.

58,543. Not at all?—Not at all.

58,544. Do you know a person of the name of Thomas Oliver?—I know him very well.

58,545. Do you know he had money at that election?—I do not. I have had nothing to do with election matters.

58,546. Do you not know Mr. Bannister paid him a sovereign?—I do not.

58,547. Have you not had some of the election papers handed to you since the election that related to the registration, for the purpose of assisting in a fresh registration?—Yes.

58,548. You voted for Moore and Butler I believe?—I did.

58,549. Had you any employment then?—Yes.

58,550. How were you employed then?—Similar to the other one,—making out the books.

58,551. Where?—At the central committee rooms in Bowl Alley Lane.

58,552. Had you anything to do with keeping an account of the clerks that were employed?—No.

58,553. Who chose the clerks?—Mr. Wells would choose the clerks. There was a secretary appointed to do all these kind of things.

58,554. Were you the secretary?—No.

58,555. You were the chief clerk?—I was a clerk over the other clerks. The head clerk I expect.

58,556. Did you choose the under clerks?—I did not.

58,557. Were they all chosen by Mr. Wells?—I expect so.

58,558. The staff that were under you, when were they appointed?—They were appointed I expect by Mr. Wells. They came to me. Many I did not know.

58,559. When? How long before the election?—I should think three weeks, perhaps more; it may be a month.

58,560. Did they remain doing their duty up to the close of the election?—Yes.

58,561. They were not shifted?—A few of them were shifted on the day of the election.

58,562. Up to the day of the election?—They were not shifted.

58,563. Did you make out the clearing house lists for the scheme of Mr. Wells?—No, I did not. They would not want any list only from the poll books.

58,564. The list of the persons who were to perform the duties?—A list of the clerks and runners do you mean?

58,565. The 479?—No; that would be done by the secretary, or else Mr. Wells.

58,566. Was it done?—I do not know; I was in the other room.

58,567. Had you a room to yourself?—I had a room to myself and clerks.

58,568. That is just the thing. If it was done, it must have been done in your room. The elerks sat in the same room as you?—They did not. There was another room with clerks, and another staff altogether.

58,569. There were two staffs?—Yes.

58,570. Who was the head of that?—Mr. George Steeple was one.

58,571. He was in a private room?—He was in the committee room where all the work was done, preparing those books, and the voting cards, and all that.

58,572. Was Rosindale there?—Yes.

58,573. Which room was he in?—He was in the committee room, and was the secretary.

58,574. In a different room from you?—In a different room from me.

58,575. You knew nothing of what was going on in any room except the one which you remained in?—For a moment or two, now and then. I was called up if Rosindale was out of the way to answer notes and deliver out cards.

58,576. Had you nothing to do but with the street lists?—Nothing.

58,577. The street lists would be completed some time before the election, would they not?—They were completed before Mr. Wells got his employment, one set; but he thought proper to have duplicates. Those duplicates were made, and then duplicate copies of the register, which were made out alphabetically. Then there were similar lists made out for each district; made out alphabetically. Canvassing books in street order, all of which we had duplicates made of. It was that which occupied the clerks that I had under me.

58,578. Where they continued to be employed up to the election day at that?—They were; and hard at work too.

58,579. What possible use could street lists be?—I could not see any use for them unless the others were lost

58,580. Except to give employment?—Except the room might be broken into, and the original copies stolen.

58,581. The street lists could be no possible use just before the election. They would be no use except to give employment?—Those books that I had under my care, and duplicate copies made, they were done by clerks who I believe had no votes, consequently I could see no use why they should be employed if it was for the sake of benefitting anybody.

58,582. Were the people with you not voters?—Not voters. I believe out of the lot there were only two voters.

58,583. You knew nothing whatever of what was taking place at the committee room?—I had to receive daily the reports from the district committees as to who had promised, and who had not. I had those to enter up in the alphabetical register that I had, showing how they promised to vote.

58,584. What was done with it when it was completed? Did anybody ever look at the book after the entries were made?—Oh yes, several times; many parties belonging to the committee.

58,585. They used to refer to it?—Yes.

58,586. The doubtful people?—They referred to it to see how they were getting on in promises.

58,587. That would not be to see the individual names, but the general result?—Parties

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might be inquiring in the other room as to whether so and so promised, and they would refer to me to see whether they had promised or not.

58,588. You mean the canvassing lists?—Yes.

58,589. The returns from each canvasser?—The returns from the canvassers would be entered in the district books they would have. Each of the committees were to send to me a report, daily, of who had promised, and those promises had to be entered.

58,590. After the election was over, did you get back a quantity of papers from Mr. Wells?—As soon as the election was over, I commenced with my agency for the election for the county. As soon as the election was over I went into a room for myself, unconnected with the election.

58,591. After the election was over did you receive back a quantity of papers, for the purpose of assisting you in going on with the next registration?—Some time after the election, in fact, after the late members were unseated.

58,592. Did you get back a quantity of papers?—I got a few papers, a few books rather.

58,593. Where are they now?—Those books I got, for the purpose of making fresh papers out for a fresh election, were not complete, consequently they were no use to me and I returned them to the person I got them from, Mr. Ward.

58,594. Do I understand you that all the papers you got from Mr. Wells, you gave back to Mr. Ward?—I got none from Mr. Wells.

58,595. Tell us at once; I ask you what papers you got from Mr. Wells, you gave us a long list?—I applied to Mr. Ward for those papers that I thought necessary for making out fresh books, Mr. Ward said: "I have not those papers, Mr. Wells has them, apply to him for them." I did apply, and he said he would give them up on my getting an authority from Mr. Ward; I got that authority, and instead of handing them to me, he handed them that day,or the day after, to Mr. Ward.

58,596. I want to come to this, did you return back all the papers that you had received?—I returned back all the papers I received.

58,597. From anybody?—From anybody.

58,598. To Mr. Ward?—To Mr. Ward.

58,599. You are sure that no papers have been destroyed in passing through your hands?—None. I was not aware, until this evidence, that there had been any papers destroyed, except what I read in the newspapers.

58,600. They are either destroyed or missing?—I do not know it.

58,601. Is that all you know about the matter?—That is all I know.

58,602 Did you examine the papers you received from Mr. Ward?—I looked over the papers I received from Mr. Ward.

58,603. And from anybody at all?—I received none but from Mr. Ward. I looked over the papers and found them useless.

58,604. What were they?—Books that these clerks and myself had made out.

58,605. They were useless for your purpose?—For my purpose they were.

58,606. What sort of books were they? What was in them?—Voters arranged in order for canvassing, and in district order.

58,607. It was only a copy of the register?—Only a copy of the register, except in more convenient shape for getting at.

58,608. Did they refer to the promises?—They had nothing to do with the promises. In the new books I made, those who had voted were taken from the poll book. I entered no promises, of course promises for that election had nothing to do with the future one.

58,609. I understand you to say, you principally attended to the registration?—Yes.

58,910. By whom have you been employed to do that?—In the first instance by Mr. Beadle, I believe it was.

58,611. Is that the blue party?—That is the blue party.

58,612. You have always attended to the registration for the blue party, when you have done so?—Yes.

58,613. There would be new freeman and new householders for each registration, some addition to the former list, in each year?—Yes.

58,614. The town clerk would make out the list of the freemen?—Yes.

58,615. And any omitted would have to make claims?—Yes.

58,616. You would attend to that, on the part of the freemen?—Yes.

58,617. Did you find, in attending to the registration of new freemen, any difficulty in getting them to attend to be registered, when there were new claims?—No, I found no difficulty in getting them up; and those that had been objected to by the orange party, I think I put an extract at the bottom of my circular, showing they were entitled to costs if frivolously objected to, and it brought them up pretty well.

58,618. You gave them an intimation of that kind?—Yes.

58,619. It could be only those who were objected to, or those who had been omitted, and therefore had to make a claim, those names would be in controversy and no others?—That would be all.

58,620. When you got fresh claimants up, was anything said at that time about the way in which they were to vote, or securing their votes?—No, never.

58,621. When you got them up, and got them registered?—No; I never put that to them, nor them to me.

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58,622. Did anything pass whatever, when you got them registered, about their being registered for the blue party?—Before I should put claims in, or get them to sign, we should make inquires what their politics were.

58,623. Of them?—Yes.

58,624. And now and then, perhaps, make allusion to the setting down lists?—No.

58,625. You would inquire their politics?—Yes; merely that we might defend them, or go against them.

58,626. And pay their expenses in any way?—Never.

58,627. For attending?—Never a halfpenny.

58,628. Did you pay for their freedom?—No; I have had many applications, but as friend Wilde says, I used to send them across the road.

58,629. You considered them a bad article?—A bad article.

58,630. As far as you have known, would there be something like an average addition to the freemen every year?—There would be an addition every year, but a very small one, so many go off

58,631. Ten or twenty?—Forty or fifty, perhaps.

58,632. The number of freemen on the register increases on the whole, rather than decreases?—It increases a little.

58,633. Did you pay any bills at the former election?—None.

58,634. Not at any election?—Not at any election.

58,635. Do you mean at the registration, you do not pay the voters anything at all?—Not a halfpenny.

58,636. Or afterwards?—Nor afterwards.

58,637. Who pays the expenses of the registration?—The parties that employed me.

58,638. Paid by the candidate is it not, whoever it may be?—I cannot speak from my own knowledge, but I believe if we had blue members they would contribute a little towards the expenses.

58,639. It is always charged to them, is it not?—I am not aware of it.

58,640. What is the expense of the registration in each year?—It has been off and on on our side; it has not been continued from year to year.

58,641. Here is a charge against Moore and Butler of 35*l.* for registration?—That is not properly worded, it ought to be for register books.

58,642. That does not include your expenses at the registration?—No.

58,643. That is paid by the party?—Yes; in connexion with the election.

58,644. I should like you to tell me, as near as you can, what those books were that you got from Mr. Ward?—I believe they are what we call the central books, arranged in alphabetical order, of all the voters. There would be half a dozen or a dozen canvassing books, part belonging to one district of the town, and part to another, broken sets.

58,645. What was the object with which you got the books?—They were all made up in a parcel, if I had seen the contents I should not have taken them away.

58,646. What were the papers you were asking for?—A complete set of books I made for the last election.

58,647. They would not show at all what parties had been employed?—I did not want them for that purpose; I wanted to divide them into districts, and it would save a great deal of drafting by having those books.

58,648. It has been told to us, that the lists of those persons who were put down were taken into your room, at the central committee room?—That would be to Rosindale's room.

58,649. You had nothing to do with that?—I had another occupation. I had plenty to do in entering up the names.

58,650. Did you see the weekly pay sheet?—I had nothing to do with that.

58,651. Who had that?—Mr. Steeple, Mr. Rosindale, and Mr. Wells.

58,652. I think you say Mr. Wells said, he would give you any papers for which he had an authority from Mr. Ward?—I asked him for a complete set of the books made, but it appears they were missing; he said, "I will give you the papers on having an authority from Mr. Ward."

58,653. How long after the election was that?—It was after our late members were unseated.

58,654. What month would that be in?—It would be in May, I should think.

58,655. This year?—Yes.

Francis Clappison.

FRANCIS CLAPPISON sworn, and examined.

58,656. Do you live in Paragon Street?—Yes.

58,657. What business are you?—Eating house keeper.

58,658. What rent do you pay?—£16.

58,659. How long have you been a voter as a householder?—Three or four years.

58,660. Are you a freeman?—I was free born, but never took my freedom up.

58,661. Who did you vote for in 1852?—Moore and Butler.

58,662. Did you make an application to the central committee for them to take a room of you?—I did once.

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58,663. How long was that before the election?—About fourteen or sixteen days.

58,664. Who did you see?—Mr. Wilkinson.

58,665. Was that Mr. Edward or Mr. Charles Wilkinson?—Mr. Charles.

58,666. What did he say?—He gave me no definite answer, we differed about the price.

58,667. Did any committee ever sit at your house?—Yes; one night for about an hour and a half, one or two nights before the day of election.

58,668. Had you a list of the committee?—No.

58,669. How did you know it was a committee?—Young Steeple, the clerk there, he told me they were going to meet there; he told me the committee would meet.

58,670. That does not exactly answer my question; how did you know the people were committee men?—I knew from no other cause than that.

58,671. They might have been all orange people for what you knew?—Perhaps they might; I was not in the room at all.

58,672. Do you remember stating before the election, you wished to be paid?—I told Mr. Wilkinson I had heard that several parties were having their rooms engaged, and as I had a room I could spare, I should like them to engage that too.

58,673. Did you promise your vote to Moore and Butler?—Not at that time; I did three or four days before the election.

58,674. Not till after they had taken your room?—Yes; I said I should vote for Moore and Butler previous to that.

58,675. And then they took your room?—Yes.

58,676. And after the election how much did they pay you?—£5.

58,677. How came they to give you 5*l.*?—That was the bargain between us when the room was taken.

58,678. You stood out for the price?—Yes.

58,679. I believe you said you would vote for those who paid best?—Perhaps I might; I would not swear that I did not; very likely I did.

58,680. When you agreed for your room for 5*l.*?—Yes.

58,681. You got paid?—Yes.

58,682. The agreement was with Mr. Wilkinson?—No.

58,683. Who was it with?—I do not know what they call the gentleman. I know them by sight; there were three or four of them; I do not know their names.

58,684. You do not know any of them?—No, not their names.

58,685. How many days before the election was this?—Perhaps four or five.

58,686. And how long after the election were you paid?—Between a fortnight and three weeks.

58,687. Do you know who paid it?—Mr. Steeple.

58,688. George Steeple?—Mr. Steeple, senior.

58,689. Did you see him at any time previous to the election?—No; not previous to the day he paid me; that was the only time I saw Mr. George Steeple.

58,690. Where were you paid?—At my own house.

58,691. He brought you the money?—Yes; he brought me the money.

58,692. What did he say when he brought the money?—He wanted to see if I would take less, as the election had turned out rather unfortunate.

58,693. I understand you had not a vote until two or three years ago?—No.

Mr. W. C. Colbeck.

Mr. William Christopher Colbeck sworn, and examined.

58,694. Where do you live?—At Cottingham.

58,695. Do you occupy premises within this borough?—I occupy an office within the borough, and I am a freeman.

58,696. What is the value of anything that you occupy within the borough?—£15 a year I pay for the office.

58,697. Sufficient to give you a vote as a householder?—No; I am not on the register.

58,698. You are qualified, but not on?—Yes.

58,699. What is your business?—A solicitor.

58,700. How long have you been free?—About twenty-two or twenty-three years.

58,701. Did you take any interest in the election of 1841?—No.

58,702. Did you vote?—I believe I did.

58,703. Did you vote for Clay and Thompson in 1841?—I did.

58,704. And took no other interest in the election?—Took no other interest than to vote at that election.

58,705. In 1847 did you vote?—Yes.

58,706. Who for?—Mr. Brown.

58,707. Mr. Brown only?—I think it was Mr. Brown alone.

58,708. Did you take any interest in the election beyond voting?—I was an agent for Mr. Brown.

58,709. Law agent?—I had to canvass the voters at Cottingham, where I resided.

58,710. And as a canvasser I dare say you soon learnt that the Cottingham voters

expected money, did you not?—There were two or three who wished to be paid, but not generally.

58,711. What was the price they asked?—No price; only they thought they ought to be paid something for their time.

58,712. £2 we hear?—No; they fixed no sum.

58,713. Did you not understand the sum?—No, I did not; and in fact I would not have anything at all to do with them, when they mentioned anything about price.

58,714. Did you make any arrangement with them?—No.

58,715. You reported the result to the committee?—I reported the result to the committee.

58,716. There was very little time for doing more than the canvassing; did you bring them up in any way?—No; I had nothing to do with bringing them up.

58,717. Do you know who did bring them up in 1847?—No, I do not. I was an agent of one of the blues, and was obliged to be in Hull that night.

58,718. You do not know who brought them up?—No, I do not.

58,719. Who would be the likely person to bring them up in 1847?—I do not know, I am sure, I have no recollection.

58,720. Had you anything to do with the finance department?—No; not anything.

58,721. Were you present when any of the money was paid?—No, not any.

58,722. I dare say you agree with the rest of the witnesses, a great many were paid?—I do not know that they were.

58,723. You do not know it of your own knowledge?—No.

58,724. You yourself were a blue agent, I believe?—I was.

58,725. Were you a paid agent?—I was paid for canvassing.

58,726. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

58,727. Were you an agent for them?—I was.

58,728. When were you retained?—About a fortnight before the election.

58,729. Who by?—By Mr. Robert Wells.

58,730. How did that happen?—I had canvassed the electors before for him, as I was personally acquainted with them.

58,731. When you canvassed before, you canvassed for Mr. Wells?—Yes; he appointed me before.

58,732. What were you retained to do?—Merely to canvass the electors.

58,733. In this town or at Cottingham?—In Cottingham.

58,734. Only?—Only.

58,735. Cottingham and the neighbourhood?—Cottingham, Skidby, and Newland; and also there were several electors on the Beverley Road who, I was to see.

58,736. What was the fee that you were to have?—It was not fixed. I left it entirely to Mr. Wells.

58,737. Have you been paid?—Yes; I was paid.

58,738. How much was it?—I was paid eighteen guineas.

58,739. Was it two guineas a day or three guineas a day, or how much?—I think I was engaged nine days, and I got my two guineas a day.

58,740. Did you arrange what the Cottingham voters were to have?—No; I had no arrangements at all about money matters.

58,741. Do you know who did arrange with the Cottingham voters?—I only know from what I have heard from Mr. Bamford.

58,742. Who made the previous arrangements, because Mr. Bamford has told us that he did not? How were they to meet? Did they meet in the morning and get a treat?—I do not know. I was in Hull the night before, and did not go back again, therefore I do not know anything at all of any arrangement. I had nothing to do with the arrangement about the voters coming to Hull from Cottingham.

58,743. Or whether were to be paid for their loss of time or anything?—Not anything.

58,744. You did not make any arrangements for the breakfast?—No; I had nothing to do with the breakfast.

58,745. Did you make any payments at all?—Not any.

58,746. Was there any understanding with the voters that they should be brought up free of expense?—I am not aware of it; if they named anything to me about expenses I told them I had nothing to do with it.

58,747. Did you name anything about expenses?—One or two of the poorest wanted to know if they were to be paid when I canvassed them.

58,748. What were their names?—I think a man of the name of Holmes, and a man of the name of Hitchin; they were poor men, and I thought they ought to be paid.

58,749. Were there any more?—No; I think those are the only two.

58,750. What was your understanding with regard to them? Were they people promising independent of any consideration at all, or were they persons who insisted on having their travelling expenses, or any expenses?—They did not insist on anything.

58,751. Which was it you understood?—It was merely when I was canvassing them, that was sometime before they came to Hull to vote, they considered they ought to have something for their trouble and expense in coming from Cottingham to Hull to vote.

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58,752. Do you apply that to all the Cottingham voters?—No, only to those two; those were the only two that named expenses.

58,753. As far as you know were the other persons promising quite as independent of any consideration of that sort?—I believe so; there was nothing mentioned to me about being paid.

John Carter.

JOHN CARTER sworn, and examined.

58,754. Do you keep a public house in this borough?—I do.

58,755. Called the Pilot Boy?—Yes.

58,756. On the Humber Bank?—Yes.

58,757. What is the rent you pay?—£25 a year.

58,758. How long have you occupied it?—Five years.

58,759. Are you also a freeman?—No.

58,760. Is the last the first election that you were qualified to vote at?—It was the first.

58,761. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

58,762. We have heard a good deal about a party that met at your house; when did the party of voters begin to assemble; I mean the party who ultimately bargained for their votes; when did they begin to assemble at your house?—About 7 o'clock on the morning of the election.

58,763. But they began to assemble long before that?—I never knew anything about it until the morning of the election.

58,764. They used to meet, but you never knew anything about it?—They never met at my house until the morning of the election.

58,765. You are sure of that?—Yes.

58,766. Do you know where they came from?—No, I do not.

58,767. Do not you know now?—I do not know even now.

58,768. Where they used to meet before they came to you?—No.

58,769. Was it Nicholson's lot?—It was Nicholson's lot, I think.

58,770. How many of them were there?—I do not know; there were many of them, but I do not know how many.

58,771. About how many were there?—I should say a hundred at least there must have been.

58,772. He collected a lot together?—Nicholson, I believe, was the ringleader.

58,773. William Henry Nicholson, the sailmaker?—Yes, I think so.

58,774. You knew nothing about them, until the morning of the polling day?—Nothing, until the morning of the election, at 7 o'clock; that was the first information that I got.

58,775. Now tell us what occurred; they began to assemble?—I opened my house about 6 o'clock that morning, which I do every morning, I believe. I knew nothing respecting this party, who proposed to assemble there, until about 7 o'clock; then I saw a concourse of people coming on the bank, towards my house, and I was for a length of time after that, before I could learn the cause or the reason of it; this was the morning of the election; eventually, Nicholson came into my house, being the first party that did come in. At that time I had a committee room at my house, and he asked if any of the blue party were there.

58,776. Nicholson came in?—Yes.

58,777. What did he say?—He asked me if any of the blue party had been at my house that morning; I said no, and I can scarcely say what took place after that.

58,778. Did they stay outside or come in?—There was a party came into the house, but they wanted to see Mr. Croft. I recollect that question was asked.

58,779. Had Mr. Croft been there?—No, I think not; I think he was the chairman of the committee room; of the central committee, I think; but they wanted to see Mr. Croft, and I said I had not seen Mr. Croft.

58,780. Mr. Croft was the gentleman who had been at your place before?—Yes; he attended our committee room.

58,781. What is Mr. Croft's Christian name?—I do not know.

58,782. Where does he live?—On the Humber Bank.

58,783. What is he?—He is the coal agent, I believe, for the river Dun Company.

58,784. Tell us all that took place?—They wanted to see Mr. Croft, and as my room was engaged by that party, I went on to Mr. Croft to another committee, in Waverley Street, and told him that there was a party at my house who wanted to see him, but he was a length of time before he came down; he sent me back again, saying he would attend as soon as possible, but it was a length of time before he came down; he did come eventually, and I do not know what took place. I never saw him, or heard anything more about it.

58,785. Did he go into the room to these men?—No.

58,786. What did he do?—He went into the room he had engaged previously as a committee room, and I think Nicholson went in to him, and I think there was no other party went into the room.

58,787. He went into the room with Nicholson alone?—He went into the room engaged by them for the blue party, that was the committee room; Nicholson rather went into the room to him. I think Nicholson was the only party that entered the room.

58,788. Then what took place?—I do not know.

58,789. The men are not there now, are they?—How can I say what took place in the committee room.

58,790. How did you get the men away?—They went away just as they pleased.

58,791. Nicholson went into the room alone?—Yes.

58,792. How long did they stay alone in the room?—Indeed I do not know, for I was engaged below; it might be an hour, or it might be two.

58,793. Did they stay an hour?—Perhaps they might; I should say an hour. I do not know because I was engaged.

58,794. I mean Nicholson and Croft?—Yes; I think Nicholson was the only party that entered the room.

58,795. When Nicholson came out, did he go to the men?—Yes.

58,796. What happened there?—I do not know.

58,797. Did the men get anything to drink?—Yes, they did.

58,798. Who paid for it?—Mr. Croft.

58,799. I suppose he ordered you to give them beer to keep them quiet?—It was not by his orders, if you will allow me to explain it.

58,800. Do so, tell it yourself.—When I first applied to Mr. Croft, I told him to come to my house, that there was a party of men who wanted to see him; he could not attend himself, for he was busily engaged with other parties, but he sent down a party employed in the room as a runner, a very active man apparently to me, who went on with me to my house.

58,801. Who was he?—I do not know his name.

58,802. Was he a stout man?—No, he was a low man, about my own height; he went down with me to my house, and those men were so anxious to see Mr. Croft, that some would stop and some would not; he said "Give them something to drink, give them a pint of ale each." I think there were pretty near a hundred, I cannot say; I know the first round came to 15*s.*, that is at 3*d.* each.

58,803. Who paid for it?—It was not paid for at that time; Mr. Croft eventually paid for it.

58,804. Was that all they had?—No; there was another round that was never paid for.

58,805. What next?—Beyond that, there was no more put down at my house; Mr. Croft came down in the course of an hour, or an hour and a half, and I know no more respecting that; I think I told you that previously.

58,806. Did the men stay? They drank more than a pint of beer in an hour and a half?—I told you they were twice served; the first I got paid for by Mr. Croft, the second I had for myself.

58,807. How much was the second?—Another round of the same kind, 15*s.* more, which I never got paid.

58,808. What was the number of men there?—15*s.*, that would be sixty men; I have no doubt, at one time, there would be considerably more than that.

58,809. They had sixty more, which have not been paid for?—Yes; pints, or glasses of grog.

58,810. How long did they stay at the house after Nicholson went to them? When did they go away—take it in that form?—I do not know; they kept dropping off during the morning of the day; at noon there would not be many left.

58,811. Did anybody come for them? was there an omnibus there, or a cab?—There was no omnibus or cab.

58,812. Did they go one by one?—Yes; it appeared to me that they could not come to terms, and so they dribbled off; they went away discontented, and singly.

58,813. Did you ever hear what occurred; how they happened to go away?—No; indeed I do not know.

58,814. They appeared discontented and went away?—Yes.

58,815. Did you hear any of the conversation?—I heard none of the conversation.

58,816. Did you learn it from any of them?—They appeared to have an object in meeting there; but I cannot say what the object was.

58,817. They had some other object besides drinking a pint of ale?—No doubt they had, but I cannot say.

58,818. Did they all walk away? Are you sure there was no omnibus or cab?—I do not believe that any of them were conveyed away by any other conveyance than their own legs.

58,819. Did anybody come to fetch them?—No; not cabs or 'busses.

58,820. Was there anybody at your public house the night before?—No, I think not.

58,821. When did you shut up the night before?—I cannot say; perhaps 10 o'clock.

58,822. Was there not a gentleman there at about 12 o'clock, after you had shut up, that came and went away?—Not that I am aware of.

58,823. You know nothing about that?—I do not.

58,824. Who engaged your room as a committee room?—Mr. Croft.

John Carter.

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58,825. How long before the election?—I think it was on the Monday previous to the election; the first day of the week; the election was on Thursday, and this was the Monday.

58,826. Had you promised your vote previously?—No.

58,827. Did he come to you, or you go to him, at the time of the engaging of the room?—I had been applied to repeatedly both by him and the other party too.

58,828. The other party bid you 2*l.*?—No, they did not.

58,829. How much did they?—Nothing.

58,830. How much did the blues bid you; 5*l.*?—I can tell you what they gave me, that will amount to what you want to gain.

58,831. How much was it?—£3.

58,832. How much did you ask?—I do not know; I do not remember; I should have been very glad if I could have got 5*l.* perhaps.

58,833. And cheap too, if it included the vote?—No, indeed you are wrong; I would not have sold my vote for 2*l.*; I should want a little more, or none.

58,834. Was there any agreement for 3*l.*?—No, only verbal.

58,835. Verbal or otherwise, it is as good; what did they say? what did Mr. Croft say when he took your room?—The orange party wanted the room, and I let it eventually to the blue party.

58,836. Did you tell Mr. Croft that the orange wanted your room?—I did.

58,837. What did Mr. Croft then say?—That they were anxious to have a room at that end of the town and there was not one, and he offered me 3*l.* for the room, and I said he should have it.

58,838. Did Mr. Croft give you the names of any committee who were to meet in it?—No, I cannot say that, but there were parties met in it several times.

58,839. Had you any list of them?—No, I had not.

58,840. No list of the secretary, chairman, or the committee, was ever given to you?—Not to me.

58,841. Was it given to anybody for you?—Not that I am aware.

58,842. How often did Mr. Croft come there?—I think in the four days he would be there three or four times; I do not recollect that he omitted scarcely a day.

58,843. He came once a day?—I think he did.

58,844. Did anybody come with him?—I do not know.

58,845. Nobody, that you can tell us, came?—I cannot say.

58,846. Nobody, that you know of, came?—There were other parties came, but I do not know who they were.

58,847. Were they parties to see him, just as Nicholson did?—No, they came with him.

58,848. How long did they stay?—Indeed I cannot say.

58,849. Did they ever stay two minutes?—Yes.

58,850. How long did they stay?—I do not know.

58,851. Did they have a drop of beer to drink and go away?—No, Mr. Croft was not a drinker; I do not think he ever tasted in my house; his object was business no doubt.

58,852. Did he come and count the chairs?—I do not know what he did.

58,853. He did nothing that you know of?—I do not know.

58,854. And there was no doorkeeper there?—No.

58,855. Then, for anything you know, these 100 men who came in the morning were some of the committee?—For anything I know they might be, I did not know anything about it until the morning of the election.

58,856. Did you know that Nicholson was one of the committee?—I did not know anything about it; I knew the man, and he was the only one I did know; he was the only one I knew of the party; he had been repeatedly at my house for three or four years.

58,857. Did you know he was, and had been for many years, a person that got together voters to sell them for the best price?—Indeed I did not know at that time; I have read it in the papers since, but I did not know it at that time.

58,858–9. I suppose you understood this, that people who let rooms for committees were to vote for the candidates whose party hires the room?—I scarcely understand the question.

58,860. Did you know that people who let their rooms to committees, the same as you did, were to vote for the party who engaged the room?—I do not know in all cases; I never passed my word to that effect to any one.

58,861. Did you not know that was perfectly well the understanding; you must have had some little experience; we have had it proved at least five hundred times? Did you understand that you were to vote blue?—I did not pledge myself to vote blue.

58,862. Of course not.—What do you want to know?

58,863. Did you understand that; there is Mr. Prissick sitting there?—I know Mr. Prissick.

58,864. Do you remember Mr. Prissick speaking to you?—Yes.

58,865. Do you remember telling Mr. Prissick that you were sorry you had not let your room to the orange?—I do.

58,866. As that you were inclined to vote for the orange?—I should have done.

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58,867. If you had let your room to them?—Most decidedly.

58,868. You told him you were orange?—I am orange in principle.

58,869. You told him so?—I did; I do not deny that.

58,870. And did you tell him that you had received twice as much for the room as the orange offered?—The orange never offerd anything.

58,871. I ask what you told him; did you tell Mr. Prissick that you had received twice as much for your room as the orange party had offered?—No, I did not, because the orange never offered anything. I suppose I am upon my oath.

58,872. You are.—Then Mr. Prissick is there, and let him speak.

58,873. I ask you whether you said to him that it was so?—There never was an offer made by the orange.

58,874. I did not ask you that; what I ask you is this: whether you said to Mr. Prissick that you had received twice as much for your room from the blues as the orange had offered?—I do not think I did.

58,875. Then do you undertake to swear that you did not?—I do not think I did; I do not remember saying so.

58,876. Will you swear you did not?—I do not remember it.

58,877. Will you swear that you did not?—I think I may venture to do that.

58,878. Will you do so?—No, it is a long time ago; I cannot be positive as to that; words may slip out.

George Bailey.

GEORGE BAILEY sworn, and examined.

58,879. What is your business?—A licensed victualler.

58,880. What rent do you pay?—£35 a year.

58,881. Where do you live?—Great Union Street, over North Bridge.

58,882. How long have you been a voter?—Ever since 1847.

58,883. Had you a right to vote in 1847?—Yes.

58,884. Did you vote in 1847?—Yes, I did, before 1847.

58,885. How long have you been qualified to vote?—It was sometime before 1847.

58,886. 1846?—1846.

58,887. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

58,888. Who did you vote for in 1847?—Baines and Brown.

58,889. Were you employed on that occasion in any way?—No.

58,890. Did you get any money for a room?—No.

58,891. Had you anything to do with the money affairs?—No.

58,892. Or get any money yourself?—No.

58,893. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

58,894. Did the Hedon voters ever assemble at your house?—On the election day after they had voted.

58,895. In 1852, or 1847, or both?—Only 1852; not 1847; the last election.

58,896. Who brought them there?—I am not certain who was in with them.

58,897. Was it one of the gentlemen of the committee?—He came in and said they must have a dinner at the house.

58,898. Somebody ordered a dinner?—Yes.

58,899. Who ordered it?—Mr. Stubbins, of Hedon, ordered it.

58,900. How much was it?—Something under 5*l.*; 4*l.* 17*s.*, or 4*l.* 18*s.*

58,901. Was the dinner ordered before voting?—No; I did not know anything about it till they came into the house; I did not know they were coming to dinner.

58,902. About how many were there?—Seventeen or eighteen.

58,903. Do you know any of them?—Any of the voters?

58,904. Yes.—They were Hedon voters, most of them.

58,905. Was that all you had to do?—Yes.

58,906. Did you pay any of the voters yourself? Do you know a man of the name of Robinson?—No.

58,907. Were you employed to pay any of the parties?—Only on the Holderness ward committee.

58,908. In the blue candidates?—I was only a canvasser.

58,909. Did you pay any of the voters?—Yes.

58,910. Robinson, did you pay him?—I cannot say; there were several paid; I do not know their names. The money was handed to me to bring down stairs. They applied to me for the money. I went up stairs and gave the names, and I brought it down with me.

58,911. How much did you pay?—There were perhaps a dozen I gave money to; I cannot say now.

58,912. How much did you pay?—Some 10*s.*; some 15*s.*; it was put down for so many days' running.

58,913. Do you remember the names of any of them?—I knew one of them; there was one of the name of Drinkall,—John Drinkall; and another of the name of Clarke.

58,914. How much did you pay John Drinkall?—I cannot say. I believe 10*s.* or 15*s.* I cannot say now.

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58,915. His brother, do you know Henry Piercy Drinkall?—I may know him, but I do not recollect giving him any money.

58,916. Clarke, you did?—One of the name of Clarke.

58,917. Do you know his Christian name?—No; I cannot say whether it was John or William.

58,918. Did you ever hear it?—William, I believe.

58,919. Who else do you remember?—I do not remember any more than that.

58,920. Do you remember James Tully?—Yes, I paid him.

58,921. You paid him a sovereign?—No; I think half a one.

58,922. Did you pay from a list?—No, I had no list.

58,223. How did you know how much to pay or who to pay to?—The parties that came to my house to pay had a list with them.

58,924. Who were they?—Mr. Oxtoby and Mr. Walker.

58,925. Mr. Whyteal Walker?—Yes.

58,926. Did they bring a list to your house?—Yes; I should suppose they would have a list.

58,927. How many were there in it?—I cannot say that.

58,928. Did they give you the list to pay by?—No, they did not. I never saw the list; they only gave me the money to take down stairs to them; I believe they were rather troublesome, some of them.

58,929. How long after the election was it that you paid them?—I cannot say; perhaps a week; I do not know to a day or two.

58,930. About a week after the election, was it?—Very likely.

58,931. How many runners were there set down?—I did not keep any account of that.

58,932. Was it twenty or thirty?—I should think more than that.

58,933. Forty?—Forty perhaps.

58,934. Forty or fifty?—I cannot say to ten or twenty.

58,935. Did you see the list and see that it contained forty or fifty names?—No, I never saw the list at all.

58,936. It was at your house, I understand; you paid the men,—the parties that came to be paid?—Yes.

58,937. Did you attend on those days at the committee?—I used to attend occasionally.

58,938. Was a list of runners made; were they continually having their names set down?—Yes, they kept applying to the committee room and getting their names put down.

58,939. After the election you paid a dozen or more?—Yes, very likely; I cannot say the number exactly now.

58,940. How long were Oxtoby and Walker paying those people whom they paid; one day, or more?—I think they would not be in our house above an hour or an hour and a half.

58,941. You paid the greater part of them?—Yes.

58,942. And some few did not come, and they left the money with you for them?—Yes, there was one or two they left the money for.

58,943. They did not come when Oxtoby and Walker paid?—Yes.

58,944. They gave you a list and left the money with you?—I did not see a list.

58,945. They told you the names?—Yes, and they gave me the money.

58,946. How many were there?—That I took the money to?

58,947. No; that you paid? Did you pay half a dozen?—Oh, yes; perhaps a dozen.

58,948. You, yourself?—Yes.

58,949. Who gave you the money?—Oxtoby.

58,950. How many do you suppose they paid?—At my house?

58,951. Yes.—Perhaps from twenty to thirty; I cannot say, I am sure.

58,952. Was it at the same time that the dinner was?—No.

58,953. Different days?—Yes.

Philip Dannatt.

PHILIP DANNATT sworn, and examined.

58,954. Where do you live?—York Parade, Beverley Road.

58,955. I believe you are not a freeman?—No.

58,956. How long have you been entitled to vote?—Four years.

58,957. What is the value of the rent of the premises that gave you a right to vote?—£26.

58,958. Who did you vote for last time?—Moore and Butler.

58,959. Were you a canvasser?—Yes.

58,960. What is your occupation?—None.

58,961. Were you a paid canvasser?—No.

58,962. What committee did you belong to?—North Myton.

58,963. Were you a member of the committee?—Yes.

58,964. Were there a great many names set down?—No doubt there would be; I onl saw about twenty or thirty; I was not there regularly.

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58,965. You did not see more than twenty or thirty set down?—No, I do not think I did, more than twenty or thirty.

58,966. Those were set down from day to day continually?—Yes; I saw parties go regularly every day.

58,967. I dare say you knew what they were?—I knew that it meant being paid.

58,968. People who went to vote and to be paid?—Yes, certainly.

58,969. In your canvassing, did you meet with a great many such people?—I met with some, but I only canvassed one day or a day and a half, or something of that sort, and that only for about a couple of hours at a time.

58,970. Did you refer them to the committee?—Yes; to Mr. Wilkinson and Dr. Gibson.

58,971. You sent them all to the North Myton committee?—Yes.

58,972. You only canvassed the North Myton?—I only canvassed the North Myton.

58,973. In canvassing, you would have had the means of setting down names if you were to set them down?—I had a canvass book.

58,974. When people gave you to understand that they belonged to the running class, did you make any special entry in their book?—"Doubtful;" or I sent them to the room.

58,975. Did you feel yourself authorized to set any names down?—No, I never set one name down.

58,976. When you found men of that description?—I sent them to the committee room.

58,977. Was that as far as you are aware, the general mode of doing it?—Yes.

58,978. I suppose you entered in your book, "wants money," or, "won't promise"?—"Won't promise," and "doubtful," or "favourable," and all such memorandums as that.

58,979. Who saw your book in which there was set down "wants paying," and so on?—That would not be entered in my book.

58,980. You were too cautious for that?—I do not know it is that.

58,981. You told them they might go and get their names set down at the room?—I never told one; I referred them to the committee room if they wanted anything particular.

58,982. "Anything particular," you say?—One or two would want flags and all such things as that, and I referred them there.

58,983. You reported from day to day the progress of your own canvass?—I was only a day and a half canvassing.

E. Beautyman.

EDWARD BEAUTYMAN sworn, and examined.

58,984. Where do you live?—Black Swan Entry, Mytongate.

58,985. What rent do you pay?—About 4*l.* or 5*l.* a year.

58,986. For a house?—Yes.

58,987. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

58,988. What business are you?—A porter.

58,989. How long have you been free?—About eleven years.

58,990. Before the election of 1841?—The first election I polled at was for Baines and Brown.

58,991. Was that the first time you qualified?—Yes.

58,992. Who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.

58,993. Were you a runner for either of them?—Yes.

58,994. Which?—Baines.

58,995. What were you paid?—7*s.* 6*d.*

58,996. The polling day?—It was for three days, for Mr. Baines.

58,997. Who were you paid by?—I was paid at Mr. Sidebottom's, in Parliament Street. It was either Mr. Sidebottom or one of the clerks, I cannot say which.

58,998. At that office?—Yes.

58,999. After the election, or before?—It was after.

59,000. Did he ask you how you voted? had he check sheets?—No; he did not ask me at all.

59,001. And you did get set down?—Yes.

59,002. When?—Three days before the election.

59,003. Who set you down?—Mr. Holmes.

59,004. Where?—The Granby Inn, Wellington Street.

59,005. Was the committee there?—Yes.

59,006. Were you told what to do?—Yes.

59,007. What?—I had charge of the room.

59,008. How came you there? did you ask to be set down?—I wanted a little bit of employment.

59,009. And they wanted a little bit of a vote?—They wanted a little assistance.

59,010. And a little bit of a vote?—That Mr. Holmes did not say anything to me about.

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59,011. That was the understanding?—No, Sir; I do not know, but we polled the way we thought proper.

59,012. You wanted employment, and asked for it, and got it?—Yes.

59,013. Were you out of employment?—I was not altogether out of employment.

59,014. Were you getting wages from your master all the time?—No; I am my own master; I can either work or play; no one has the control of me; like a weekly man, that is.

59,015. How came you to go to be set down here? how came you to know anything that was going on?—I was with Mr. Wright, who kept the Granby Inn in Wellington Street. I used to be up at his place, and he says, "Teddy, that is a nice room; we will have a committee room." He writes a note, and gives it to me. Mr. Wright had only one arm, and I used to do the cellar work, and put the liquors up for him. He says, "Take this down to the central committee room." I believe at that time it was at the George, in the Land of Green Ginger. I took this here note down, of course. I did not see what was in it. The result was, that there was to be a committee room there, and then I had charge of the room.

59,016. As the doorkeeper?—Yes.

59,017. You were not a runner?—Why, I was, because I ran of many errands.

59,018. Did you take care of the door when you were there?—Perhaps I should. Mr. Holmes was not there himself, not half an hour in the course of the day.

59,019. How came you to ask for this letter?—I did not ask for it at all.

59,020. Did you get anything for Brown?—Yes.

59,021. How much?—10*s.*

59,022. After you had voted?—No, before I voted.

59,023. Where?—Of Mr. Mitchell.

59,024. In 1852, the last election, did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

59,025. Did you ask for employment again?—No, I did not.

59,026. Did you have your name set down?—I did; they asked me.

59,027. You got 5*s.* from Mr. George Steeple?—Yes, I did.

59,028. When were you paid the 5*s.*?—I do not know what day it was.

59,029. It was after you had voted?—No, Sir, it was before I voted.

59,030. Had you promised anybody?—I never promised any one at all.

59,031. We understand you waited to see which was giving the best price, the orange or blue—giving the most money; is not that so?—No; I did not promise any one at all.

59,032. You were canvassed on both sides, and actually promised?—I did not promise. No one knew which way I was going to vote till the polling morning.

59,033. You would go with which paid the best price?—I had made up my mind before.

59,034. You made up your mind to see which would pay the best price?—No; I had made up my mind to vote for the blues.

59,035. You say nobody knew it?—Nobody knew it but myself.

59,036. Why did they not?—Was I obliged to tell them?

59,037. If you were an honest man?—Was I obliged to tell which way I voted?

59,038. It might be the same as the election before?—I might have no idea of polling for Brown until the election took place, and then I polled for Brown, and likewise Baines. I thought Baines was a qualified man.

59,039. You have told us you would not promise to vote till you got the 5*s.* "I would not tell anybody who I meant to vote for, till after they had paid the 5*s.*"; is that so?—No.

59,040. Did you tell them before you got the 5*s.*?—I did not know.

59,041. Was it before or after?—I did not tell any one who I was going to vote for. I actually did not know myself.

59,042. Not till after you got the 5*s.*?—I do not know what day I got the 5*s.* I know I did get it.

59,043. It was before you voted?—I believe it was.

59,044. You did not tell anybody, till after that, who you meant to vote for?—No.

59,045. Then you voted for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

59,046. What was your employment, making a noise?—No, Sir; I went up to make an attempt to go to the hustings, but I did not get near.

59,047. Who employed you to do something? what was it?—Merely to stand there when Bramley Moore was speaking, and give a hurrah.

59,048. You were to keep up a hurrah when he spoke, and vote for him?—They did not say anything about voting for him.

59,049. You waited to get the 5*s.* first. Do you know Lidgard?—Yes.

59,050. Did you get your name set down by him?—Yes.

59,051. When was that?—It would be a fortnight before the election took place.

59,052. Did you get something from him?—To tell the truth, I do not know who paid me.

59,053. You are meaning to tell the truth?—Yes.

59,054. What did you mean by swearing just now that you never told anybody, till the day of the polling, who you meant to vote for, till you had got your name set down by Lidgard?—I did not tell him who I was going to vote for.

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59,055. How much were you paid by Lidgard?—I cannot say to two or three shillings.
59,056. How much?—As near as I can say, 2*l.* 5*s.*
59,057. You got 2*l.* 5*s.*?—Somewhere about that; I cannot say to a shilling or two, under or over.
59,058. What did you do for that? Lidgard has been here, and he has been examined himself; he told us what the room was for?—I took the seats there, and took them back again; looking after the place; running here and running there.
59,059. You ran to see what o'clock it was?—Anywhere where they would send me to.
59,060. Did he send you to see what o'clock it was?—No, he did not. He used to send me to deliver bills out, and stick them up; anything of that sort.
59,061. In fact, you were doing anything?—I had to scrape the bills off the walls.
59,062. That was after the election?—It was after the election.
59,063. And before?—Before, I had to stick them on, on the window shutters, and on the walls; to do anything he told me, or anybody that was there.
59,064. Where were you employed?—At the Minerva Terrace, I think it is called.
59,065. Did you pull down all the orange bills in the middle of the night?—Not one at all; I was in bed.
59,066. During the fortnight you were there, how often were you employed at the committee room?—About every half hour, myself, because my work partly lay there, from the south end.
59,067. You were at work at your business as a porter?—Sometimes; if I had a chance to take a job.
59,068. You did not think Lidgard's business interfered with your own?—It often did, but I did not let him see it.
59,069. Do you mean to say—and he was very careful—that you never told Lidgard who you were going to vote for?—I never did.
59,070. He knew it?—He never did.
59,071. He never asked you?—Never did.
59,072. He knew it perfectly well, of course?—If he did, he knew more than I did.

R. Bearpark.

RICHARD BEARPARK sworn, and examined.

59,073. What is your business?—I am in no business.
59,074. What is your profession?—I have none.
59,075. What are you?—I have been emyloyed by the Dock Company a number of years, but I am out of employment at present.
59,076. What business were you brought up to?—Brought up as a gentleman's servant.
59,077. Do you occupy any house or premises?—Yes.
59,078. Where?—No. 8, Trinity House Lane.
59,079. At what rent?—£20.
59,080. How long have you been occupying premises there?—About ten or eleven years, I do not know exactly which.
59,081. Are you a freeman?—No.
59,082. Did you vote in the year 1847?—Yes.
59,083. Who for?—Clay and Baines.
59,084. Were you paid on that occasion?—No.
59,085. You got no money?—Not a halfpenny.
59,086. Were you promised any?—No.
59,087. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
59,088. Was your name set down?—Yes.
59,089. Who by, Alderman Forrester?—Mr. Sylbon.
59,090. At a coffee shop?—Yes, in Fish Street.
59,091. For how many days?—I cannot exactly say; five or six days before the election.
59,092. How many days were you to be paid; six days; the usual allowance?—I had been five or six days before the election; at least, before the nomination day.
59,093. What, did Mr. Sylbon set you down for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
59,094. Did they pay you?—Yes.
59,095. How much?—At the rate of 3*s.* 6*d.* a day, and 5*s.* for the nomination day.
59,096. How much did you get altogether?—I do not know whether I got five or six days.
59,097. Were you paid anything after the election?—Yes.
59,098. Was it all paid after?—No; it was paid before, for the days previous to the election; and for the nomination day, and the election day, after the election.
59,099. And for either three or four days before?—Four or five.
59,100. Were you canvassed by the orange?—No, I cannot say that I was; at least, they called at my house, but I was not in.
59,101. You were canvassed by Alderman Forrester?—No.
59,102. Did not Alderman Forrester canvass you?—I do not recollect that he did; he is of the orange party.

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59,103. You were canvassed by Alderman Forrester?—I cannot say; he was at my house.

59,104. Did he not canvass you for your vote?—I do not recollect that he did.

59,105. Did you not ask him for employment?—I did.

59,106. You knew he was on the orange side, of course?—I did.

59,107. I suppose you know that the vote and the employment go together. If you had been employed by the orange, you would have voted for the orange, and if employed by the blue, you would have voted blue?—I should not have done that.

59,108. If you had been employed by the orange you would have voted for the orange?—I never intended to vote for the orange.

59,109. When you asked Alderman Forrester for employment you knew he would not give it unless you voted with him?—I do not recollect asking him for employment.

59,110. You have told me twice that you did?—If I told you so I did wrong. I did no such thing. I applied to Alderman Forrester for 10*s.* for the election in 1847. That was what I applied to him for, not for employment, because I was employed by the blues at the time I spoke to Alderman Forrester.

59,111. Before Alderman Forrester spoke to you, you applied for 10*s.* at King Street, to Mr. Clay's committee?—Yes.

59,112. You asked Alderman Forrester for 10*s.*?—I did not ask him for it exactly; I told him other people were getting paid, and I should be paid the same.

59,113. You asked to belong to those who were paid instead of those who were not?—No; I could not do that.

59,114. Did you not want the 10*s.*?—So I did, but I never got it.

59,115. You wanted 10*s.* of Mr. Clay's money?—Yes.

59,116. You told Alderman Forrester so?—Yes, I did.

59,117. Do you mean to say, when you asked for Mr. Clay's money, you meant to vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes; I do say so.

59,118. When you asked for it?—Yes; for the election in 1847.

59,119. You went and asked for Mr. Clay's money, meaning to vote against him?—Yes.

59,120. You understand what I mean. I ask you seriously, do you mean to say you wanted to get the orange money and then to vote blue? Do you seriously mean to stand, and in the face of this Court say that?—It was my right to receive it for the 1847 election.

59,121. Do you mean to tell us that you applied a few days before the election for the money, and meant to vote against him?—I certainly should not vote for Mr. Clay.

59,122. Even if you had got the money?—Even if I had got the money, because I might have had the money seven years ago.

59,123. Why did you not get that 10*s.*?—Because they would not pay me.

59,124. Did they give you any reason for refusing to pay?—That they had paid up to a certain day, and after that day there was none paid. It so happened that I was not one that was there in time.

59,125. Did you ever apply for it before, after the election of 1847?—I cannot say that I did. No, I never did, to speak candidly.

John Dalton.

JOHN DALTON sworn, and examined.

59,126. What is your business?—A cowkeeper and gardener

59,127. Where do you live?—Popple Street, Drypool.

59,128. What rent do you pay?—It is my own property.

59,129. What are you rated at?—£11.

59,130. Are you a freeman?—By householding.

59,131. Are you a burgess?—No.

59,132. How long have you had the right to vote as a householder?—I have lived in the same place twenty-three years.

59,133. Who did you vote for in 1841?—The blues.

59,134. Hanmer and James?—Yes.

59,135. What did you get paid then?—I got nothing. I had a ticket to get a glass of grog after I had done.

59,136. After the election was over did you get some?—Never a farthing.

59,137. Were you promised?—No.

59,138. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I voted for the blues.

59,139. There were no blues,—Clay, Baines, and Brown?—I believe I bulleted for Clay.

59,140. How much money did you get?—None.

59,141. Did you ever ask for it?—No.

59,142. You are the John Dalton of Popple Street, Drypool, householder, who voted for Baines and Brown?—I voted blue, I know that.

59,143. There was no blue I tell you?—Then I did not vote at all.

59,144. Did you vote for Baines and Brown?—Very likely I did, but I do not know.

59,145. Did you get any money for your vote?—No; I got none. I voted twenty-six years, and I never got a farthing.

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59,146. In 1852, who did you vote for?—I voted for the blues.

59,147. Moore and Butler?—Yes.

59,148. Did you have your name set down?—Yes; I had it set down.

59,149. When?—When I polled.

59,150. Were you not set down?—They wanted me to be a runner, but I would not.

59,151. Who?—The party that were collecting about.

59,152. Who?—I do not know who; several of them. They would put me down as a runner if I liked, but I did not want to be.

59,153. Did you say they might do as they liked?—No; I said I had other employment, and I could not.

59,154. Are you quite sure you did not get any money?—Not a farthing, Sir. Nothing but a glass of grog; that is all I got.

59,155. The last time?—Yes; they gave me a ticket after I polled to go to the committee room to get a glass of grog; that was all I got.

59,156. When was that?—The last election.

59,157. Was that after you voted?—I went to my work.

59,158. Did you have the ticket after you voted?—They gave me a ticket to get a glass of grog the same as other people

59,159. Did they give it you after you voted?—After.

59,160. Are you sure you are not thinking of something else; I understand the glass is given at the municipal elections?—I got it after.

59,161. I understand the glass was given at the municipal elections only. I am talking about the parliamentary election last July, a year ago, when Moore and Butler and Clay and Lord Goderich were candidates for Parliament; that is what I am speaking of, not the corporation election?—I mean that myself.

59,162. Was it not in November you got the glass of grog?—I got one before and all.

59,163. Did you get one in July?—Yes.

59,164. At what committee room did you get the grog?—Union Street committee room, at Mr. Foster's, in Witham.

Thomas Dunwell.

THOMAS DUNWELL sworn, and examined.

59,165. Where do you live?—Scale Lane.

59,166. Do you occupy a house there?—Yes.

59,167. At what rent?—£22.

59,168. You are not a freeman?—No; a householder.

59,169. How long have you been a voter as a householder?—I only voted last year at the last election.

59,170. I ask you how long you have been entitled to vote?—About three years and a half; at least I think so.

59,171. Who did you vote for last year?—Bramley Moore and Butler.

59,172. Did you state to anybody that you expected some money, and would not vote unless you got it? Do you remember saying that you expected some money?—Who to?

59,173. To anybody?—No.

59,174. You mean that you never said that?—No.

59,175. You remember you are on your oath. The question is, whether you ever stated to anybody that you would not vote unless you got some money?—Yes; I am on my oath.

59,176. You never said it?—I never said it.

59,177. Did you talk to any of the gentlemen, the canvassers, about letting a room?—I have nothing to do with that room; it is my father that has to do with the room.

59,178. Where does your father live?—In Bishop Lane.

59,179. Do you know whether your father let his room?—No; I have nothing to do with his affairs.

59,180. Do you know whether he let a room at the election?—Yes.

59,181. What was he paid?—I suppose he got some money, 3*l.* somewhere about there, that is best known to himself; he will say when he comes here.

59,182. Three pounds?—Somewhere thereabouts. I cannot say.

59,183. How long before the election was it the room was let?—Well, I cannot say, I am sure; you can get him up and then he will tell you all about it.

59,184. A week or a month?—I cannot say, I am sure.

59,185. Two years?—No.

59,186. Tell us the best you can?—Perhaps it might have been a month, or perhaps a fortnight, or perhaps a week.

59,187. Were you canvassed by the blues?—Yes.

59,188. Who canvassed you first?—I do not know them.

59,189. And what did you say to them?—Both parties came to me, and I said I should not promise either.

59,190. Now I ask you did you not also say you would not promise unless you were paid?—No.

59,191. Was there nothing said about being paid?—No; nothing at all.

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59,192. To those who canvassed you?—To those who canvassed me, no never.

59,193. About setting your name down?—There was one party promised to set my name down as a runner for the other side, but not this side, the blue side.

59,194. That was the orange party?—Yes.

59,195. Who was that?—Mr. Foster, paperhanger, Scale Lane.

59,196. And did you mention that to the blue party when they canvassed you?—No.

59,197. Why not?—I had no reason for doing so.

59,198. When did you tell that to anybody? Did you ever tell anybody before to-day? Have you mentioned it to anybody before to-day?—Yes; to several parties.

59,199. Did you mention it to anybody of the blue party?—Well, I cannot say at present.

59,200. Can you tell who you mentioned it to before to-day?—Well, I do not know at present, I am sure.

59,201. You cannot tell us of anybody whom you ever told it to?—No.

59,202. Did you tell any of the blue party before you voted?—Not that I am aware of.

59,203. What did you say when he offered to set your name down for the orange party?—I said that I should not promise.

59,204. Did you tell that to the blue party?—Yes.

59,205. And did they offer to set your name down?—No.

59,206. They would not have anything to do with you. Did you hear that they wanted 478 runners one morning?—The orange party?

59,207. No; the blues?—I never heard about that.

59,208. Did you get your name set down?—No; for neither party. I never got a farthing from either.

J. H. Drant.

JOSEPH HENRY DRANT sworn, and examined.

59,209. Where do you live?—Feather Lane, Drypool.

59,210. What rent do you pay?—I am a lodger.

59,211. What business are you?—A cartman.

59,212. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

59,213. How long have you been a freeman?—Well, I am sure I cannot tell exactly.

59,214. Thirty years?—No, not quite.

59,215. Twenty years?—No, fourteen or fifteen years.

59,216. Who did you vote for in 1841?—I am sure I cannot tell.

59,217. Hanmer and James, or Clay and Thompson?—Very likely. I have forgotten, I am sure.

59,218. Did you vote for all four?—No; I have forgotten which.

59,219. Was your freedom taken up in 1839?—Very likely; I am sure I forget.

59,220. Which party took your freedom up?—I do not know, I am sure.

59,221. You did not pay for it yourself?—No; I did not.

59,222. How came you not to vote in 1841?—I do not know, I am sure.

59,223. Who did you vote for in 1847?—Mr. Brown and Mr. Baines.

59,224. Did you get any money from either of those gentlemen?—I believe I got a little from Mr. Brown, I forget how much.

59,225. Ten shillings?—I believe 10*s*.

59,226. Did Stephenson pay you?—I do not know, I am sure.

59,227. Where were you paid?—I have forgotten; in some part of Witham.

59,228. Was it paid before or after you voted?—After, I believe.

59,229. Who did you vote for in 1852?—At the last election?

59,230. Yes.—Bramley Moore, and Butler.

59,231. Were you paid for that?—Yes.

59,232. How much?—A sovereign.

59,233. Before or after the election?—Ten shillings before and ten shillings after.

59,234. Where?—At Andrew Hare's in Witham Street, and Mr. Bailey's, a draper, in Great Union Street.

John Dickinson.

JOHN DICKINSON sworn, and examined.

59,235. What is your business?—A seafaring man.

59,236. Where do you live?—I live in Raywell Street.

59,237. Do you occupy a house there?—Yes; but I poll by being a burgess.

59,238. What rent do you pay?—I pay no rent.

59,239. Is it your own house?—Yes.

59,240. What is the poor rate?—About 7*l*.

59,241. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

59,242. How long have you been a freeman?—I took my freedom up, I believe, at Hanmer and James's election, just a bit before they came.

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59,243. That was in 1839, I dare say?—I think it was, but I did not poll at that election.

59,244. Which party paid for it?—Blue.

59,245. Why did you not vote?—Because I was informed that it being so late when I took it up, close upon the election, that I was not entitled to poll at that election; I never bothered my head any more about it.

59,246. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown and Mr. Baines.

59,247. What did you get then?—10*s.*

59,248. From Brown?—From Mr. Brown.

59,249. Who paid it you?—We were puzzled completely, I do not know who; I can tell you where I was paid.

59,250. Where?—At a little public house at Machell Street end.

59,251. Is that the Bay Horse?—I did not take notice of what sign it was, it was a very small conspicuous house for people knowing it.

59,252. In 1852 did you vote?—Yes.

59,253. Who did you vote for?—Bramley Moore and Butler this time.

59,254. What did you get for that?—I was four days a runner, and I got a pound; at least my wife did; I did not receive it. About a fortnight or a week after the election was over I got 1*l.* paid at Mr. Cattley's office. My missus drew it; I did not; you will see her name down, I expect.

59,255. You were a runner for the orange side?—I was; that is the truth; I do not deny it.

59,256. How much did you get from them?—I had 3*s.* 6*d.* a day, and I did run, you may depend upon it.

59,257. How came you not to vote for them?—I changed my mind; it appears that I was not properly satisfied, and in consequence of that I changed my mind, as I was for the other party before, and they took my freedom up; I thought it was my duty to vote for that party. I considered it such, that was the whole reason.

59,258. You expected to be paid 5*s.* a day, and you only got 3*s.* 6*d.*?—No; I do not know anything of the kind occupied my mind.

59,259. You were not satisfied with 3*s.* 6*d.* a day?—No; I do not know that I was not satisfied with 3*s.* 6*d.* a day. I do not know that occupied my mind at all.

59,260. Who assisted you in changing your mind?—There was nobody assisted me in changing my mind; it was a free will of my own.

59,261. How long was it before the election?—I left the orange party on the Saturday night, and went to the blue on the Monday morning; that was sharp work.

59,262. And got 5*s.* a day instead of 3*s.* 6*d.*?—I got a pound for the four days; that is all right, I do not deny it.

59,263. Did you go on the same night, the Saturday night, to the blues?—No; I did not go on Saturday night.

59,264. When did you go?—On the Monday morning.

59,265. Where to?—Turpin took my name down.

59,266. Had you done any stroke of business on the Sunday?—I do not know anything about his business.

59,267. Where did he take your name down?—He took my name down at my house.

59,268. He came to you?—Yes.

59,269. Did he ask you how much you had been getting?—No; he did not ask me anything of the kind.

59,270. What did he say, he knew you had been running for the other side?—He did.

59,271. And wanted you to come over to the blues?—He asked me decidedly for my vote, and I told him I would give it freely, and there was no more said, and I went there.

59,272. And I suppose he told you he would give you 5*s.* a day?—No; nothing of the kind, except that he would set my name down as a runner, and Mr. Cattley paid me at his office, at least he paid my missus, I meant to say, but it was all one.

59,273. Was this on the Sunday that he canvassed you?—No; it was on the Monday morning.

59,274. What o'clock of the day was it?—I do not know exactly what o'clock it was. I do not keep such things in my mind as regards that. It may have been ten o'clock. I do not know.

59,275. If you had not seen Turpin you would have gone back to the orange committee room?—I do not know how that would have been.

W. Etherington.

WILLIAM ETHERINGTON sworn, and examined.

59,276. Where do you live?—Lower Union Street.

59,277. What trade are you?—A seaman.

59,278. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

59,279. Do you pay any rent for a house?—Yes.

59,280. How much?—£4 10*s.*

59,281. When were you made a freeman?—In 1820.

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59,282. Who took up your freedom?—I took it up myself.

59,283. When did you first vote at an election?—The first time when Mr. Hunt was here.

59,284. Now in 1841 did you vote for Hanmer and James?—No.

59,285. Clay and Thompson were the others; who for then?—I was not here. I was away.

59,286. In 1847 who did you vote for, that was Clay, Brown, and Baines?—Yes; I voted for Brown and Baines.

59,287. Did you get any money for your vote?—I got 5*s.* from Mr. Brown.

59,288. Afterwards?—No; I got it paid the day before,

59,289. Were you paid anything for Mr. Baines?—No, nothing.

59,290. In 1852, did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

59,291. Was your name set down?—Yes.

59,292. Where was that?—At Legitt's.

59,293. How much did you get?—34*s.* 6*d.*

59,294. Who paid you?—Legitt.

59,295. When?—At different times; I got it at three different times.

59,296. Where did he pay you?—At the committee room.

59,297. At the room that he was at?—Yes.

59,298. The Minerva Terrace?—Yes.

59,299. He paid you there?—Yes.

59,300. What was your name set down for?—For a messenger.

59,301. How long before the election?—Nine days.

59,302. What did you do?—I run errands to different places, to different committee rooms, anything they set me to do.

59,303. You understood that you were to vote for Moore and Butler; you said that you would?—I always did vote for that colour.

Charles Conyers.

CHARLES CONYERS sworn, and examined.

59,304. Where do you live?—In Scale Lane, Broad Entry.

59,305. What is your business?—Shipwright.

59,306. What rent do you pay for your house?—None at all. I do not keep one; I am not a householder, I am a lodger.

59,307. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

59,308. When did you take up your freedom?—In 1815.

59,309. At your own expense?—Yes.

59,310. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.

59,311. Who for?—Hanmer and James.

59,312. Did you get some money for your vote?—I got paid for running.

59,313. How much?—30*s.*

59,314. When was that paid you?—The week I did it; I got paid for a week.

59,315. Where were you paid?—I was paid in Queen Street, I think they call it.

59,316. In 1847?—I did not vote at all.

59,317. Why not?—Because I got drunk and could not vote.

59,318. Who made you drunk?—None of them; I got drunk myself.

59,319. Did you get any money to vote for Mr. Brown?—Yes; I got 10*s.*

59,320. They paid it you too soon?—Yes.

59,321. And you did not vote?—I could not, because I could not walk up there.

59,322. Now, in 1852, what did you do then?—I did not vote at all.

59,323. For the same reason?—No, I was badly; I was ill, I could not; I would tell you in a minute if I had been drunk.

59,324. I believe your name had been set down as a runner for Moore and Butler?—No; I never promised anybody at all.

59,325. Are you sure your name was not set down?—I will not say that it was not; two men came to me, Craig and Stones, and said they would set me down; I told them it was no use, I could not support them; I will not say they did not set me down.

59,326. Do you know a man of the name of Richard Groves?—No.

59,327. You do not know him?—No.

59,328. Did you show any man eight sovereigns?—I wish I could.

59,329. I do not mean to-day?—No; nor on any other day; I have not had eight sovereigns belonging to me these twenty years; bring any man before my face that will say I have.

59,330. At another election in 1837 I think you had eight sovereigns?—I have had nothing of the sort.

59,331. Do you remember the year of the great scrutiny?—Yes; I recollect 1837 very well.

59,332. When Wilberforce was returned and unseated at that time; Mr. Steeple is the man?—I never had any connexion with them; I know the man very well; I never had a farthing from George Steeple.

59,333. He paid a good many then?—He did not pay me, I am very sorry to say.

Charles Conyers.

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59,334. Did you not get any money in 1852, from Moore and Butler?—No.

59,335. You said you were badly at the time?—I was badly, and it was not likely they would give me anything when I had not voted; I have not voted at two elections.

Benjamin Cooper.

BENJAMIN COOPER sworn, and examined.

59,336. Where do you live?—In Lime Street.

59,337. What is your business?—I keep a public house.

59,338. What rent do you pay?—£16 a year.

59,339. Are you a freeman?—No.

59,340. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.

59,341. Clay and Thompson and Hanmer and James stood?—Yes.

59,342. Who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay.

59,343. Did you get some money for that vote?—No.

59,344. No money at all?—No.; except for the room.

59,345. How much did you get?—£2.

59,346. For a committee room?—Yes.

59,347. One of those sort of rooms they have spoken of, that they paid 2*l.* a piece for?—No; only one.

59,348. The sham committee rooms?—Yes.

59,349. Now in 1847 who did you vote for, Clay, Baines, or Brown?—Brown and Clay.

59,350. Did you let a room that time?—No.

59,351. Did you get any money?—No, nothing.

59,352. How was it you did not manage about your room?—I did not get anything at all.

59,353. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Bramley Moore and Butler.

59,354. I believe they took your room at that time?—Yes.

59,355. How much did you get for that?—I got 2*l.*

59,356. Was it taken in the same way as it was in 1841?—Yes.

59,357. No committee ever met there?—No, there was not.

59,358. You had no list of the committee given to you?—No, I had not.

59,359. Who did you make the bargain with?—At the last election?

59,360. Yes?—With Mr. Oxtoby.

59,361. How much for?—£2.

59,362. Who paid you?—Well, I do not know who it was that paid me; there was a gentleman came about ten days after.

59,363. Steeple, perhaps?—I do not know, I am sure.

59,364. Do you know Steeple?—I do not know him.

James Close.

JAMES CLOSE sworn, and examined.

59,365. What is your business?—A publican.

59,366. Where do you live?—Witham.

59,367. What rent do you pay for a house?—£30 a year.

59,368. Are you a freeman?—No.

59,369. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—I cannot tell you, I am sure; I have voted this last fourteen years.

59,370. The candidates were Clay and Thompson and Hanmer and James?—I forget them; I cannot think of their names; I have not them down, and I cannot think of it.

59,371. According to the poll book, you voted: James Close, of Witham, is described as having voted for James and Hanmer in 1841: is that you?—Yes, very likely; I cannot contradict that.

59,372. Did you get any money at that time?—No; that I really did not, at no time, for that matter.

59,373. For any matter?—No.

59,374. We are told that you got something for a room last time?—That is a different concern to what you are talking about.

59,375. Did you get any in 1841?—No.

59,376. In 1841 you got nothing at all?—There was no room let that I know of.

59,377. What did you get in 1841 for the whole concern?—Well, I should think I had nothing to do with it.

59,378. Now, in 1847, you did not vote, I believe?—I cannot tell you.

59,379. 1852, the last election, you remember?—That I really can.

59,380. At the last election who did you vote for?—Bramley Moore, and Butler.

59,381. And they had your room?—They took a room.

59,382. Who took it?—Todd.

59,383. What Todd is that?—He was formerly the tax gatherer in Witham.

59,384. When did he take your room?—A few days before the election.

James Close.

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59,385. Did any committee meet there?—None at all.
59,386. How much money did you get for it?—£2.
59,387. Who paid you that?—Steeple.
59,388. When?—Some six or seven days afterwards, something like that; I do not know exactly.
59,389. When they took your room, there was no list of any committee given you?—Todd took it, and Steeple paid for it.

Henry Clark.

HENRY CLARK sworn, and examined.

59,390. Where do you live?—Holderness Road.
59,391. What is your business?—A miller.
59,392. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
59,393. How much?—£20 mill and house.
59,394. You are not a freeman?—No.
59,395. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.
59,396. Who did you vote for, Hanmer and James?—No; I believe I voted for Clay and Hanmer; I split my vote.
59,397. Did you get something from each of them for your vote?—No, nothing.
59,398. Not from either?—No.
59,399. Did you let them a room?—No.
59,400. Did you get any money at that election at all?—None at all.
59,401. Now, in 1847, who did you vote for, Clay, Brown, or Baines?—I did not vote at all.
59,402. How was that?—I was not on the register.
59,403. In 1852 who did you vote for, Moore and Butler?—Moore and Butler.
59,404. Where did you come from to vote?—I lived in the Holderness Road.
59,405. Not from Keyningham?—No; I have lived at Keyningham.
59,406. Did you do so at the time of the election?—No, I had left.
59,407. Where did you live at the time of the election?—In the Holderness Road.
59,408. Did you receive any money for your vote?—No.
59,409. Had you a room let?—No.
59,410. Did you get any expenses?—No.
59,411. Not for travelling, or anything?—Nothing; I got a glass of brandy after voting, that is all I got.

Dawson Cooper.

DAWSON COOPER sworn, and examined.

59,412. Where do you live?—High Street.
59,413. In Hull?—Yes.
59,414. What is your business?—A labourer.
59,415. What rent do you pay?—£10.
59,416. Are you a freeman?—No.
59,417. Which election did you vote at first, 1841?—The last was the first.
59,418. Were you registered before that; had you a right to vote before that election?—No, I had not.
59,419. Who did you vote for then?—Moore and Butler.
59,420. Do you recollect, on the day of the election, young Mr. Gresham calling on you?—I do not recollect anything about it.
59,421. Do you recollect anybody calling on you?—Yes; two or three did.
59,422. Did you tell some people that you had been promised some 2*l.* or 3*l.* by the blues?—Nothing of the kind.
59,423. Did you get any money for your vote?—Yes; I got 30*s.*
59,424. Was it paid before or after the election?—Before.
59,425. Who paid it?—Mr. Davis.
59,426. Where?—At the Falstaff.

James Christie.

JAMES CHRISTIE sworn, and examined.

59,427. Where do you live?—In the Charter House.
59,428. What is your business?—I am a seafaring man.
59,429. What rent do you pay for your house?—Nothing; I am in the Charter House.
59,430. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
59,431. When were you made free?—In 1803.
59,432. At your own expense?—Yes.
59,433. Did you vote at the election of 1841, Clay and Thompson, or Hanmer and James?—I think I voted for Hanmer and James. I generally voted for the blue side.

James Christie.

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59,434. Did you get any money at that election for your vote?—I cannot say; I believe I got the same as the other people.

59,435. The other people got a sovereign, is that what you got?—That would be the sum.

59,436. In 1847 who did you vote for, Clay, Baines, or Brown?—For Baines and Brown.

59,437. And did you get some money for your vote then?—I received 10*s.*

59,438. Who for?—For Baines and Brown.

59,439. For both of them?—Yes.

59,440. Who paid you?—I was paid by a man who is dead now, his name was Peterson.

59,441. Where did he pay you?—In Wincolmlee, the day of the election.

59,442. What did he say the day he paid you?—I was put down as a runner. They were going to pay at nine o'clock, and I could not attend,—he happened to be at the place, and he said he would take it for me, and he never offered to give it me after he got it; but on the day of the polling he gave it me.

59,443. Who did he say it was for, Baines and Brown? What reason have you for saying that 10*s.* was for Baines and Brown?—I do not know that it was. I was put down as a messenger.

59,444. Where?—In Wincolmlee.

59,445. That is a large place; at what house in Wincolmlee?—I am sure I forget. Mr. Steeple's I think it was.

59,446. George Steeple set it down?—Yes, he did.

59,447. Now, at the last election, who did you vote for?—I voted for Bramley Moore and Butler.

59,448. You got 10*s.* did you not?—I had it paid to me ten days after. It was sent to me when I was at dinner; who it was from I do not know.

59,449. I ask you if you got it?—It was directed to me in a paper, and I had no occasion to ask anything about it.

59,450. That was a few days after the election?—Ten days after.

59,451. Did you not see the person who brought it?—A young woman brought it; she laid it down on the table; it was directed to me.

59,452. Were you not surprised at receiving 10*s.* from a young woman?—Certainly I was.

59,453. Did you not ask her to dinner, and what it was for?—She did not stop.

59,454. What did you say to her?—I did not say anything to her. I did not ask her who sent it.

59,455. What did she say to you?—I cannot tell you; my memory is bad.

59,456. You can recollect what she said?—She laid the paper down, and said it was a present.

59,457. Was it directed to you?—Yes.

59,458. And what was written inside the paper?—Nothing. On the outside of the paper, "James Christie, Charter House," and there was a half sovereign in it.

59,459. There are some more people in the Charter House?—Yes.

59,460. Did they get the same?—I do not know.

59,461. Did not the voters get some money?—I do not know there were any belonging to the blues in the Charter House but myself.

59,462. You do not suppose the young woman singled you out?—That I do not know. She came in; I did not ask her any questions; I thought it was a very good present.

59,463. Did she not go in to the other people at dinner there, and give them something?—Not that I know of.

59,464. Did you hear them say that they got any money?—I did not move out of my own room at the time.

59,465. I suppose you knew pretty well what it was for?—Yes.

59,466. What did you think it was for?—It might be for the election for what I know.

59,467. And it was; do you not think so?—Yes; most likely.

William Clark.

WILLIAM CLARK sworn, and examined.

59,468. Where do you live?—Hyperion Street, Drypool.

59,469. What is your business?—A labourer.

59,470. What rent do you pay?—£6.

59,471. Are you a freeman?—Yes, I am free born.

59,472. When were you made a freeman?—Just before the last election.

59,473. Was that the first election you voted at?—Yes.

59,474. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

59,475. Did you promise to vote for the orange party?—I did not punctually promise anybody.

William Clark.

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59,476. Did you not say you would vote for them?—No; I did not particularly say I would vote for any one.

59,477. Never mind the particularity; did you tell the orange party that you would vote for them?—No; Mr. Eccles said he would set my name down, and I said he might do as he liked.

59,478. That was for the orange party?—Yes.

59,479. How long was that before the election?—I should think it would be a week nearly.

59,480. After that did the blue party come to you?—Yes; Mr. Bramley Moore and Mr. Butler all came.

59,481. All the blue party?—Yes.

59,482. What did they say to you?—They solicited me for my vote, and I did not say which side I would vote for.

59,483. Did you not afterwards promise to vote for the blue?—No.

59,484. You did vote for them?—I know I did.

59,485. You told us just now that you let the orange party set your name down?—I told them they could do as they liked. I did not give them any answer.

59,486. You voted for the blue?—Yes.

59,487. Did you get any money?—Yes; I got four days' running money. Mr. Bell told you this morning that he paid me.

59,488. You were one of those he mentioned?—Yes.

59,489. Was your name put down for four days?—Yes.

59,490. Where was that?—Todd put it down at Andrew Hare's, in Witham.

George Campbell.

GEORGE CAMPBELL sworn, and examined.

59,491. Where do you live?—Lower Union Street.

59,492. What is your business?—Sailor.

59,493. What rent do you pay?—£4. 4*s.* now.

59,494. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

59,495. Who made you free?—My servitude of seven years.

59,496. Did you take it up yourself?—Yes; in 1812, on the 3d day of October, I believe.

59,497. Now, in 1841, who did you vote for?—In 1841 I was at sea.

59,498. You did not then vote?—No.

59,499. In 1847 who did you vote for, Clay, Baines, or Brown?—I voted for Baines and Brown.

59,500. Did you get any money for your vote?—I got two days from Mr. Brown.

59,501. 10*s.*?—Yes.

59,502. Then at the election of 1852 you voted for the blue?—I voted for Bramley Moore and Butler.

59,503. And did you get 31*s.* 6*d.*?—No; I got twelve days' pay.

59,504. I want to know how much it was?—I was with Legitt.

59,505. Was it 1*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.*?—No; I got altogether about 2*l.* 8*s.*, I think.

59,506. Were you at Legitt's all the time?—I was there all the time. I was in Dock Side Street—we opened a room there; I cleaned it out and put up a flag, and I stuck to him till it was all done.

59,507. You helped him a good deal?—I did all that there was for me to do.

59,508. You did all the work?—Not quite all.

59,509. A good deal of it?—Yes.

59,510. You did not request to have your name set down?—No; I had nothing to do with setting names down.

59,511. Did you bring in people?—No.

59,512. What did you do? Did you sit in the room?—No; I cleaned it out. I ran about all the time with papers.

59,513. You cleaned out the room?—Yes; the very first day I was there I did that job.

59,514. Legitt has told us that he employed some of his messengers in seeing what o'clock it was?—I dare say; it was no use sending me—I am very bad of sight.

59,515. Did you go and look after the ships?—No; when there were notes to take out I used to take them, and did anything they told me to do that was wanted.

59,516. How old are you?—Sixty-two.

John Moat.

JOHN MOAT sworn, and examined.

59,517. Where do you live?—No. 47, Aldbro' Street.

59,518. What is your business?—A shipwright.

59,519. Do you occupy a house there?—Yes.

John Moat.

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59,520. What is the rent you pay?—£5 10*s.* I believe; I hardly know, for I never bother my head with the rent.

59,521. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

59,522. How long have you been a freeman?—In 1839 I took it up.

59,523. Which side took it up for you?—The orange side.

59,524. Who did you vote for in 1841? Did you vote for the orange candidates in consequence of that?—Yes.

59,525. Clay and Thompson?—Yes.

59,526. Did you get any money also?—Yes; I believe I did.

59,527. How much did you get for your vote?—I could not recollect now.

59,528. Was it 30*s.*?—Somewhere about that I believe.

59,529. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Nobody.

59,530. Were you away?—No.

59,531. Why did you not vote?—I was at home sick; they fetched me in a carriage, and when I got there they were having a little bit of a shy, and capsized me altogether.

59,532. Did you promise your vote?—Yes.

59,533. Who to?—To Mr. Brown.

59,534. You got 10*s.* I suppose?—Yes; I got half a sovereign that morning.

59,535. You meant to go and vote?—Yes.

59,536. The 10*s.* was for Brown?—Yes, I expect so. They sent for me in a carriage.

59,537. Who did you vote for last year, 1852?—Clay and Goderich.

59,538. Had you your name set down?—Yes.

59,539. Where was it set down in Saville Street?—Yes; Saville Street.

59,540. Did you expect to be paid for your vote after the election was over?—That was the promise.

59,541. Was 30*s.* the sum?—Yes; I believe it was.

Adjourned till to-morrow at ten o'clock.

FORTY-SECOND DAY.—Tuesday, July 26th, 1853.

WILLIAM HARTLEY sworn, and examined.

William Hartley.

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59,542. What is your business?—A publican.

59,543. Where do you carry on business or live?—60, Spread Eagle, Market Place.

59,544. What rent do you pay, or are you rated at?—£92.

59,545. How long have you been a voter for the borough?—I have voted for two elections. I have been eleven years in Hull, that is all.

59,546. Are you a freeman?—No.

59,547. When did you come to Hull?—I came to Hull either in 1842 or 1843. I have only voted at two elections,—Clay and Brown's was the first.

59,548. You have been a voter eleven years?—Yes.

59,549. Did you vote in 1847?—Yes; I voted for Brown and Clay.

59,550. Were you on any committee?—No.

59,551. Did you receive any money for a committee room or otherwise?—No; nor had none.

59,552. Or receive any money in any way connected with the election of 1847?—No.

59,553. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Mr. Bramley Moore and Mr. Butler, and I never saw them. I did not come home till the night before.

59,554. Was there any agreement made about a committee room at your house?—No; there never was such a thing.

59,555. Were you paid for the use of any committee room?—No.

59,556. Was there no committee at your house?—No.

59,557. Do you not keep the Spread Eagle, in the Market Place?—Yes.

59,558. Did you get any money for a room?—No, I did not.

59,559. Had you a blue flag out of your window?—Yes.

59,560. How came that?—It was sent there, but how it came I do not know, because I was not at home until the morning it was put up.

59,561. Did you apply for it?—I did not.

59,562. Or your wife with your sanction?—I was not at home. I do not know how it was done, more than it was put up; I only came home the night before, and I had been ill for five weeks off.

59,563. Are you sure your wife did not receive any money for the use of the room?—Yes.

John Hines.

26th July 1853.

JOHN HINES sworn, and examined.

59,564. Where do you live?—Salthouse Court, Salthouse Lane.

59,565. Do you occupy a house there?—Yes.

59,566. At what rent?—£6.

59,567. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

59,568. How long have you been a freeman?—In 1818 I took my freedom up.

59,569. Before the Reform Act, did you use to receive your four guineas and two guineas for your vote?—Yes.

59,570. In 1841 who did you vote for?—I voted for James and Hanmer.

59,571. Did you get any money upon that occasion?—Yes; I got a sovereign.

59,572. After the election?—Yes.

59,573. Was that for both votes, or only for one?—I was set down as a runner.

59,574. For both?—Yes.

59,575. How long were you paid after the election?—I am sure I do not know; perhaps it might be a week or three or four days, I cannot exactly say.

59,576. Do you know who paid you?—I do not know, I am sure; I did not see the man that did pay me.

59,577. Were you paid through a hole in a door, or through a window, or how?—He was in another room and it was paid through a window.

59,578. Where was that?—In High Street, where I got paid.

59,579. At Bink's?—It was a painter's shop.

59,580, In 1847 who did you vote for?—I polled for Brown.

59,581. Only?—Brown only.

59,582. Did you get paid for your vote then?—I got 15*s.*

59,583. Before or after the election?—Before I voted.

59,584. Paid by Mr. Mitchell?—I got 10*s.* in the Market Place, and 5*s.* against the Paragon Inn; but I am sure I do not know the street nor the house.

59,585. In 1852 you voted for Moore and Butler?—I voted for Bramley Moore and Butler.

59,586. How much did you get for your vote then?—I got a sovereign.

59,587. Paid after the election?—Yes.

59,588. Who paid you?—Mr. Pulleyn.

Robert Brown.

ROBERT BROWN sworn, and examined.

59,589. Where do you live?—No. 7, West Street, Hull.

59,590. What is your business?—Master of a vessel.

59,591. Do you occupy a house?—Yes.

59,592. At what rent?—£18.

59,593. Are you also a freeman?—No.

59,594. How long have you been a voter as a householder?—I only voted this last election.

59,595. How long have you been entitled to vote?—I have lived in Hull ever since 1848.

59,596. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

59,597. Did you receive any money on that occasion?—Yes.

59,598. How much?—£2.

59,599. Was it for both votes?—That is all I got.

59,600. For both votes, or was it for one more than the other?—No; I only received 2*l.*

59,601. Where did you get it?—I got it at the committee room in North Myton.

59,602. Who paid it?—The clerk, Mr. Steeple.

59,603. That was young Steeple?—Yes; young Steeple.

59,604. Were you employed at all?—I was on the committee.

59,605. What, did you canvass?—Yes.

59,606. Nothing else?—No, nothing else.

59,607. On Moore and Butler's committee?—Yes.

59,608. Sat at the table most of the day?—No; I was running about most of the day, and part of the night.

59,609. Do you know John Jarratt?—Yes.

59,610. Did you offer him some money to vote for the blues?—No.

59,611. It is said that you offered John Jarratt some money to vote for the blues, 7*s.* 6*d.* a day. Just remember upon your oath whether you did or not?—Upon my oath I was never empowered so to do, and I am sure I did not do it.

59,612. Did you speak to him on the subject?—I did.

59,613. What did you say to him?—I do not know. I canvassed, and of course I should try and get them to vote for the blues if I could, but not to make them any offer of money. I am sure I never did, because I was never empowered.

Robert Brown.

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59,614. Did you try and get him to have his name set down?—I am sure I do not know; I think I did.

59,615. How many days?—I did not offer him any stated time; and also to get his son on, he wanted, but I said I could not do it.

59,616. Where did you say you would get his name set down?—At our committee room.

59,617. Did he say he would not allow it?—Of course. I used to call on him now and then, but the result was I found he had got a committee room in his own house.

59,618. For which party?—For the orange party.

59,619. And then you left him?—Yes; and then I left him.

59,620. Did you say you would make it better worth his while to come over to the blues?—I do not know that I did. I might have said so; I would not say that I did, or I would not say that I did not.

59,621. Were you at some treat at the Blue Bell in Prospect Street?—Yes; I was at that house; I was not at any eating. All the treat was, I was drinking and taking a glass of grog.

59,622. I did not say anything about eating?—If that was a treat, I was there.

69,623. Did you pay for it?—Yes.

59,624. Were there some blue voters there?—Yes; I dare say there were, and some orange too.

59,625. When was it?—It was a week before the election, I should say.

59,626. How much did you pay?—I could not say how much I paid. I paid it out of my own pocket.

Richard Foster.

RICHARD FOSTER sworn, and examined.

59,627. What is your business?—A licensed victualler.

59,628. Where in this borough do you carry on business?—In Witham.

59,629. What rent do you pay?—£29.

59,630. How long have you been entitled to vote?—I have been there ever since 1844.

59,631. Are you a freeman?—No.

59,632. Who did you vote for in 1847?—I cannot remember; I believe it was Clay alone.

59,633. Did you get any money on that occasion?—No.

59,634. Or let a room?—No.

59,635. I mean any money in any way connected with the election?—Not any.

59,636. Were you on any committee?—No.

59,637. Did you canvass?—No.

59,638. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

59,639. This time, I believe, you made an agreement about a room?—Yes.

59,640. Tell us how that was?—I got 2*l.* 2*s.* for a room.

59,641. And the vote was thrown in as part of the bargain?—Yes.

59,642. Where was it paid?—At my own house.

59,643. Who by?—Mr. Steeple, the elder one.

59,644. I believe you also had a bill for refreshments supplied to voters?—Yes.

59,645. How much was it?—I am sure I do not know; but I think it was 1*l.* 15*s.*

59,646. By whose authority did you treat the voters?—I believe Mr. Field was one.

59,647. What is Mr. Field?—Mr. Richard Field?

59,648. What did he do; did he tell you to supply all who came?—No.

59,649. What did he do?—He told me to supply all the country voters.

59,650. Where does Mr. Field live?—He lives on the Holderness Road.

59,651. Which country voters?—The Hedon and Southcoates voters in the Holderness Road.

59,652. Then you supplied them with 1*l.* 15*s.* worth?—Yes.

59,653. Anything more?—No.

59,654. Who did you send the bill in to?—I got paid with the other. Mr. Steeple paid it.

59,655. How many did you supply?—I am sure I cannot tell.

59,656. I do not ask exactly?—I should say fifty or sixty.

59,657. What did they have?—Some got a threepennyworth, and some a fourpennyworth.

59,658. Was it principally drink?—Yes; they were ordered some bread and cheese too.

59,659. On the election day?—Yes.

59,660. In the morning or evening?—In the morning.

59,661. Before they went to vote or after?—Before they went to vote.

William Firth.

26th July 1853.

WILLIAM FIRTH sworn, and examined.

59,662. Where do you live?—68, Spencer Street.

59,663. What rent do you pay?—£7.

59,664. What business are you?—A painter.

59,665. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

59,666. How long?—I took my freedom up just before Hanmer's election.

59,667. In 1839?—Yes.

59,668. The blues took it up for you?—No; I took it up on my own account.

59,669. Who did you vote for?—I did not vote at Hanmer's election. I had not passed the barrister.

59,670. Who did you vote for in 1847?—Brown.

59,671. Only?—Only Brown.

59,672. What did you get on that occasion for your vote?—A sovereign.

59,673. Who by?—I do not know the party.

59,674. Where?—It was paid in Wincolmlee.

59,675. Before or after you voted?—After.

59,676. Who did you vote for in 1852?—Moore and Butler.

59,677. How much did you get then for your vote?—30*s.*

59,678. Before or after you voted?—All after.

59,679. Who paid you?—I do not know who gave me 10*s.* I was paid 10*s.* on the Saturday night, but I do not know the party that paid it. Mr. Steeple paid the other.

59,680. Where at?—It was at the committee room I was paid the 10*s.*

59,681. And 20*s.* afterwards by Mr. Steeple?—Yes.

59,682. Which committee room was it you were paid the 10*s.* at, on the Saturday?—The committee room in North Myton.

William Frost.

WILLIAM FROST sworn, and examined.

59,683. Where do you live?—Jenning Street Groves.

59,684. Do you occupy a house there?—Yes.

59,685. At what rent?—£11.

59,686. Are you registered as a householder?—Yes.

59,687. How long have you been entitled to vote as a householder?—Perhaps two years, rather more.

59,688. Are you also a freeman?—No.

59,689. 1852 is the first time you voted?—Yes.

59,690. Who did you vote for in 1852?—Bramley Moore and Butler.

59,691. Did you receive money for your vote then?—No.

59,692. Are you sure you did not receive any money?—Yes.

59,693. Do you know a gentleman of the name of Ward in this town?—Yes.

59,694. Did you not have any money from him?—No.

59,695. Do you know who I mean?—Yes. I never got any money from any one.

59,696. What conversation did you have with Mr. Ward?—None, that I recollect. I do not know that I had any; nothing respecting the vote at all.

59,697. Or employment?—No.

59,698. Did he not say anything to you about having your name set down?—No.

59,699. Did you work for Mr. Ward?—Yes.

59,700. Did he speak to you often about your vote?—No.

59,701. How often do you think he spoke to you about your vote?—I do not know that he ever mentioned it. I did not say that he ever mentioned it.

59,702. I do not mean Mr. Ward, the chairman of the committee; I mean another Mr. Ward?—I know who you mean.

59,703. A person you work for?—Yes; I do not work for the other.

59,704. In what capacity do you work for Mr. Ward?—I work for him in my business, and part of the day I hold a situation in the church.

59,705. What business are you?—Plumber and glazier.

59,706. Did he promise you any advantage?—No.

59,707. Or said that it would be better for you to vote for Moore and Butler?—No, he never said anything.

W. R. Goddard.

WILLIAM ROGER GODDARD sworn, and examined.

59,708. What business do you carry on?—A stationer.

59,709. Do you occupy a house?—The shop; I do not occupy the house myself.

59,710. What rent do you pay, or what are you rated at?—I do not know what we are rated at; we pay about 120*l.* a year altogether.

59,711. Rent?—Yes.

59,712. How long have you been entitled to vote as a householder?—Since the Reform Bill.

59,713. Are you also a freeman?—No.

59,714. Who did you vote for in 1841?—Hanmer and James.

59,715. Did you sell any stationery on that occasion to the committee, or derive any other advantage?—Yes, printing and stationery.

59,716. In 1841?—Yes.

59,717. Do you remember what the amount of your bill was?—Upon my word I do not know, but I think about 70*l.* or 80*l.* I should think so, judging from elections since, and previous elections.

59,718. Judging from your memory only can you tell?—No, I really cannot. I could not refer, the books are not in my hands now.

59,719. Were you a member of any committee?—Yes, I was either chairman or deputy-chairman of the Lowgate ward committee, but I really do no know which it was.

59,720. Were there many runners set down at your committee?—A great many.

59,721. And paid?—And paid.

59,722. Have you any idea how many?—No, I have not. I did not manage that part of the business at all. I was generally out canvassing.

59,723. Who did?—Mr. Stafford. I was chairman, he was deputy chairman of that committee; that is, as to putting the names down. He did not manage the paying.

59,724. The setting down?—Yes.

59,725. You are speaking, of course, of your own knowledge?—Yes.

59,726. Who is Mr. Stafford?—He was the editor then of the "Hull Packet." He is now, I believe, the editor of a Norwich paper.

59,727. Who paid them?—I should say Freebody paid the principal part of them.

59,728. What was the sytem adopted in setting down; did you set down every applicant?—No; we set down the applicants connected with the ward.

59,729. I mean every applicant in the ward?—Yes, every applicant that applied.

59,730. And then paid them all after they voted, on ascertaining they voted James and Hanmer?—Yes, that is about the system.

59,731. Very much the same as was usually adopted?—Yes.

59,732. Was there any list kept of them?—Mr. Stafford would keep the list.

59,733. What is the number about that were set down at your ward?—I really have no recollection. I did not set them down myself.

59,734. It has been stated at sixty; should you say 100?—No, I should think not a hundred, but I should think considerably above fifty. I can only speak from recollection.

59,735. How much were they paid?—I believe they were paid 1*l.*, but I cannot speak from my own knowledge.

59,736. Who were the other more active men on your committee?—I think Mr. Binks was one, and Mr. Freebody.

59,737. That is Binks the painter?—Yes; or his father. If his father was alive it would he his father, but it is so long I cannot say.

59,738. Where did Freebody pay?—He paid in his own house. I believe it was his house where the committee was, not Binks's.

59,739. You know the money was paid at Binks's on that occasion?—I do not; I only know from hearsay that money was paid at Freebody's, but that was to be the arrangement that money was to be paid there.

59,740. Who was the clerk of your ward?—As far as I can recollect we had none but Freebody, he was a sort of general manager.

59,741. He was the factotum?—Yes; he did every thing, from running of errands to making up the books, I believe.

59,742. What ultimately became of the books?—I do not know. I have not the slightest idea.

59,743. Mr. Stafford wound up the thing?—Yes.

59,744. In conjunction with Freebody?—Yes.

59,745. Do you know what became of the books?—I do not. I have not the slightest recollection.

59,746. What lawyers had you?—Mr. Cracknell.

59,747. Who else?—I do not recollect who the others were that took an active part. I believe Mr. Frost had something to do with it.

59,748. Wr. Wells?—No; I do not think Mr. Wells had.

59,749. Mr. Sidebottom?—Really, I do not recollect.

59,750. You do not remember?—I do not recollect now. I think not.

59,751. Did the candidates come to your committee room occasionally?—No, I never saw them there. They might have come, but I never saw them.

59,752. In 1847, I believe, you voted for Mr. Brown?—Yes.

59,753. Brown only?—Brown only.

59,754. Were you also a member of the committee then?—I was deputy-chairman.

59,755. In the same ward?—Yes, in the same ward, in a different situation.

59,756. And cashier also?—No.

59,757. Had you nothing to do with the cash?—I had nothing to do with the cash, it all went through Mr. Stephenson's hands. I paid 10*s.* to a man; at least he says so—

W. R. Goddard.

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I have no recollection of it—and I gave 20*s.* to a doorkeeper. That is all the money I paid.

59,758. Do you mean in your ward?—Yes.

59,759. Was Mr. Stephenson chairman?—Yes, Mr. Stephenson was chairman.

59,760. And the cash passed through your hands?—The cash was paid by him, as far as I know.

59,761. Where were the payments made?—I believe they were made at the committee room in Bishop Lane.

59,762. I suppose you were aware of what was going on?—No doubt.

59,763. Mr. Stephenson has told us he paid seventy or eighty with his own hand. You consider that the case?—No doubt.

59,764. Did you pay any voters that split with Baines yourself?—No, I only paid two men. The one I had forgotten until he said it, and I really have not much recollection now.

59,765. Do you recollect his name?—He is a bookbinder, Screeton. It appears he says I gave him 10*s.* in Witham. I have no recollection of it at all, but it is very likely I may have done it.

59,766. You mean to say your memory is a blank on it?—Yes; I do not recollect it. If I did, I did it out of my own pocket. I have not the slightest recollection.

59,767. You do not undertake to say it did not occur, but merely that you do not recollect it?—Yes.

59,768. Who was the doorkeeper?—A man of the name of Farnell, I think, in High Street; in fact, there were two doorkeepers. There was another man of the mame of Cherry, who was not a voter, and him I paid.

59,769. Mr. Farnell was a voter?—Yes.

59,770. Does he live in High Street now?—I believe he does.

59,771. In 1852 you voted for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

59,772. Were you a member of any committee?—No.

59,773. Had you anything to do with any of the payments then?—No; I took no part in it at all. I never interfered in any shape or way.

59,774. Did you canvass or get any names set down?—No; I never asked for a vote.

59,775. Do you know anything about any money having arrived in Hull too late?—No, I do not.

59,776. Did you hear that some money arrived for the blue cause, and came rather too late?—No, I did not hear that. A gentleman told me in passing through the passages. I made a joking observation—"You have not money enough to win the election." He said—"Oh, yes, we have;" and he certainly took a bag out of his pocket. "We have plenty of money, but I would not make use of it."

59,777. Who was that gentleman?—Mr. Bamford, junior.

59,778. I understand Mr. Stephenson said he paid a good many of these voters in 1847?—I do not know, I am sure. I do not know anything at all about that. I do not know what arrangement was made about the paying.

59,779. You said you believed he paid?—I believe he paid.

59,780. It is also said, in addition to those payments, or separate from them, you paid those who voted plumpers at that election of Mr. Brown's?—I have not the slightest recollection of having paid any one but those I have mentioned.

59,781. Plumpers, and those that split with Baines, it is said, you paid; do you remember that?—I did not pay them.

59,782. You did not?—No; I have no recollection of having paid a soul but those I am speaking of.

59,783. I merely want to draw your attention to that?—I believe it was the arrangement that they should be paid.

59,784. But you did not pay them yourself?—No; I have no recollection of having paid any one only those two particular persons who I named I have paid.

59,785. You had a bill last time?—Yes.

59,786. For stationery?—Yes; and for printing.

59,787. About 80*l.* or 90*l.*?—Under 60*l.* it was.

59,788. Had the custom that was given you any influence on your vote?—Certainly not.

59,789. Are you a printer also?—Yes.

59,790. Did you consider, generally, in the town, the money given to the printers had any influence on their votes?—I cannot conceive that it had.

59,791. Do you consider an election might be carried on without a good deal of that printing expense?—No; I do not think it could, because I think it is absolutely necessary for the working of the election that there should be printing.

59,792. All the printing that is charged for?—I should think the printing on Butler and Moore's side did not amount to 400*l.*, as far as I could make out.

59,793. Do you think, for a pure election in Hull, it would be necessary for Moore and Butler to expend 400*l.* in printing?—I think, for a pure election, you must have double the amount of printing. If they do not have cards they pull you to pieces as canvassers.

59,794. You think if it was a pure election there would be a deal more printing?—Yes, certainly, there would be nothing else but printing.

59,795. Do you not think the lavish expenditure, though it has no influence on the voters or on the parties who it is spent with, that it has corruption in this way, that it induces the people who are open to be influenced by pecuniary motives, to believe that there is a large sum of money afloat for such a purpose as that? In that way, does it not operate very injuriously on the morality of the men?—Yes, it does, no doubt.

59,796. There cannot be a doubt about it, that though it has no direct influence, that indirectly it induces them to believe there is a great deal of money in circulation?—Yes; it has a great influence.

59,797. Do you think a large outlay at your own shop, would at all increase your exertions for the party that employed you?—I do not think anybody would employ me that way.

59,798. What answer do you give to that?—It certainly would not make any difference to my vote.

59,799. Would it make any difference in your exertions for the party who paid your bill?—No.

59,800. You would canvass just as much for them, whether there was a shilling spent at your shop or 200*l.*?—As I have given up canvassing or electioneering altogether, I should not canvass for any one.

59,801. I am not speaking of your giving it up?—I have not taken it up with a spirit of that sort.

59,802. Nobody has imputed that you voted for money, but I ask you whether that fact, of having a bill for that amount at your shop, would make you at all active for those who are to pay it?—I do not think it would make any difference; I have yet to be tried.

59,803. Are you aware that the money spent at the last election amounted to very nearly 8,000*l.*?—I have no knowledge at all of the expenditure, except by report.

59,804. Taking that to be so, do you think it was absolutely necessary to spend that sum?—No.

59,805. What, in your judgment, was the object with which it was spent?—No doubt, for the purpose of gaining the election.

59,806. In what way?—By buying the voters.

59,807. A very small portion of that was expended in buying the voters?—I have no knowledge of any other expenditure. There is 500*l.* or 600*l.* to lawyers on both sides; that may be necessary or unnecessary.

59,808. There is 1,000*l.* to lawyers, 1,000*l.* to printers, and a very large sum to drapers, and all those sums are not paid to one person in the trade, but are divided as much as possible. As you have been asked those questions, let me ask you what is the object of those who spend such large sums of money in dividing it among so many people?—In printing, no one office could do the work.

59,809. Do not confine it to printing, but generally. What is the motive of spending money, and spending it that way, by division?—I should say the motive is to get voters.

59,810. Do you consider yourself competent to form an opinion on tradesmen, other than printers?—No, I do not.

ROBERT MIDDLEMISS recalled, and examined.

59,811. Have you considered the questions we put to you?—I have.

59,812. What answer do you make?—Acting on the suggestion thrown out by you, I consulted a professional friend of Mr. Sidebottom's, who I may also say is an old employer of my own, and a gentleman who I may say, in the early period of Mr. Sidebottom's illness, had kindly offered in any emergency to serve Mr. Sidebottom, in consequence of which, Mr. Sidebottom requested in any emergency I would consult that individual. I saw that person. I may say it is Mr. Thorney, a solicitor, in this town. I mentioned to him what had taken place here, and he said he would consider the matter over. He did so, and the consequence was, he thought fit to risk an interview with Mr. Sidebottom. He has seen me, and he has requested me to say that to-morrow he will wait on you, and state what he has done; he would have come to-day, but he has been obliged to leave the town on business this morning.

ARCHIBALD GREAVES sworn, and examined.

59,813. Where do you live?—In King's Place, Dock Street.

59,814. What is your business?—A ropemaker.

59,815. What rent do you pay?—I am only a lodger, not a householder.

59,816. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

59,817. How long have you been a freeman?—I should think well on to fifty years.

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59,818. Before the Reform Act, used you to receive four guineas and two guineas a vote?—Yes; it was quite common.

59,819. Who did you vote for in the year 1841?—For Hanmer and James.

59,820. Did you get any money for your vote then?—Yes.

59,821. How much?—I think, to the best of my recollection, 1*l.*

59,822. Where?—I received it in a house in the Pottery; there were a great many getting paid at the same place.

59,823. Before or after you voted?—After.

59,824. Who paid it?—I do not know.

59,825. Was it put through a hole in a window, or door?—No.

59,826. How were you paid?—We went in at the door and received the money.

59,827. Could you see the person who paid it?—Yes; I could see him, but I did not know the person; he was an utter stranger to me.

59,828. What house was it in the Pottery?—I do not know the number.

59,829. Who did it belong to?—I do not know.

59,830. Was it a committee room?—No; it was not a committee room.

59,831. How came you to go there?—I was told they were going to pay the money there.

59,832. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I was single for Brown.

59,833. How much did you receive for that vote?—I received 15*s.*

59,834. Was that paid at Dr. Twining's?—No; I had been in the habit of shifting about for convenience in my lodgings, and I was out of that district where I was down for; I did not know where to go to, and they told me to go to Mr. Brown's committee room as I was inclined that way; it was in Holderness ward; I think Noah's Ark.

59,835. Who paid you there?—I do not know the person that paid.

59,836. Was is after you voted or before?—Before.

59,837. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

59,838. How much did you get for your vote then?—I received altogether 2*l.* 7*s.*

59,839. Did you get paid at Legitt's?—No.

59,840. Where was it?—I got two payments; I got paid in the committee room in Worship Street.

59,841. How much there?—Seventeen shillings.

59,842. Was that before or after you voted?—That was after; that was for four days' running.

59,843. Where did you get paid the rest?—At Worship Street; at the committee.

59,844. What were you paid before you voted?—As I was out of the district again, a friend of mine said he would give my name in at the South Myton ward where I resided before, and accordingly he told me he had been at one, and they were going to take more committee rooms, and I was to be employed as a doorkeeper or a close runner. I lost a great deal of work by looking after it, and I complained about it, and through his medium I received 30*s.* for my lost work; that was the first commencement of the election.

59,845. Who paid the 30*s.*?—A friend of mine.

59,846. What is his name?—He is a freeman; a poor man like myself, that had given it in, of the name of Windass.

59,847. Do you know who he got it from?—No; I cannot say who he got it from exactly.

59,848. What is the meaning of a close runner?—A close runner is one that is entirely running at the committee's command.

59,849. It does not mean a man who stands still?—No.

59,850. Is that Windass of Providence Place?—Yes.

59,851. Did you hear him say how much he got himself?—No, I did not.

George Huntley.

GEORGE HUNTLEY sworn, and examined.

59,852. What is your business?—A saddler and harnessmaker.

59,853. What rent do you pay?—£15 I am rated at.

59,854. How long have you been entitled to vote as a householder?—I am sure I cannot tell exactly; I think I voted at Carruthers' election.

59,855. Twenty years back?—Yes.

59,856. Are you also a freeman?—No; only a householder.

59,857. Are you a member of the town council?—I was.

59,858. Did you take any interest in the election of 1841?—Yes.

59,859. Were you a member of any committee?—Yes.

59,860. How did you vote?—Sir John Hanmer and Sir Walter James.

59,861. Which committee were you a member of?—The Holderness ward committee.

59,862. In that committee were there a great number of names set down, as it is called, as runners?—I am sure I cannot tell you the number. I am not aware that I put one on myself.

59,863. You were present, and knew that the system was carried on the same as we

have heard this morning?—I am sure I could not tell the number, nor have I the least idea.

59,864. You know that some were set down?—I know one or two were,—runners.

59,865. Who were they?—One was a man of the name of Peacock.

59,866. Do you know what his Christian name is?—I think Benjamin Peacock.

59,867. Where does he live?—He lives in the Groves.

59,868. And who else?—I am sure I cannot think of any; there was another in Drypool, I forget his name now.

59,869. Were there a great number of names set down in order to be paid after the election was over?—I am not aware of any.

59,870. You were not aware of any names being set down?—No; but I have no doubt there would be people paid after the election.

59,871. Did you at the time know that they were setting down?—I have no doubt they would be set down as runners.

59,872. Did you at that time know that they were setting down names at your committee; while the election was going on, did you know it?—I believe they were; I should think so.

59,873. In 1841, when you were on the committee, did you know it then; did you yourself know they were setting names down?—I am sure I do not know as regards myself setting any one down.

59,874. Did you know that the people upon your committee were setting names down?—I am sure I can hardly say.

59,875. Do you mean that you do not remember it?—I do not remember it, or I should be very happy to explain it.

59,876. Your answer is liable to two explanations: either that it did not take place, or that you have forgotten it; which is it that you mean to say?—If I knew about it I would tell you.

59,877. Your answer is liable to two interpretations, and I want to know which is the correct one; it may mean either to say that it did not take place, or that you have forgotten it; do you mean to say that you do not remember one way or the other whether it did take place?—I do not remember any one being put on as a runner but what I have told you.

59,878. You know a good many men were paid after the election?—I have no doubt of it, but I am not personally aware of it.

59,879. Did you pay any yourself?—Not any.

59,880. Are you sure of that?—Yes.

59,881. That you never paid any voters at all?—I never paid a voter in my life that I am aware of; if I had, I should be very ready to inform you.

59,882. On canvassing, did you ever pay any money?—No.

59,883. It has been suggested to us to put a question to you: whether you did on a former election pay half a crown to a good many voters when canvassing?—I am not aware of it.

59,884. Leaving it at their houses,—persons who promised?—I am not aware I left any money for them to vote.

59,885. Did you leave any money at all with the voters?—I would not say I have not in some houses, where I have seen a distressed family, left half a crown; but I would not swear on that that I did; it is not at all impossible.

59,886. The persons whom you canvassed?—You see a very great deal of distress as you go canvassing.

59,887. We do not mean the common cases of charity?—I am not aware that I have; I do not remember. If you tell the names, it may bring it to my mind.

59,888. Either in 1841, or 1847?—Is that in Mr. Baines' time?

59,889. Yes.—I never canvassed.

59,890. Then 1841 is the time particularly alluded to: Hanmer and James's time?—I do not remember that I ever did; and if I ever did, I should be very ready to tell you.

59,891. It is said that you went round and left half a crown at the house of every man who promised your side?—That is perfectly false.

59,892. A good many of them?—I do not remember it at all.

59,893. You would remember it if you had done it?—If it had been as you say, I should remember it; but I do not.

59,894. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I did not vote at all.

59,895. Or take any interest in the election?—Nor take any interest in it.

59,896. Who did you vote for in 1852?—Moore and Butler.

59,897. Were you a member of any committee last year?—I was put down as one, but I never attended one committee room.

59,898. Did you take any part in the election at all?—Yes, so far that I have personally canvassed a few.

59,899. What did you do with the doubtful people when they refused to promise?—I never took a regular canvass in the ward.

59,900. You canvassed merely in your own neighbourhood?—Here and there.

59,901. Did you report the result of your canvass to the committee?—No.

59,902. Did you have any book at all?—Not any.

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59,903. How did you know the result of your own canvass?—I was not aware that I said I did.

59,904. You did not know it; you canvassed without knowing what people would do?—I had no book to canvass; I only canvassed just here and there.

59,905. I will put the question broadly: did you pay yourself, or were you cognizant of the payment of any voters at that or any former election since 1837?—Not being there myself, I am not. I only know by what I have heard.

59,906. Were you cognizant of the practice at the last election of setting down names as runners?—I believe they were very cautious, as far as I have heard.

59,907. Were you cognizant of what was done?—No.

59,908. You never heard of Mr. Wells' plan, for instance, of employing 400 and upwards?—Never before I was here in Court.

59,909. Did any of the people whom you canvassed ask for employment?—No.

59,910. Or to have their names down?—No; I never put one name down, nor yet got any one put down.

59,911. Did you obtain employment for any of the voters?—No.

59,912. Do you know Mr. George Huntley, who lives at Witham?—Yes; I am him.

59,913. Nobody besides yourself?—No.

59,914. We have been told you are a paying man at all elections?—You have been told wrong.

59,915. You deny it altogether?—Yes; I deny it altogether.

59,916. That you never have paid or given any money?—I have never paid or given any money as you have represented.

59,917. You could not forget, if you gave money to make payments?—If you will tell me any one name, I can bring it to mind and soon tell you if I had or not.

59,918. You are quite sure that is so?—As far as I can remember.

59,919. Cannot you speak a little more positively one way or the other than that?—I am afraid to say it wrong, and I cannot speak positively. If any one will come forward and say I have paid them, I should be very happy to have him here.

59,920. You know Mr. Charles Hammond?—Yes.

59,921. He was very active in 1841, was he not?—Yes, very active.

59,922. He was a gentleman who, we are told, was very active in making payments in 1841; he paid a large number of voters we hear?—I never saw him pay one.

59,923. You did not assist him, or were present?—Oh dear no.

59,924. It is said you helped him?—There are many things said that are false.

John Johnson.

JOHN JOHNSON sworn, and examined.

59,925. Where do you live?—In Witham.

59,926. What is your business?—Ship carpenter.

59,927. What rent do you pay?—I am a lodger.

59,928. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

59,929. How long have you been free?—Since 1849.

59,930. Who did you vote for in 1852?—Moore and Butler.

59,931. Who took your freedom up for you?—I took it up myself.

59,932. Was it ever paid to you back?—No.

59,933. This was the first election you voted at, I believe?—Yes.

59,934. Were you at Grimsby at the time of the last election?—Yes.

59,935. Did you get 30*s.*?—No.

59,936. How much was it for coming from Grimsby to vote?—I came on the Sunday before the election.

59,937. How much did you get?—I got 15*s.* after the election; that was all I got.

59,938. How much did you get before?—Nothing.

59,939. Are you sure of that?—Yes.

59,940. Did you come at your own expense?—Yes.

59,941. Who sent for you?—There was no one sent for me.

59,942. You came on your own business on the Sunday?—That is very often.

59,943. Did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

59,944. And was it on that account they paid you the 15*s.*?—I suppose they put me down for three days as a runner.

59,945. Where was your name put down?—Holderness New Inn.

59,946. After you came from Grimsby, did you go to any of the committee rooms? How came your name set down?—I went there, I think, on the Tuesday.

59,947. To the Holderness New Inn did you go?—Yes.

59,948. Who set it down for you?—Mr. Todd I believe it was.

59,949. You came over, I suppose, on your own business, and then took the opportunity of being set down as a runner?—Yes.

59,950. Were you not also set down at the Market Place?—No.

59,951. Were you not set down somewhere else besides Holderness?—No.

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59,952. Your name is returned in the Market Place list to us of the runners of the Market Place committee: how is that ?—I am not aware of it ; I never was set down that I know of.

59,953. Are you sure you were not paid there ?—No, I wac not paid there.

59,954. Were there a number of you came together from Grimsby ?—No ; I came by myself.

59,955. Who paid you the 15*s*. ?—Mr. Harris.

59,956. What Mr. Harris ?—A spirit merchant, used to be, I expect.

59,957. Of where ?—His office was in Salthouse Lane then.

59,958. Where does he live now, do you know ?—I do not know where he lives now ; he is out of the town now.

59,959. Do you know anything of the other voters that came from Grimsby ?—No ; I know there were some came the morning of the election.

59,960. Came for the blue side ?—Yes ; there were some came on the election day, I believe.

59,961. Do you know them ? what are their names ?—Yes, I know one or two of them.

59,962. What are their names ?—One they call Henry Thistleton, and one John Robinson.

59,963. Who else ?—No one else that I know of; I came over myself.

59,964. You said you came from Grimsby on the Sunday ?—Yes.

59,965. Did you stay in Hull till after the election, or did you go back again ?—I stayed until after the election was over.

59,966. And you did not come over with these men to vote on the polling day ?—No.

59,967. And never went back until afterwards ?—No ; I never went back until the day after the election.

James Marshall.

James Marshall sworn, and examined.

59,968. What is your business ?—A blacksmith.

59,969. Where ?—In Trinity House Lane.

59,970. What rent do you pay ?—I do not pay any rent at present ; it is my own property.

59,971. What are you rated at ?—£18.

59,972. How long have you been entitled to vote as a householder ?—I have been there twenty-three years the 3d of last July.

59,973. Are you also a freeman of this borough ?—No.

59,974. Did you vote at the election of 1841 ?—Yes.

59,975. Who did you vote for ?—I voted for the orange party right away, and for the blues the last time.

59,976. Did you vote for Clay and Thompson in 1841 ?—Yes.

59,977. Did you get anything then ?—No.

59,978. In 1847 who did you vote for ?—I am sure I could not say who it was. It was the orange party. I voted for Mr. Clay.

59,979. James Marshall, of Trinity House Lane, voted for Clay and Baines ; is that you ?—Yes.

59,980. Did you get anything for your vote then ?—No.

59,981. In 1852 I believe you voted the other way, for Moore and Butler ?—Yes.

59,982. How came that to occur ?—I do not know how it came to occur, I got nothing for voting for them.

59,983. Do you know Mr. Barkworth ?—Yes, I do.

59,984. Did you have an interview with Mr. Barkworth about your vote ?—No.

59,985. Did he not speak to you about your vote ?—I knew nothing at all about him any further than working for him.

59,986. You work for Mr. Barkworth ?—Yes.

59,987. Did his foreman say something to you ?—No.

59,988. Tell me in your own way, without putting too many questions to you, how you came to vote for the blues ?—I expected I was at liberty to do just as I thought proper to vote.

59,989. I want to know how you were influenced to vote for the blues ?—I was not influenced in it. I used my own judgment. It is not to be said, because I voted for the orange all the time, that I was always to vote for them.

59,990. We generally suspect some reason had arisen for the change ?—I had no interest in getting money, that I am confident of.

59,991. Perhaps you might have thought your situation was in some danger if you had not ?—No, I should not, because it is my own property.

59,992. Your employment ?—No ; I never studied my employment whatever.

59,993. We are told you got some money, is it true or not ?—I never got a farthing at any election.

59,994. Were you canvassed by the orange party ?—Yes.

59,995. Did they not tell you you had always voted orange, and ask if you should vote again ?—I had Mr. Clay and Lord Goderich call on me.

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59,996. Did you not tell Mr. Clay you had voted for him twice before, and would vote for him again?—I told them I got an anonymous letter, but what it meant I did not know—whether I meant to have voted for them—I got an anonymous letter from one party.

59,997. Was it the letter that made you vote blue?—I do not know that it was the letter; I had made up my mind to vote blue.

59,998. What did the anonymous letter say to you?—I cannot tell what it said; I made away with the letter.

59,999. It promised you some money?—No. I can tell you a part of it, but I cannot tell you the whole.

60,000. Tell us the whole?—In the letter it said that they hoped the orange party would take all their custom away from me.

60,001 If you voted for them?—It did not say what for, neither for them nor against them.

60,002. Do I understand you this, that you voted orange twice before, and then the orange people say "If you do it again you will lose our custom"?—I do not know what they meant by it; that is what the letter expressed—the latter part of it.

60,003. Was there anything about money in it?—No.

60,004. Putting your name down?—No.

60,005. Did the letter say anything about that you ought to vote for the people who employed you?—No, it did not.

William Martin.

WILLIAM MARTIN sworn, and examined.

60,006. What is your business?—A house and sign painter.

60,007. Where do you live?—62, Francis Street.

60,008. What rent do you pay?—Nine guineas.

60,009. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

60,010. How long have you been a freeman?—From 1839.

60,011. Was your freedom taken up by the orange party?—I do not know who it was taken up by; I never knew.

60,012. I see your freedom taken up and paid for by Mr. Clay; is that so?—I am not aware of it.

60,013. You did not pay for it yourself?—No.

60,014. Thistleton has told us that he did. You do not know that, do you? It has been stated, and I have got a list of those whose freedoms were paid for by Mr. Clay?—I do not believe that Mr. Clay ever paid for it. I do not believe Mr. Clay's name was ever mentioned or heard of when it was taken up.

60,015. You did not pay for it yourself?—No.

60,016. Who did?—I do not know. I never knew. I never was told who paid for it.

60,017. Then how can you say Mr. Clay did not, when the gentleman has been here, who says he got the money from Mr. Clay for the purpose?—Of course Mr. Clay at that time had not been heard of in this borough as a candidate.

60,018. You did not pay for it yourself?—If you will allow me I will tell you my motive for thinking that Mr. Clay did not pay for it.

60,019. We will hear you?—I think it was Mr. Thistleton called upon me some time in 1839, and told me if I would go down to the Mansion House on a certain day, that they had my name along with 200 or 300 others; that they would have their freedoms taken up free of any expense. I said well, I have applied for it some years before this, and they have refused it through the register which I got, and they said it was an incorrect register. I was not of age, and when afterwards I applied for it, they wanted to fine me 30*s*. I said I never would take it up; I did not care about taking it up. Thistleton came and told me I might have it taken up. I then went on those grounds, that I would not pay a farthing for it. I did not care about having it taken up, as they had put me off at a former period.

60,020. That does not show that Thistleton had not had the money for the purpose, and that he paid for your freedom with it?—Not on the day my freedom was taken up.

Thomas Wilde.

THOMAS WILDE recalled, and examined.

60,021. Do you know anything about what this witness states?—He is one of those who came under my notice. I know he signed the document for Clay and Thompson at the time, and I know further that I was very much vexed with him that he should vote for the blues after he had got Mr. Clay's money.

60,022. Is he the person whose freedom was taken up by Mr. Clay?—His name is returned so, and so it appears from an examination of this book.

WILLIAM MARTIN recalled, and examined.

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60,023. You understand that Mr. Wilde says you signed the paper, and undertook to vote for Mr. Clay, when your freedom was taken up?—No, Sir. On the day my freedom was taken up I was told I might go away for an hour and come back again, and then I might receive my burgess oath. I was taken into a room; we were called up one after the other. When I went in there was a paper lying on the table, and I was told I was to sign that before I could take my burgess oath. I signed the paper; I did not know what it contained at all afterwards; it was a trepan.

60,024. Now we will try it this way, whether you were trepanned or not?—The paper stated the party was to poll for Mr. Jalland and Colonel Thompson, and another gentleman who should be brought forward at some convenient season. That I did not know till some time afterwards.

60,025. You knew the paper contained a promise to vote for somebody?—No; not when I signed it.

60,026. When did you find it out?—Some days afterwards I was told of it.

60,027. When you found out some days afterwards that it did, did you pay the money back your freedom had cost?—No; I did not know who to pay it to.

60,028. You did not know where Thistleton was?—Certainly; I knew where he was.

60,029. Mr. Wilde was present, and you might have asked him to pay the money back; did you not?—No; I never had any further conversation, I was so disgusted with the system.

60,030. Did you ask anybody who you were to pay the money back to?—No.

60,031. Who did you vote for in 1841?—Hanmer and James.

60,032. Did you get any money?—I think about three months probably after the election I was told by a person named Conkerton to call and receive it, and when I went I received a sovereign as a present in Medlay Street.

60,033. Was Conkerton one of the agents for the blue party at the election of 1841?—I am not certain whether he was or not; he might.

60,034. What is your opinion?—That it is probable he might; I do not know.

60,035. Have you the least doubt about it?—Not any whatever.

60,036. You did call upon him, and he gave you something?—I called at his house about seven o'clock in the evening, and there was a person there who gave me a sovereign.

60,037. Who was that person?—I did not know; I should not know him if I saw him; he was a perfect stranger to me.

60,038. Who did you vote for in 1847?—Clay and Baines.

60,039. What did you get then?—Nothing.

60,040. Not from either of the candidates?—No.

60,041. From either of the committees or canvassers?—No.

60,042. In 1852 who did you vote for; when Moore and Butler and Clay and Lord Goderich came down, you voted for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

60,043. How much did you get the last time?—About a month after the election a party called upon me, and said he had brought me a present for what work I had done.

60,044. How much?—Three sovereigns.

60,045. How much did you get paid before?—Not anything.

60,046. As a present for what you had done, was it?—For what work I had done.

60,047. You do not know what it was for?—Not further than what they said; it was for work that I had done. I was not aware I was going to be paid for the little work I had done.

60,048. At the election?—Yes.

60,049. You had been very ill?—I was very ill, but I assisted on the morning of the polling day.

60,050. The work you did was for the blues?—I never received any money with any such understanding, nor did I have any understanding with any of the parties.

60,051. As to the work that you did, did you do anything for the blues but vote for them?—I attended the committee room as much as I could daily for a week previous to the election, upwards of a week.

60,052. As much as your health would permit?—Yes.

60,053. How much was that?—Sometimes I was there probably for two hours, or three hours, sometimes it may be four hours in a day; sometimes I was not there at all until the after part of the day, five or six o'clock.

60,054. What did you do when you were there? attend on the committee?—I did anything that they requested me to do, in directing voting papers, and anything of that sort.

60,055. Who paid you the 3*l.*?—A young man; I think it was Charles Brown.

60,056. Where were you paid?—He brought it to my own house.

60,057. Where does he live?—He lives somewhere on the Barmston Drain, I think. It is generally called Cottingham Terrace.

60,058. Was the place where you did attend when you were able to go to the com-

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mittee room, in West Sculcoates?—Yes; at the corner of Saville Street, Mr. Stuart's, the tobacconist.

60,059. Did you make any payment for the blue party in West Sculcoates?—No.

60,060. You did not do any job of that sort?—No.

60,061. Did you have any money to make payments with?—No; not a farthing.

Thomas Newlove.

THOMAS NEWLOVE sworn, and examined.

60,062. What is your business?—A grocer.

60,063. Where do you live?—No. 3, Neptune Street.

60,064. What rent do you pay?—£10.

60,065. How long have you been entitled to vote as a householder?—Four years.

60,066 Are you a freeman?—No.

60,067. Who did you vote for the last election?—Moore and Butler.

60,068. Do you remember before the election you were rather in want of some pigs?—No; I was not.

60,069. Were you not?—No.

60,070. Did not Dr. Bell promise you some pigs?—No; I had some of my own.

60,071. Tell us all about it?—They were my own pigs.

60,072. What were your own pigs?—I have had pigs for these six or seven years.

60,073. There was a particular litter that you got money to buy from some one?—No.

60,074. Who gave you the money to buy those pigs?—No one; I bought the pig when she was in young, and kept her till she had pigs.

60,075. Who gave you the money to buy the sow?—No one; I had to work for it myself.

60,076. Do you not remember saying whichever party would find the money should have your vote?—No.

60,077. For a pig, or some pigs?—No.

60,078. How came you to tell about the pigs?—I cannot tell you.

60,079. Do you not know what I allude to? Have you not heard it before?—I saw it in the newspapers.

60,080. Was that the first you heard of it?—Yes.

60,081. Did Mr. Bell canvass you?—No.

60,082. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

60,083. Were you promised anything?—No.

60,084. Do you remember being canvassed by the orange party, and saying you would vote for them?—No, Sir; I never promised any of them.

60,085. Did they not canvass you for your vote?—I believe they did, about three weeks before the election. I do not know who it was that came; some of them came; I did not know who they were.

60,086. Did you not give them to understand you were rather inclined that way?—No.

60,087. Did you tell them they might set your name down?—No.

60,088. Did they ask you to do so?—Most likely they would ask me; if they had, it would be of no use.

60,089. Did you not say they might do as they liked?—No.

G. B. Newton.

GEORGE BEEFORTH NEWTON sworn, and examined.

60,090. What is your business?—A grocer, I think you must call me. I might give myself another calling. You cannot give me more than one calling, so say a grocer.

60,091. Where do you live?—No. 10, Worship Street.

60,092. What rent do you pay?—£16.

60,093. How long have you been entitled to vote as a householder?—Perhaps ten years. I cannot tell exactly. I think about that time; ten years.

60,094. Are you a freeman?—I am a burgess.

60,095. How long have you been free?—I think since 1835. I am not quite certain.

60,096. Who did you vote for in 1841?—Which election was that?

60,097. Hanmer and James, and Clay and Thompson?—I voted for Hanmer and James.

60,098. Had you anything to do with the arrangements of the election?—Not that time.

60,099. Did you either give or pay any money?—No.

60,100. After the election, did you give or pay any money?—No, never gave or paid any money.

60,101. Were you present when any money was paid?—No; I never took an active part in the election since—you are not inquiring prior to that, so it is of no use.

60,102. Since when?—Since Wilberforce and James were returned.

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60,103. Who did you vote for in 1847?—I am not certain whether I voted at all that election. If I voted, I should vote for Brown and Baines, or Baines alone.

60,104. Do you know whether you did or not?—I am not certain whether I did or not, that election. I never thought it worth thinking about; not elections.

60,105. You voted for Baines and Brown?—I thought I should have voted that way, if I voted at all.

60,106. Did you pay or receive any money then?—No.

60,107. Were you present when any was paid?—No.

60,108. Were you a member of any committee?—No, not one.

60,109. Were you in 1841?—No, never since Wilberforce and James.

60,110. Who did you vote for last year?—Moore and Butler.

60,111. What part did you take in the election then?—Not any part, except I might ask for a vote; several I dare say I did, and should do, but I was not a member of any committee.

60,112. You canvassed for Moore and Butler?—Partially.

60,113. Did you meet with many persons who refused to promise?—Oh, I have met with individuals, but I was not employed.

60,114. I ask you whether you did meet with them?—I have met with parties that would not promise, but it was very few I had to do with.

60,115. Did you refer any of them to any committee to have their names set down?—I went to one committee, to try to get a man's name set down; that was at a house in Worship Street.

60,116. What was the name?—Watson.

60,117. What was his Christian name?—I do not know but it was Thomas, John, or William.

60,118. Was his name set down?—No, they would not set the name down.

60,119. Why not?—I cannot give you a reason; I do not remember the reason now.

60,120. What did you say?—I cannot explain exactly. I think I should say this, most likely: if he got his name set down, they might look on him as being a voter. I cannot tell the reason, not expecting to be asked.

60,121. Where does Watson live?—Kelsey Buildings. He is a tenant of mine.

60,122. Where does he live?—Kelsey Buildings, North Street.

60,123. You canvassed him; did you tell him you would try to get him set down?—I think I should.

60,124. Have you any doubt about it that you did?—Which way?

60,125. That you did say you would have his name set down?—I should not have said I should have his name set down; I should most likely tell him I should try to get him set down, because he had always been on the orange side.

60,126. You told him you would try and have his name set down?—I should not tell him I would have his name set down. I did not tell him I would have his name set down. I could not do that. I told him I should try.

60,127. You did try?—I did, and failed.

60,128. What did they say to you when they refused?—I am sure I cannot tell you. I do not remember anything about it, because I am not of his way of thinking.

60,129. You stated to the committee, if they put Watson's name down, probably he would vote for them?—They did not put him down.

60,130. Why not?—I cannot say. I had nothing to do with them. I only thought, if I could get his vote, I should serve the cause.

60,131. His name was set down by the blue party?—I was not aware of it.

60,132. Did they say they would not set his name down?—I think they said this: I remember now that they said they had so many, that they could not pretend to set any more down. I think that is the answer they gave me, and so I never tried them again.

60,133. Did they say they had so many applicants that they could not set them all down?—They had so many applicants they could not set them all down.

60,134. Was it this: they had so many applicants that they could not employ them?—It might be.

60,135. That is a very different thing?—I am bound to give every word; of course I cannot remember all.

60,136. What do you think, taxing your memory: was it refusing to set him down altogether, or merely that they would not employ him?—No; I cannot say really anything about it.

60,137. You cannot say which; your memory is not clear about it?—It is not clear about either, therefore I should not like to say anything. I do not remember anything further.

60,138. Did they say that they had so many set down that they could not employ them; but they would employ him if they should want him afterwards?—I cannot tell you that.

60,139. Will you say they did not?—No; I will not say anything about it.

60,140. Did you see him afterwards before the election?—I do not think I did.

60,141. Do you know that Watson is a man who has been employed by the blues?—I do not know that ever he has been employed by the blues.

60,142. You said he was orange the last time?—I think I have heard he was orange.

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60,143. Your belief was he was orange?—Yes, I believe so.

60,144. Did you try to get anybody else's name set down?—I do not remember that I did.

60,145. What is Watson's Christian name?—I do not know whether it is John or Thomas.

60,146. Thomas, was it?—It may be.

60,147. Did you try to get any other names set down?—I think not.

60,148. Did you send any persons to any of the committee rooms to have their names set down?—I do not remember doing anything of the sort either.

60,149. Did you pay any money to anybody?—Not a farthing piece.

60,150. At the committee room?—No; I had nothing to do with any committee room.

60,151. Did you get any applications for committee rooms attended to?—No; I do not remember ever being applied to, to attend any committee room.

60,152. I mean sham committee rooms?—I took no active part in the election at all; I had nothing to do with it; I merely tendered my vote, and I did nothing further than what I have told you already.

Thomas Petch.

THOMAS PETCH sworn, and examined.

60,153. What is your business?—A lathrender.

60,154. Where do you live or carry on your business?—In the Groves.

60,155. What rent do you pay?—30*s.* a year for the place I have.

60,156. For a house?—No, a shop; I am a freeman.

60,157. How long have you been a freeman?—I think I took my freedom up in 1820.

60,158. Who did you vote for in 1841?—Hanmer and James, in 1841.

60,159. Did you get any money then?—Yes.

60,160. How much?—I think 1*l.*

60,161. Was it paid after the election?—After the election.

60,162. How soon after?—About a week or so.

60,163. Who paid it?—I am sure I cannot tell you; Mr. Hammond.

60,164. Was Mr. Hammond very active?—Very active; yes, he took an active part.

60,165. Was he one of the committee for Hanmer and James?—I think he was.

60,166. Where were you paid?—At Andrew Hare's.

60,167. Was it at a committee room?—Yes.

60,168. For Hanmer and James?—Yes.

60,169. Who did you vote for in 1847?—Baines and Brown.

60,170. How much did you get then, if anything?—£1.

60,171. Was it for Mr. Brown's vote?—For both.

60,172. Who paid it?—Mr. Hammond.

60,173. Where?—In Witham.

60,174. Whereabouts; in the committee room?—No; I believe it was at a blacksmith's shop.

60,175. Was it paid through a window?—No; through a door.

60,176. Are you sure you are speaking of 1847?—Yes.

60,177. How do you know it was Mr. Hammond?—He was there.

60,178. You saw him there?—Yes.

60,179. You got the wrong side of the door?—No; I got the right side of the door.

60,180. Who else did you see there?—I cannot say particularly who I saw there; there were so many, the room was crowded.

60,181. Crowded with people waiting to be paid?—All waiting to get paid.

60,182. Who did you see paying besides Mr. Hammond?—I am sure I cannot say there was anybody else that took an active part.

60,183. Last year who did you vote for, Moore and Butler?—Yes.

60,184. How much did you get then for your vote; 15*s.* we are told?—I was set down as a runner.

60,185. That is pretty much the same thing, is it not?—Yes; I received 44*s.* I believe in all.

60,186. How much did you get before you voted, and how much after?—The first week I was on three days as a runner, and I received 7*s.* 6*d.*; they paid me a day short; the next day I received 1*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.*; the week following I received 17*s.*

60,187. They kept you one day short to take care of the vote?—It was a mistake, I suppose, so Mr. Todd told me.

60,188. To take care of the vote they tell us. The first week was, how much?—7*s.*

60,189. Was it after the election or before?—After the election, 17*s.*

60,190. Who paid it?—Mr. Todd.

60,191. Are you sure, because he has told us he paid nobody; he went away the night of the election?—He paid before he went away.

60,192. He went off to York Castle?—I got paid; he paid me in the committee room before I went, I believe; he went away in fact the week following.

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60,193. Did you get any money from Mr. Ward?—No.

60,194. Did anybody pay you besides Mr. Todd?—No; that is all I got. I never got any more at any time.

60,195. Were they all paid then by Mr. Todd?—Yes.

60,196. Who set your names down?—Stephen West, I believe.

60,197. Who told you to go and get your name set down?—Peacock came

60,198. What Peacock is that?—Benjamin Peacock.

60,199. Did Mr. West canvass you, and send you to have your name set down?—No; he never did.

60,200. Did he ever speak to you about it?—No.

60,201. Did you ever see him upon the subject of the election?—No; I never had an interview with him before respecting the election.

60,202. Do you mean Charles Hammond paid you?—Thomas Hammond.

60,203. Who paid you in 1847, that is?—Who paid me both times; 1841 and 1847 and all.

C. Popplewell.

CHARLES POPPLEWELL sworn, and examined.

60,204. What is your business?—A tailor.

60,205. Where do you live, or carry on business?—No. 18, Kingston Street.

60,206. Wt rent do you pay?—£17.

60,207. How long have you been qualified as a householder?—About twelve years.

60,208. Are you also a freeman?—No.

60,209. Did you vote in 1841?—No, I did not.

60,210. Not entitled?—I think not.

60,211. Who did you vote for in 1847?—Baines and Clay, I believe.

60,212. Had you anything to do with that election?—No, nothing.

60,213. Neither paid nor received money?—No.

60,214. Are you sure of that?—Yes.

60,215. Or present when any money was paid or received?—No.

60,216. Who did you vote for last year?—Clay and Goderich.

60,217. Do you know anything of the proceedings of the election?—No; not particularly.

60,218. We are told you can let us into some secrets?—I do not know any secrets.

60,219. Can you tell us any of the goings on of the blues?—No.

60,220. Were you not amongst them the night of the election?—No.

60,221. Did you not go to some of the blue houses?—I was in what they call a blue house; I used to frequent the house, a sort of committee room for the blues previous to the election.

60,222. What house was it?—It was one of a person of the name of Mawer, I think; he calls it the Commercial Inn.

60,223. Did you see blue voters there?—Those I saw I believe were voters.

60,224. Tell us all you heard?—I only saw some of them; I suppose they would be voters, I did not ask them.

60,225. We have been told you can give us some information respecting what you saw or heard?—I cannot give any information I know particularly of any importance.

60,226. We will judge of the importance of it if you will tell us all you know?—I do not know anything particular.

60,227. You said just now you knew nothing important; then that you knew nothing particular. Tell us what you do know and we can understand whether it is important?—I never saw any money pass.

60,228. Did you hear parties talking about intending to get money and expecting it?—Not in that house.

60,229. Anywhere?—Parties spoke to me in the street about some money.

60,230. Who was it?—A person named Nicholson.

60,231. William Henry Nicholson?—I do not know his name.

60,232. What did he tell you?—He asked me if I wanted my name put down, something like that, in the list he had.

60,233. Did you understand how many he had on the list?—He said he had a good many on the list.

60,234. A hundred?—Perhaps he might.

60,235. Do you believe he had down there 100?—I do not know the exact amount.

60,236. You have heard of the proceeding, that he assembled an immense gang at the Pilot Boy?—Yes; I have heard of that.

60,237. He asked you if you would not have your name set down?—Yes.

60,238. Did he say he was securing people for the purpose of being paid?—Yes.

60,239. Paid for their votes for the blue party?—I did not understand.

60,240. Tell us all he said?—He said all those there he would get 4*l.* apiece for. I said it was rather an odd sum; better make it 5*l.*, and then there would be a five pound note.

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60,241. Did you understand he was going then for the blue party?—Yes.

60,242. What did he say to that?—He said he would see me after about it.

60,243. Did he write your name down?—I did not tell him to do so.

60,244. You did not tell him?—Not at that time.

60,245. He said he would see about it?—Yes.

60,246. Did you see him after?—Yes.

60,247. What took place next to that?—He said the party were not going to give so much money as was anticipated at first.

60,248. Did you understand which party he meant would not give so much money?—Yes.

60,249. The blues?—Yes.

60,250. When was it he said that?—It would be a week perhaps before the election.

60,251. Did he say how much they would give?—£2

60,252. What did you say to that?—I told him if he had got my name down to take it off any paper list or book on which he had put it down, for I never intended to vote for the blues if they gave me 5*l.* I never had done it. I did it in a joke.

60,253. You did not mean to vote for the blues?—No.

60,254. You said something about 5*l.*?—I did not want to vote for the blues, but he said he could get me 5*l.*; he said I was to have the money previous to my voting if I had a mind to do so.

60,255. He said you might have the money before voting?—He said he would not have to go with me to the poll to vote, but that I should have the money before voting if I had a mind to it.

60,256. What did you say then?—I said I did not intend to vote for the blues. I never did, and I never intended to do so at present.

60,257. Did he tell you where the money was to be paid?—No; he was going to get it himself, and pay the lot that he had on his book.

60,258. Who was he to get the money from did he say?—I do not know; from the blue side.

60,259. What did he say?—He did not name any particular parties.

60,260. Was Mr. Croft's name mentioned?—He was not named to me by Nicholson.

60,261. Who was he named by?—Mr. Croft came to our house with Moore and Butler.

60,262. Did he say anything about money?—No; nothing about money.

60,263. Did he mention to you any of the names of the parties he had got together?—No; he named my brother that was going to vote for Mr. Bramley Moore, and he hoped I should do the same; Mr. Croft said that when Mr. Bramley Moore was there.

60,264. What is your brother's name?—William. I understand he voted for Moore and Clay.

60,265. What further took place between you and Nicholson?—Nothing more than that.

60,266. Did you not see him again before the elections?—I might see him, but I did not speak to him upon the subject.

60,267. Nor on the nomination night?—No, Sir, I think not.

60,268. Did you not see him on the night of the nomination?—I think not; I do not remember.

60,269. Did you see him on the morning of the polling day?—If I did see him I never spoke to him, nor he to me, about money matters nor about the election.

60,270. Did you happen to go to the Pilot Boy?—Not during the election.

60,271. During the election week?—No.

60,272. Were you ever at the Pilot Boy during the election week?—No.

60,273. Did you learn from Nicholson where his party met?—No.

60,274. Do you know from any other source where his party used to meet?—I think I saw in the paper about Mr. Croft and the party at the Pilot Boy.

60,275. Do you know where Croft, Nicholson, and his party used to meet?—Through the newspapers I understood it was at the Pilot Boy or Hall's in English Street.

60,276. Did you hear there when they were to meet?—No; not at the time.

60,277. Did he mention having been to any committee room?—Yes, he did name something to me about going to a committee room.

60,278. What committee room did he tell you he was to go to?—It was the committee room Mr. Davis was at.

60,279. He said he had been to the committee room where Mr. Davis was?—I understood him so.

60,280. Tell us anything more about it?—I think he said that Mr. Davis said he was not going to give so much money as was anticipated before that time.

60,281. Did you understand from Nicholson that Mr. Davis had fixed the price at 2*l.*?—Something similar to that, I think.

60,282. Did you have any more talk with the party?—No.

60,283. With anybody at all connected with the blue party?—No.

60,284. Are you sure of that?—No; I do not remember anybody said anything.

60,285. Can you tell us anything about the orange cases?—No.

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60,286. Were you not with them?—I was at the Cross Keys once or twice during the election. I did not take any part.

60,287. You found eating and drinking going on?—I understand I never got any.

60,288. Plenty of eating and drinking going on at the Cross Keys on the polling day?—I understood there was.

60,289. If you had nothing to eat there was nothing to prevent it?—Nothing.

60,290. Everybody might have had as much as they cared for?—There was a dinner or luncheon provided at about three o'clock. We were in a small room on the left-hand side of the Cross Keys; we never went out to have anything to eat or drink but what we paid for.

60,291. Was there anything to prevent you at three o'clock going in to have as much to eat and drink as you could without paying for it?—There was a special luncheon provided.

60,292. About three o'clock?—Before the poll closed.

60,293. Any voter might eat and drink as much as he liked?—It was understood so.

60,294. Did you see voters going in and out there?—No, I did not.

60,295. You did not see any yourself, you are sure of it?—Yes.

60,296. Do you mean to pledge you oath that you did not see people going in and out eating and drinking there?—No; I did not see them. We were in the smoke room, and there was a large room for the dinner or the lunch. I did not see any eating and drinking.

60,297. Were you out on the nomination night about the town?—Yes, I was.

60,298. Seeing what was going on?—Yes.

60,299. All night?—No.

60,300. Pretty late, were you not?—I went to see the fun of the election; I should be at home by eleven o'clock.

60,301. What time were you out again in the morning?—About eight o'clock.

60,302. Not before?—No.

60,303. We have heard, and you have heard, probably, a good many of the blue party's runners went over to the orange in the course of that night?—I do not know that I have heard of it.

60,304. You never heard it till now?—No.

60,305. You never heard it till I mentioned it now?—No, I think not.

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HENRY ROSINDALE sworn, and examined.

60,306. What is your business?—A law accountant.

60,307. Where do you carry on business?—In the Land of Green Ginger.

60,308. What rent do you pay?—I pay 10*l.*

60,309. How long have you been qualified as a householder?—About seven years.

60,310. Are you also a freeman?—No.

60,311. Did you vote in the year 1847?—I did.

60,312. Who for?—Baines and Brown.

60,313. Were you a member of any committee for either of those candidates?—I was engaged in the election.

60,314. In what capacity?—Along with Mr. Fowler, at the Bull and Sun.

60,315. One of the clerks at the central committee room?—No; at the Bull and Sun, where the clerks were engaged.

60,316. Who was the chairman of that district?—I was superintending the clerks; there was no chairman.

60,317. For Mr. Brown?—For Mr. Brown. It was a private room in the inn assigned for the clerks to do their work in.

60.318. Did you take down the names of the parties who applied to be set down?—No; I had nothing at all to do with that; there was a committee room in another portion of the house.

60,319. Had you anything to do beyond that of preparing the sheet lists?—I was one of the agents on the election day, that is all.

60,320. A booth agent?—A booth agent.

60,321. When were you made a booth agent?—A day or two before I got the appointment, and the instructions on the night before.

60,322. How came you to be appointed a clerk?—Because I had been acquainted with electioneering matters previously, and with registration.

60,323. Did you assist Mr. Fowler?—We worked together.

60,324. Were you present when Mr. Fowler was examined?—I was.

60,325. Can you give any further information than that which Mr. Fowler has stated?—I think not. We generally worked together in the same room, and alongside each other almost.

60,326. Did you know the proceedings that were taken to secure Mr. Brown's election?—I do not.

60,327. Nothing but what you have heard since?—Nothing.

60,328. You say you are an experienced man in elections?—I have had to do with the register.

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60,329. You had nothing to do with the election? What was the use of your experience? —As a clerk. I had the management of the arrangement of the canvassing books, and the necessary matters of that kind; so far as an acquaintance with the register, I mean.

60,330. You had not a vote in 1841?—I did not vote in the 1841 election.

60,331. What was the use of knowing anything about the register in that room?—Making out the canvassing books.

60,332. Did you do anything more than copy names from one paper to another?—I scarcely did that; I superintended the clerks that did it.

60,333. What was the use of your experience? A person who had never been in Hull might do that?—Probably he might.

60,334. How did you make use of your experience? Perhaps your experience will enable you to know who were the persons most amenable to influence?—In some respects.

60,335. Did you use your experience in that room?—No; not in that room.

60,336. Anywhere?—No.

60,337. Then you had experience, but did not use it?—I had experience in so far as this,—I am a man that have been accustomed to that kind of employment at elections.

60,338. I suggested to you that probably your experience as a person knowing the corrupt from the pure voters might be brought to bear on that occasion. You say you had experience, but you did not make use of it?—It was very little I should know about that, because I had not been experienced in that way. I was experienced in the mode in which canvassing books were made out, and things of that kind.

60,339. In 1852, were you employed on behalf of Moore and Butler?—I was.

60,340. And voted for them?—I did.

60,341. When were you first employed?—About the 11th or 12th of June, or something like that.

60,342. How came you to be selected? Was it for the same reason?—I suppose so.

60,343. Did you apply for the appointment?—Mr. Wells sent for me.

60,344. You were employed in the same way?—Yes.

60,345. Assisting Mr. Fowler?—A kind of secretary at the central committee room.

60,346. Did you assist Mr. Wells in his project for employing a considerable number of persons?—I cannot say that I did.

60,347. Did you make out the lists?—I made out some lists.

60,348. Mr. Wells stated that you prepared the lists for the clearing houses?—I do not remember that I did. I can tell, if I saw the list, whether it was in my writing or not.

60,349. You were also employed in setting names down?—How do you mean; setting names of parties down that came to the room?

60,350. Yes?—I set the names of a few down as applicants only, either to be clerks or runners, I do not know which.

60,351. What was your duty on this occasion at the central committee room?—To attend generally to the matters in the committee room; supplying the wants of the district committees, and answering their notes, and so on.

60,352. Had you to make out a list of the persons who applied for employment?—No.

60,353. Who did?—I do not know that any list was made. I put a few names down in the minute book of applicants, I think.

60,354. How early did you set them down?—It would be about the commencement.

60,355. Just tell us, as well as your memory helps you, what was the common form?—There is a page of the minute book headed, "Applications for runners," "Applications for clerks." I should enter the names under one or either of those heads.

60,356. Did you set down also people who applied to have their rooms taken?—I forget whether I put any of those names down or not; I can tell my writing if I see it.

60,357. Just look at that (*handing book* A. C.)?—Yes, I have.

60,358. Some of those are in your handwriting?—They are.

60,359. I dare say you will see, with the assistance of that book, that you set down the names of runners?—As applicants, I think; only applications for clerk.

60,360. I see you make a distinction, by using the word "only." I should like to know what you mean by using the word "only?" Why do you use the word "only?"—Merely to make it apply to the question.

60,361. I said, "applicants as runners;" you used the words "applicants only?"—I misunderstood your question. I thought you spoke generally.

60,362. So I did, and you seem to restrict it. I want to know whether you mean to restrict the answer?—No.

60,363. You set down everybody that came and wanted to be set down?—Not everybody.

60,364. Why not?—For instance, with the clerks, I should use my own discretion as to whether they were capable persons.

60,365. Whether you wanted a person of a better education? In the case of a common runner?—I should do the same probably.

60,366. You would set them down, and use them at your pleasure?—In the majority of cases I should send them to the district.

60,367. You did not refuse to set them down from any incapacity to do the work?—Certainly not.

60,368. What was done with the names of the persons who were set down at the central committee?—I believe some were employed at the central committee.

60,369. Some were employed, and some not?—Some not.

60,370. Do you know that the practice was resorted to of changing the employment, in order to employ a greater number?—That employment was distributed.

60,371. Have you heard that it was so?—I heard it spoken of.

60,372. You have heard, for instance, Pelch, who was examined before you?—Yes; I have heard it spoken of.

60,373. Did it prevail to some extent at the central committee?—I believe not.

60,374. It was not resorted to?—I think not.

60,375. Those were the names of persons who were first appointed runners?—There is one here; the first name in the list of applications.

60,376. As the applications were granted, were their names transferred from the application book into some other book, which will show the date of the employment, and the nature of the service?—They were not.

60,377. Is there any means that you are aware of by which we can ascertain the dates of each person's employment at the central committee?—The weekly pay sheets would show it.

60,378. Those are just the things we have not got?—The weekly pay sheets will show. I do not know anything else that will show it.

60,379. What was done with the runners who were not employed at the central committee room, who were set down at the central committee room,—not employed?—They would either go through their own district, or they would not be put down at all.

60,380. But those who were down?—They were not put down as runners unless they they were actually engaged; they were merely put down as applicants.

60,381. I understand you to say put down as applicants only?—Yes; and you will find, at the end of the names of those that were employed, something like this word, "engaged as doorkeeper," "engaged at central committee room."

60,382. What was done with those not set down?—They either went to the other side, or went elsewhere, or were not employed at all.

60,383. And were paid?—I do not know. One or two went to the other side. I do not know what became of the others.

60,384. The other witnesses have said, when a man's name was set down it was a distinct pledge, on the one side, for the vote, and, on the other, for giving employment?—Certainly.

60,385. Just see whether that is a general list of runners prepared by yourself (*handing* D. C. *book to the witness*)?—In part.

60,386. What is that book?—It professes to be an alphabetical list of names of persons who were employed as runners by the different districts, and intended to be transferred from the district lists into this book.

60,387. That is, made up from the district returns?—It is.

60,388. For what purpose?—In the first instance, it was for the purpose of ascertaining whether we had got the names more than once over, so as to check them.

60,389. Was not it again for the purpose of checking it against the poll book?—No; I think the principal object was to see that we were not paying parties twice over; I think that was the main object.

60,390. And also that nobody was to be paid unless he voted Moore and Butler?—Certainly.

60,391. You see there are some notes and observations in it. Look at the different marks; about five or six marks of a different character?—Yes, there are.

60,392. Can you explain those marks?—I can explain the initials, M. B., and C. G., and so on.

60,393. Those were put for the purpose; was not it part of the intention to compare it with the poll book?—It was in some respects compared with the check sheets.

60,394. For the purpose of showing they should not be paid unless they voted Moore and Butler?—Certainly.

60,395. Look at the list, and you will see "Bamford's list?"—"Humber dock basin" is on one side.

60,396. You will see the words "Bamford's list;" can you explain that? That is your handwriting?—Yes.

60,397. What does it mean?—I suppose it means a list of names furnished by some one in connexion with Mr. Bamford or by him.

60,398. Do you remember seeing any such list?—I have no doubt I must, as I have got these names from it.

60,399. Do you remember how many names were contained in the list?—I do not, unless this book will show it.

60,400. Do you remember yourself receiving it?—This calls it to my mind. There must have been one.

60,401. Refreshing your memory with that, you have no doubt such documents exist?—There must have been that document.

60,402. Do you remember what it was prepared for?—It was merely a list of names.

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60,403. Do you remember anything relating to the object or purport of the list at this moment?—I do not know; I have only my supposition about it.

60,404. Finding those names in the list, you have no doubt they are persons down there as runners?—Yes; intending to be paid.

60,405. Now the words "Humber dock basin;" can you explain that?—Yes; it was the room at which, I believe, Lidgard was employed.

60,406. Minerva Terrace?—Yes.

60,407. Were those runners at the Humber dock basin to be treated just the same as all the rest?—I suppose so.

60,408. You have no doubt about it?—I have no doubt at all.

60,409. Do you know what became of the list of the Humber dock basin?—I do not.

60,410. Were the original lists returned to the different districts?—No, I believe not.

60,411. The lists from which this book is made; these are evidently made at the central room?—Yes; and partly at Mr. Wells's office.

60,412. What became of the papers from which it was made?—I do not know.

60,413. What is your memory upon the subject?—After the book had been made, there would be these left along with the other papers in the committee room. What became of them I know not.

60,414. We have understood they were returned back again to the different districts, in order to pay from?—Yes; but I am not aware of it. I suppose it would be so.

60,415. Who would know?—I do not know. Perhaps Mr. Wells would be the most likely.

60,416. Would there have been every day a report to you from the district committees?—No; it was made up after the election.

60,417. But they did send a report every day?—No.

60,418. After the election, from the documents furnished, when the election was over, by the different district committees?—Yes.

60,419. Made up for the purpose of payment?—I suppose so.

60,420. Was it not your duty to see it made up?—Yes.

60,421. What were the instructions? What was the book made for?—I was to make out a list from the various lists handed to me.

60,422. What lists were those?—The lists from the different committees.

60,423. Were they pay sheets?—Merely lists.

60,424. Payments to be made?—I suspect they were.

60,425. Furnished after they had voted?—After they had voted; furnished after the election; but they were to be compared with the other lists and with the check sheets.

60,426. For the purpose of having one confirmed register of all the persons, with all outstanding claims after the election was over?—Yes.

60,427. If the payments had not been stopped by matters that intervened, would they have been paid pretty much from that book?—No; they would not be paid at all from that book. There were several names struck through..

60,428. Then that book does not contain the names of persons who were employed during the election, does it?—Not exactly.

60,429. All the persons who were employed during the election were paid during the election, were they not?—They were, week by week.

60,430. These are the persons who were to be paid the week after the election; that is for the last week; a list of runners for the last week; applicants?—No; a list of runners.

60,431. The heading is, "Runners employed in the district"?—Yes.

60,432. But the book by no means contains the names of all the persons employed during the election?—It may not.

60,433. Where they employed for a short time, and paid off and discharged?—It would, because if they had been employed in the early part they would put on the latter part; that is only the latter part.

60,434. That would not embrace the names of any persons employed in the early part and discharged those names would not appear?—It would not.

60,435. Had you any book of that sort to keep during the election?—No.

60,436. From the pay sheets that were sent in from the central committee room did you enter up the names of the persons employed into any book?—No.

60,437. There were none at the central committee room at all?—I believe not.

60,438. What are these crosses opposite some of the names?—I do not remember.

60,439. The black cross?—I do not remember.

60,440. There is a cross against every name who voted for Clay and Goderich?—Probably that is the object of it; to draw attention to it.

60,441. Also some double entries?—That was the object; to draw attention to it. The crosses are my own. I fancy that is the object, but I do not remember these marks accurately. I think the crosses are my own; the ticks are not.

60,442. There is a cross, "not voted"?—That is in order to draw attention to it.

60,443. Nobody that has got a cross seems to have voted for Moore and Butler?—That would be it. The crosses opposite the names are "double entries," or "did not vote," or "voted orange."

60,444. Or "did not vote wholly blue"?—Half and half.

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60,445. There is a cross opposite to one man; Moore and Clay?—Yes; it would be to draw attention to those particular names.

60,446. And one a man "not voted" has got some mark?—Yes; there is an asterisk or a star opposite to some of the names; that would be something to refer to the same names in another portion of the book—"see above," or something of that kind.

60,447. Just look at the book (*handing it back*)?—You observe here, on this page, under the letter E, "Everingham, William." This is for the same purpose as the crosses. If you observe, there is a number of the register; the name of Everingham, William; and then next him, under the letter E, is the same number and the same name, and an asterisk, which is to draw attention from one to the other.

60,448. They are references only?—References to show that it is in two lists.

60,449. Did you see Steeple at the central committee room?—Yes.

60,450. What did he do?—He attended principally to the flag department.

60,451. Something real, or not?—I cannot say much more, except that he sat there, and scribbled on paper.

60,452. More of a nominal employment?—Yes.

60,453. He is a good electioneerer?—He assisted generally.

60,454. Was not it this: he was considered a man of great experience in election matters, whom it was advisable to give a retainer to?—Probably it might; I should fancy it was.

60,455. It means that he is not to be on the other side?—Yes, I know.

T. Williamson.

THOMAS WILLIAMSON sworn, and examined.

60,456. What business are you?—A ropemaker.

60,457. Where do you live in this borough?—Near the North Bridge, at the sign of the Greenland Fishery.

60,458. Do you pay rent for a house?—No; I am a lodger.

60,459. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

60,460. How long have you been free?—Thirty-five years back.

60,461. How old are you?—Fifty-six, the 29th of next month.

60,462. Before the Reform Act, used you to get four guineas, and the two guineas?—Yes, you are right; that is correct; but it is all done away with.

60,463. That is a pleasing recollection, rather?—Oh yes, it is, rather.

60,464. Who did you vote for in 1841, when Hanmer and James, and Clay and Thompson were the candidates?—I voted for Sir Walter James and Sir John Hanmer.

60,465. How much did you get then?—£1 then.

60,466. After you voted?—After I voted. Yes.

60,467. Do you know who paid it?—Yes.

60,468. Who was it?—That puts me a little about.

60,469. Where was it paid?—Down Wincolmlee. I was paid at Mr. Foster's.

60,470. Who did you then vote for in 1847?—I got to the booth, but I never polled at all; there was such a disturbance in the booth that I could not poll.

60,471. Did you get any money?—I got two days pay; I got half a sovereign, and when I got there, I found such a disturbance that I could not vote.

60,472. You got the 10s. to vote for Brown?—No; I earned it before, and partook of it.

60,473. Did you get it to vote for Brown?—No, I did not, I earned the money.

60,474. Who was it paid by?—By Mr. Yeall.

60,475. Was your name set down as a runner for Brown?—It was set down as a messenger.

60,476. For Brown?—For Brown.

60,477. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

60,478. What did you get this last time?—£1.

60,479. After you voted?—It was at the time; but I did not get the money before I earned it. I was set on as a messenger. I earned my money before I partook of it. A man is worthy of his hire.

60,480. Where were you paid?—I was paid in Lowgate Conservative News-room.

60,481. Who paid it?—Mr. Pulleyn.

60,482. Was it paid before or after you had voted?—I do not know when it was paid. I earned the money before I got it.

60,483. Was it paid before you voted or after?—After.

60,484. You had been a messenger?—Yes.

60,485. And had your name set down?—Oh yes, as a messenger.

60,486. At what election was it they put you into a bottle?—You do not smell the smoke.

60,487. What election was it; 1841?—I have been a voter for thirty-five years, and I think I know a little about it.

60,488. Was it at the 1841 election they put you into a bottle?—I never went into a bottle yet.

60,489. You say you voted James and Hanmer at that election?—Yes. I hope there is no harm in it.

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THOMAS FENWICK sworn, and examined.

60,490. Where do you live?—44, Roper Street.
60,491. What is your business?—A tailor.
60,492. What rent do you pay for your house?—£4 10*s.*
60,493. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
60,494. When were you made a freeman?—In 1839.
60,495. At whose expense?—My father paid for me.
60,496. What is your father's name?—Thomas.
60,497. In 1841, did you vote for Hanmer and James?—Yes.
60,498. Did you get any money for your vote?—Yes.
60,499. How much?—One sovereign.
60,500. Before or after voting?—After the election.
60,501. Who paid you?—I do not know the gentleman's name who paid me.
60,502. Where were you paid?—I was paid in Church Lane, to the best of my recollection; there was a committee room there.
60,503. In 1847, did you vote?—No, I did not vote at all then.
60,504. Why not?—I was not on the register.
60,505. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Bramley Moore and Mr. Butler.
60,506. I believe you got 30*s.*?—31*s.*
60,507. Was that before, or after the election?—I had 10*s.* before the election, and 21*s.* after.
60,508. Where was that paid you?—At Legitt's committee room.
60,509. The 10*s.*?—Yes.
60,510. And 21*s.* after?—And 21*s.* after, at the same committee room.
60,511. By the same person?—No; I do not think it was by the same person. It was at Legitt's committee room.
60,512. Were you set down as a runner?—I was set down as a runner.

E. W. Foster.

EDWARD WILSON FOSTER sworn, and examined.

60,513. Where do you live?—In Coltman Street.
60,514. What is your business?—I have dropped it. I have coiled my rope.
60,515. What rent do you pay for your house?—I was a soapmaker, but I have done with it at present.
60,516. I ask you what rent do you pay for your house?—Why I pay no rent; I live on my own property.
60,517. What are you rated at to the poor?—£10.
60,518. Are you a freeman?—Yes, a freeman as well.
60,519. When were you made a freeman?—My first election was Wrightson's.
60,520. Did you vote in 1841?—I have voted at every election right away since. I do not know I have missed one.
60,521. In 1841, Clay and Thompson, and Hanmer and James, were the candidates?—I voted for Mr Hutt when he was here.
60,522. In 1841, Clay and Thompson, Hanmer and James, were the candidates; who did you vote for then?—I voted for Colonel Thompson.
60,523. Did you get anything for that vote?—Not that I know of; not a farthing. There were open houses, and I got a little beer. I was then a working man.
60,524. I see you voted for Clay and Thompson?—I never voted for Clay yet.
60,525. They have set down your name?—I never voted for Clay; I voted for Thompson.
60,526. For Thompson only, you say?—I never voted for Clay, because he was opposed to my thoughts. Mr. Hutt was a man of my thoughts.
60,527. In 1847, who did you vote for; Clay, Baines, and Brown?—I voted for Brown and Baines.
60,528. At that election I think you were a runner?—No; I never was set down.
60,529. What did you get then?—I got 15*s.*, paid into my hand. They put me into a cab, and away I went to poll. I do not know who it was; however, I got the 15*s.*
60,530. And you voted for Mr. Brown?—I voted for Mr. Brown and Mr. Baines.
60,531. Did you get anything afterwards?—No.
60,532. That was all you got?—That was all I got.
60,533. Now in 1852, who did you vote for?—Bramley Moore and Butler.
60,534. I believe you got 4*l.*, did you not?—No.
60,535. How much did you get?—No; they put me down at that time. I had only a very moderate salary, and I was set down as a runner by George Hare, at Anthony Bannister's committee room.
60,536. At the Minerva Terrace?—Yes.
60,537. How much money did you get?—I was paid 3*s.* 6*d.* a day for the time I was there.
60,538. How much did you get altogether?—Two weeks and three days.

60,539. That was at the Market Place ward?—No; I do not know that. It was by the Hull Dock basin. *E. W. Foster.*

60,540. You were set down also in Market Place?—No, I was not. 26th July 1853.

60,541. I am told you got 4*l.*?—I never got, but I received weekly. I got 14*s.* knocked off, if you mean that.

60,542. No, I do not mean that; I am told that you got 4*l.* altogether?—No, I did not.

JOSEPH FILLINGHAM sworn, and examined. *J. Fillingham.*

60,543. Where do you live?—Green Lane.

60,544. What is your business?—A shipwright.

60,545. What rent do you pay?—£6.

60,546. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

60,547. When were you made a freeman?—Between thirty and forty years ago.

60,548. At your own expense?—No.

60,549. Which party paid for it?—The blue party.

60,550. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Perhaps I might; I do not recollect whether I voted or not.

60,551. Did you get any money at that election?—I do not remember it.

60,552. I see you voted for Hanmer and James?—I have always voted for the blue party.

60,553. Did you get any money then?—I cannot tell you.

60,554. Did you not get 1*l.* at that time?—I cannot recollect.

60,555. After the election?—I cannot recollect it.

60,556. Did you get any money at that election, or after it? Did you not get a sovereign after the election was over?—I do not remember.

60,557. How much did you get?—I do not remember getting anything.

60,558. Was there ever a time that you did not get any money?—This last time I got a sovereign.

60,559. Was there ever a time you did not get any money?—I think there was.

60,560. When?—I cannot bring it to my mind.

60,561. Who did you vote for in 1847; Clay, Baines, or Brown?—Baines and Brown.

60,562. You got some money then?—I got 10*s.*

60,563. When was it paid you?—After the election.

60,564. Who paid it you, do you remember?—Brown's party paid me.

50,565. Do you remember where they paid you?—It was in Witham.

60,566. Now, in 1852, at the last election, you voted for Moore and Butler?—Yes, I did.

60,567. How much money did you then get?—A pound.

60,568. Where were you paid?—At a public house next Drypool Church.

60,569. What was the sign of it?—I think they called it the Hunt.

60,570. Was it after you had voted?—Yes.

60,571. Near the Victoria Dock?—It is very near it.

60,572. Who paid you there?—Mr. Walker and two or three more.

WILLIAM FINLAY sworn, and examined. *William Finlay.*

60,573. Where do you live?—I live at Drypool.

60,574. What is your business?—Master mariner.

60,575. What rent do you pay for a house?—£10 a year.

60,576. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

60,577. When were you made a freeman?—In 1806.

60,578. At whose expense?—At my own.

60,579. In 1841 who did you vote for; Clay and Thompson, or Hanmer and James?—I am sure I do not recollect; I cannot bring it to mind. I do not not know. Perhaps I might be at tea at the time.

60,580. Where do you live?—At Drypool.

60,581. In Prospect Street?—Prospect Place.

60,582. Then I see you voted blue?—Did I?

60,583. The poll book says so. Do you agree with it?—Yes.

60,584. Did you get some money for your vote?—I do not know that I got anything.

60,585. What do you think about it?—I do not believe I got anything.

60,586. You got some at the last election?—Which one do you mean?

60,587. The last, in 1852?—No, I did not.

60,588. Did you not get something in 1841?—No, I did not.

60,589. After the election was over, did you not get something in 1841, after you had voted for Hanmer and James? Did you not get a sovereign after the election?—No; I do not recollect that I got a farthing.

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60,590. In 1847, Clay ; Baines, and Brown; who did you vote for then ?—I think I was at sea at the time.

60,591. Now, in 1852, did you vote for Moore and Butler ?—Yes.

60,592. You got some money then after you had voted, did you not, at the last election ?—At the last election I did not get any money at all.

60,593. I am told you got 30*s.* ?—No, I did not.

60,594. I have it here, William Findlay, Drypool, was paid 30*s.* ?—Nothing of the sort.

60,595. Were you not paid anything ?—I was paid a sovereign for my assistance.

60,596. Is that all you got ?—That is all I got.

60,597. Where were you paid ?—I was paid at Drypool.

60,598. When ?—After the election was over.

60,599. Who paid you ?—I think it was Mr. Walker. I do not know exactly the sum.

60,600. Were you a runner ?—Yes.

60,601. In Holderness ?—Yes.

60,602. How many days were you down for ?—I ran the whole time of the election ; I was a running the whole of the election.

60,603. That does not tell me how long ?—I got paid very badly. I had a pound for all my time. I actually did run the whole of the election.

60,604. You tried to get more ?—I tried to get as much as I could.

60,605. Did they not pay you by the week ?—No ; I got paid a sovereign.

60,606. Afterwards ?—Afterwards.

60,607. Which Mr. Walker was it ?—Mr. Walker the druggist.

60,608. Why did they not pay you by the week ?—I am sure I do not know.

60,609. Did you ask them ?—No ; I did not ask them for anything.

60,610. A good many got paid by the week, we hear ?—I wish I had been, I am sure.

Robert Graham.

ROBERT GRAHAM sworn, and examined.

60,611. What is your business ?—Shoemaker.

60,612. Where do you live ?—In Waterworks Street.

60,613. What rent do you pay ?—£4 10*s.*

60,614. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

60,615. When were you made a freeman ?—In 1818.

60,616. At whose expense ?—My father's.

60,617. You used to get the four guineas and the two before the Reform Act ?—Yes ; and I should like to have it now.

60,618. In 1841 did you vote ?—Yes, I did.

60,619. Who for ?—For Clay and Thompson.

60,620. Did you get any money for that ?—No, I did not.

60,621. Nothing ?—Well, I will say not a penny.

60,622. Neither before nor after the election ?—Neither before or after the election.

60,623. Who did you vote for in 1847 ?—I polled for Baines and Brown.

60,624. What did you get for that ?—10*s.*

60,625. Who was it for ?—Mr. Brown ; I got nothing from Mr. Baines.

60,626. When was it paid you ?—I got 5*s.* before the election, and 5*s.* after.

60,627. Who paid it you ?—Mr. Bannister.

60,628. Both sums ?—Yes.

60,629. Now, at the last election in 1852, who did you vote for ?—I polled for Moore and Butler.

60,630. Did you get some money then ?—Yes, I ; did not for voting ; I got it for labour.

60,631. How much did you get for your labour ?—£1 14*s.* altogether.

60,632. What was your labour ?—Running errands for them.

60,633. How long were you employed in errand going ?—I was a week and four days.

60,634. Were you paid by the week ?—I got 14*s.* the first four days, and then I got the sovereign after the election was over.

60,635. Where was the last money paid you ?—In the committee room.

60,636. There were several committse rooms ?—In Saville Street, where our committee room was.

60,637. You had been to that room before ?—Yes, I had been to that room before.

60,638. You asked for 2*l.* or two guineas there, did you not ?—No, I did not ; I asked for nothing.

60,639. Did you go to the other house in Saville Street, where Mr. Wilde was ?—No.

60,640. You are sure of that ?—Yes, I am sure of it. I never was in an orange committee room during all the time.

60,641. Did you not go there, and say you never hadbeen a Liberal, and you wanted to be one then ?—Never.

60,642. And you wished for 2*l.* or two guineas ?—Never.

60,643. You never had been a Liberal ?—No ; only when I was for Clay and Thompson.

60,644. You had forgot that before ?—No ; I had not forgotten it.

60,645. Did you ask to be set down as a messenger by the blues ?—No ; I did not ask

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particularly to be set down as a messenger. I asked if they had any employment for me; and they said yes.

60,646. In Saville Street?—Yes; for the blues.

60,647. Do you know Mr. Empson?—I do not know him; I have seen him, and have had him several times at my house.

60,648. You have seen him very often, and he has been very often to your house; that is what I call knowing a person?—Yes; but I do not know him still.

60,649. Perhaps he knows you?—He wanted to know me, but I did not want to know him.

60,650. Did you not tell him you wanted 2*l.* or two guineas from the Liberals?—No; I never did.

60,651. What did you say to Mr. Empson?—I will tell you what I said to him. He asked if I would poll for the Liberal party, and he said if I would he would give me a note to go down to Mr. Galloway's; and I said I neither wanted him or his note.

60,652. Were you not a runner for the blue party?—Yes.

60,653. Did you not see him before that?—I did see him before that, once, and I told him the same then.

Thomas Glover.

THOMAS GLOVER sworn, and examined.

60,654. Where do you live?—Drypool.

60,655. What is your business?—Keelman or slipman.

60,656. Are you a freeman?—No; I am a 10*l.* voter.

60,657. How much rent do you pay?—£16 rent.

60,658. How long have you voted as a householder?—Ten years.

60,659. Then you did not vote in 1841 for Clay and Thompson?—No.

60,660. In 1847 did you vote; Clay, Baines, and Brown?—I voted once for Clay.

60,661. What do you mean by once in 1847; who did you vote for?—I never voted for anybody but Clay. Jalland was mayor, I believe.

60,662. Did you get any money for that?—Yes; I got a pound.

60,663. Who paid you?—That I do not know.

60,664. Where were you paid?—I do not know, I am sure.

60,665. Come, you know?—I left my vessel to come down here to vote. It cost me all the money.

60,666. Where did you get the money is what I ask you?—I am sure I cannot say.

60,667. You did not pick it up in the street?—No.

60,668. Where did you get it from?—I am sure I cannot say.

60,669. When did you get it?—That I cannot answer.

60,670. You cannot say when or where?—No, I cannot.

60,671. Who paid it you?—I am sure I do not know.

60,672. Where did you come from to vote in 1847?—From a place they call Beale.

60,673. How far is that?—It is betwixt Wakefield and Selby. I left my vessel there, and came over on purpose to vote.

60,674. How did you come?—I walked eight or ten miles to Selby, and then took the packet to Hull.

60,675. How much did you pay for it, 5*s.*?—No; not so much.

60,676. How much did you pay?—I think it would be somewhere about 3*s.*; then I paid a man 12*s.* for coming down to my vessel, and his allowance.

60,677. You made a bad business of it?—I had better stayed on board my vessel.

60,678. In 1852, at the last election, did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes, I did.

60,679. And they had a room of yours, had they not?—Yes.

60,680. Where was your room?—It was in Raikes Street, Drypool.

60,681. How much did you get for that room?—I got two guineas altogether.

60,682. When was it paid you?—A few days after the election.

60,683. Did Steeple pay it you?—I do not know who paid it me. I never got the money myself. I was not at home. My wife got it for me. She did not know the man.

60,684. When did they engage your room?—I believe just before the election took place.

60,685. Did any committee meet there?—No.

60,686. They gave you no list of anybody who would come there?—No, not at all.

60,687. Do you know Henry Whytal Walker, the druggist—Yes.

60,688. What he at your room?—No; I do not recollect seeing him in our room. It was his proposal about having a committee room. He mentioned it to me, and I had no objection to it.

John Gibson.

JOHN GIBSON sworn, and examined.

60,689. Where do you live?—At Drypool.

60,690. What is your business?—A cartman.

60,691. What rent do you pay for a house?—£8.

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60,692. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
60,693. When were you made a freeman?—After Hanmer's election.
60,694. Who took it up for you?—Hanmer.
60,695. The blue party?—Yes.
60,696. Did you vote for them at the next election in consequence of that?—Yes.
60,697. Who for?—For Mr. Brown.
60,698. Only?—Only.
60,699. What did you get for your vote?—10*s*.
60,700. When were you paid?—After the election.
60,701. By whom?—I do not know the party.
60,702. Where?—At Sowerby's.
60,703. Where was that?—In Witham.
60,704. Was that a committee room?—Yes.
60,705. What is Sowerby's Christian name? Does he keep a public house?—He keeps a public house; the Noah's Ark.
60,706. Is he the publican?—Yes.
60,707. The landlord of the house?—Yes; that is where I was paid.
60,708. Were there a good many more paid with you?—Yes.
60,709. He had the money to pay you with?—No; he had not got the money altogether; there was a committee room there.
60,710. In 1852, did you vote for Moore and Butler; at the last election?—Yes.
60,711. Did you get anything?—I got nothing before hand.
60,712. After?—Yes, after.
60,713. How much?—I got 17*s*. for five days running.
60,714. Are you sure you did not get it beforehand?—No, not a farthing.
60,715. Did you not say you would not vote unless you were paid?—No.
60,716. You are not the man?—It is not me, I am sure.
60,717. Where did you receive it?—I received it at Mrs. Jubb's.
60,718. Where is that?—At the Brunswick Hotel.
60,719. In Holderness?—Just at the Victoria Dock.
60,720. When did they pay you?—It would be three weeks after the election.
60,721. Was that a committee room, do you know?—I do not know, I am sure.

William Headon.

WILLIAM HEADON sworn, and examined.

60,722. Where do you live?—31, Dock Street.
60,723. What is your business?—I am a shipwright.
60,724. What rent do you pay for your house?—£5 10*s*.
60,725. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
60,726. When were you made a freeman?—About eight years ago.
60,727. At your own expense?—Yes.
60,728. Did you vote at the election of 1847?—Yes.
60,729. Clay, Baines, or Brown?—Yes.
60,730. Which did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
60,731. Did you get any money?—Yes; I got 10*s*. from Mr. Brown.
60,732. When was it paid you?—Before the election.
60,733. At what place?—In Wincolmlee, at a public house; I do not know the sign of it.
60,734. Do you know the persons who paid you?—Yes, I know one of them; Fred. Peterson was one.
60,735. How soon were you paid anything for Mr. Baines after the election?—Half a crown I got about four or five months after the election.
60,736. Were did you get that?—In Parliament Street.
60,737. Who was it paid it you?—A lawyer; I do not know what they call him.
60,738. How came you to have the 2*s*. 6*d*.?—I was told by a fellow workman that they were going to pay for Mr. Baines, and I thought I had as much right as anybody else, and I went after it, and I got half a crown.
60,739. Did you run as much for Mr. Baines as for Mr. Brown?—A good deal more.
60,740. Who was the man who paid it you?—I do not know.
60,741. Do you not know the number of the place?—I know it was on the right hand as you go from Friar Gate, at some lawyer's office there.
60,742. How many were there there?—Very many.
60,743. But how many?—I should say fifty or sixty at the time I was in the passage.
60,744. Would you know the place again?—Yes, well.
60,745. Could you show it to anybody?—Yes, I could.
60,746. Will you show it to our messenger?—Yes. I do not know that I can show you the very door.
60,747. Was it Mr. Wells' office?—No.
60,748. Was it Mr. Sidebottom's?—That was the name. I do not go to say it was Mr. Sidebottom's or Mr. Well's; I really do not remember.

60,749. You say there was some fifty or sixty, as far as you know, there. Did they all get the same sum?—No; some of them got more; I do not know if any got less; they could not very well get less.

60,750. What is the highest you know any of them got?—I heard one of them say that he had got a sovereign.

60,751. What was the general sum?—I am sure I do not know. I did not make a very great deal of inquiry. I knew there was some allowance, and I went to see what my allowance was.

60,752. Did you not try for more?—I think I did.

60,753. Had the gentleman got a list before him with names upon it?—Yes, I think so, as far as I can remember; it is a long time ago. I do not rightly remember what was passing.

60,754. How many gentlemen were in the room where the payment was made?—I do not remember seeing more than one.

60,755. Did you go in one at a time?—Yes, one at a time, I believe.

60,756. You waited some time?—Yes; we had to wait our turns.

60,757. Can you tell me a little nearer how long it was after the election?—Well, I am sure I cannot say.

60,758. Was it in the same year?—Yes; it was in the same year, I think.

60,759. If not in that year, would it have been not later than the next year?—Yes.

60,760. That you are sure of?—Yes; but I do not remember well; I do not indeed.

60,761. Do you know how long those payments went on? Was it finished in a day?—I do not remember it. I know nothing of it, further than the day I got the half-crown.

60,762. How did you happen to hear of it?—A painter told me they were going to pay; accordingly, I went on the day he named, and I got my half-crown on the same day.

60,763. Do you think you can point out the place?—I really think I can show pretty near, as far as my memory would let me.

60,764. You have been in the habit of passing it, I suppose?—Yes; I have been past it two or three times.

60,765. Now, in 1852, did you vote for Moore and Butler?—I did.

60,766. Did you get some money for that vote; 15*s.*?—No; I got more than that.

60,767. How much did you get?—I got 17*s.*, in the shape of running money, and I got 3*s.* to pay travelling expenses from Barton to Hull.

60,768. Did you come over from Barton?—Yes.

60,769. On the morning of the election?—No; I came over four days prior to the election, at my own expense.

60,770. You got it paid for your vote?—I got 17*s.* for the four days' running, and 3*s.* expenses from Barton to Hull.

60,771. Which four days were you paid for running?—The four days before the election.

60,772. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday?—I do not know what day the election took place.

60,773. Did you come on your own business?—I came on the electioneering business altogether. When I came there was parties soliciting us at Barton, and, thinks I to myself, I will have nothing to do with the humbugs; I will go upon my own bottom.

60,774. You did not think Mr. Wilde was, who was paying 2*l.* apiece?—Yes; he was offering 2*l.*; he offered it me.

60,775. That was not humbug?—Yes, it was, in my eyes.

60,776. When you say he was offering you 2*l.*, you do not mean that he offered you the two sovereigns?—Indeed he did, in Saville Street.

60,777. He offered to pay you the money down?—He wanted to convey me into a house opposite the committee, where the colour was out in Saville Street on the other side of the way.

60,778. 21, Saville Street?—I do not know the number.

60,779. What time was that?—About three or four days before the election; I do not know to the day. There was a friend of mine came from Boston, one of the trade, and he says to me, you had better by half be of this party, the orange party. If you go to Mr. Wilde you will enjoy the same benefits that I have. That was at a house at the corner of Wilberforce Street; I do not know what they call it.

60,780. The Wilberforce Rooms?—I think that is the name of it. He says to me, if you will go to Mr. Wilde's he will pay you in the same way. Thinks I to myself, it is a decent put out, but it is against principle; and as I was going down Saville Street, he says, here is a voter, and accordingly Mr. Wilde came up to me and offered very fair. Thinks I to myself, I do not like it. I will not go against principle; I will go on my own way, and accordingly I did.

60,781. And you went on your own bottom?—I refused him.

60,782. How much did you get? You have not told us that?—When?

62,783. At the last election?—20*s.*; 17*s.* in the shape of a runner, and 3*s.* for travelling expenses from Barton to Hull and back.

62,784. When were you paid that money?—On the Saturday after the election.

60,785. At what place?—Abreast Christ Church, in Jarrett Street.

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60,786. In Worship Street you mean?—Yes; that is the street; that is right.
60,787. That was after the election?—Yes.
60,788. Do you know John Walker?—No, I do not. I know Mr. Wilde, because I have seen him. I am not a stranger to him.
60,789. There seems to be some mistake about this. You say Mr. Wilde offered you 2*l.* He says he did not?—Mr. Wilde told me I should share the same as the man who took me.
60,790. Was he a Barton voter?—No, he is not a Barton voter; he was a Boston voter.
60,791. What is his name?—Robert Hill.

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Mr. THOMAS WILDE recalled, and examined.

60,792. What do you say to this statement?—All I have to say is, that I did nothing of the sort; I never offered any money to any body.
60,793. What the last witness seems to say is that you wanted to take him into a house in Saville Street, and to set his name down?—I am sure I did not.

Thomas Hall.

THOMAS HALL sworn, and examined.

60,794. Where do you live?—In Sykes Street, Clappison Square, No. 1.
60,795. What is your business?—I am a sailmaker.
60,796. What rent do you pay?—£8.
60,797. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
60,798. When were you made a freeman?—In 1825; I took my freedom up.
60,799. At your own expense?—At my own expense.
60,800. Did you vote at the election in 1841?—Yes.
60,801. Who for?—I think it was for Hanmer and James.
60,802. Did you get some money for that vote?—I do not remember it.
60,803. What do you think about it?—I do not remember getting anything; I do not.
60,804. You think you did not get anything?—I fancy not; I do not know that I did.
60,805. Did you not get 1*l.*?—I do not know that I did; I might; but I do not know that I did, at present.
60,806. After the election?—After the election? I cannot bring it to remembrance; not just at at present; I may.
60,807. If you remember it, come and tell us?—I will. I am not afraid of that; not a bit.
60,808. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I voted for Mr. Brown.
60,809. What did you get then?—I got a sovereign.
60,810. Where were you paid that?—I got a half of a sovereign before the election, and a half sovereign after the election, and they paid me at a public house at Scott Street corner.
60,811. Both the sums?—No.
60,812. Where was the other paid, then?—There was a man brought it; I forget his name exactly just now; a man brought me half a sovereign, and I got half a sovereign before that.
60,813. Brought it to your house?—No, he did not.
60,814. Where did he bring it to?—He brought it to the shop to me; he came to the shop, and gave it me, in a house in Dock Street.
60,815. Do you remember his name?—I really do not.
60,816. You will tell us that next time?—I will tell you all about it.
60,817. In 1852, Moore and Butler's election; who did you vote for then?—Moore and Butler.
60,818. Did you get paid for that?—Yes, I did.
60,819. How much?—Why I think I got somewhere about 30*s.*
60,820. Who paid you?—Well, I do not know; I got 12*s.* 6*d.* one time, and 17*s.* 6*d.* the other; that made about 30*s.*, I think.
60,821. Where were you paid?—The second time I was paid at the committee room.
60,822. There were several committee rooms. Which committee room?—At South End.
60,823. And where was the other paid to you?—Well; it was brought to me.
60,824. Who by?—By my partner.
60,825. Who is your partner?—He is here.
60,826. What is his name?—Mitchell; he brought it to me, because I happened to be out at work that day.
60,827. He will tell us where he got it, then? Perhaps he told you?—Well; it came from the same place, I expect.

THOMAS MITCHELL sworn, and examined.

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60,828. Where do you live?—In Clappison Square.
60,829. What is your business?—Sail maker.
60,830. What rent do you pay for a house?—I pay 8*l.* for the house.
60,831. When were you made a freeman?—In 1822.
60,832. At whose expense?—At my own. I paid 29*s.* for it.
60,833. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.
60,834. Who for did you vote?—For Hanmer and James.
60,835. Did you get some money for that vote?—I believe I did not get a penny.
60,836. Not at any time?—No.
60,837. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I voted for Mr. Brown and Mr. Baines.
60,838. Did you get some money then?—Yes; I got 25*s.*
60,839. When?—After the election.
60,840. Who paid it you?—Well, I got 15*s.* for Mr. Brown in Bowl Alley Lane at Stephenson's; and I got 10*s.* for Mr. Baines.
60,841. Where was that paid you?—I do not remember.
60,842. Do you not know what part of the town it was in?—Well, I am sure I cannot say exactly.
60,843. Who gave it you?—I am not able to say; but I got it, I know
60,844. In 1852, did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
60,845. At the last election?—Yes.
60,846. And you got some money?—Yes, I did.
60,847. Did you give some to your friend?—Yes; I gave him, I think, 7*s.* and 12*s.* 6*d.*, or 10*s.*; I do not know which.
60,848. How much did you get yourself?—7*s.*, 12*s.* 6*d.*, and 10*s.*
60,849. Where were you paid?—It was at the committee room next Mr. Bannister's office.
60,850. At Legitt's?—Yes.
60,851. Were they paid you before the election, some of those sums?—He paid me 7*s.* and 12*s.* 6*d.* before the election, and 10*s.* after.
60,852. When did he pay you for the other man?—That was the Saturday night before the election.

JAMES HALLETT sworn, and examined.

James Hallett.

60,853. Where do you live?—Caroline Place.
60,854. What is your business?—A shipbuilder.
60,855. What rent do you pay?—£16.
60,856. You are not a freeman, I believe?—Yes, I am.
60,857. When were you made a freeman?—It would be in 1837, I think; but I am not certain of the year.
60,858. I suppose you took it up yourself?—No, I did not.
60,859. Which party took it up for you?—The blue party took it up?
60,860. In 1837?—Yes; there was a committee for that purpose, and I, among the rest, got mine without anything being paid for my burgess oath.
60,861. Did you vote for the blue party in 1841; Hanmer and James?—I believe I did; I am not quite certain of that; it would be Hanmer and James.
60,862. Is your name Mr. Hallett of High Street?—It would be then.
60,863. You voted blue, I see?—Perhaps so.
60,864. Did you receive anything at that election?—No.
60,865. From Hanmer and James?—No.
60,866. Were you paid nothing on account of any of the candidates?—No.
60,867. You allowed those people to take up your freedom, I understand.—Yes.
60,868. And did you not vote for them in consequence?—No; not in consequence of that.
60,869. Why did they take it up?—It is very likely I should have taken it up myself, if they had not, and voted as I did vote.
60,870. Do you mean that you did not know they took it up for you?—I did not say any such thing.
60,871. Do you know why they took it up?—No; I do not know.
60,872. What reason do you suppose had they to take up your freedom?—I do not know what was his reason.
60,873. It was to secure your vote?—In all probability that was the view.
60,874. You understood that that was the object of taking up your freedom; it was to add another vote to their party?—There was no negociation of the kind.
60,875. But you understood at the time both parties were taking up freedoms, to increase their voters?—No doubt it was the object; but I say there was no negociation of the kind.
60,876. And they paid for you?—Certainly.
60,877. With that understanding?—No; not with that understanding.

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60,878. You understood it so?—I understood that was the view that all parties had.

60,879. You knew they would not have paid for you if you had told them that you would vote against them.—Probably they would not.

60,880. Did you vote at the election of 1837; that was Hutt, James, Wood. and Wilberforce—I do not know whether I did or not; I do not know whether I was at home then.

60,881 That was the year that your freedom was taken up. Did you vote at that election at which your freedom was taken up? Do not you think that it was 1839? Your name appears upon the list which I have in my hand of the freedoms taken up by the blue party in 1837; do you not think that was the year?—There is no doubt that is correct.

60,882. In 1847 did you vote?—Yes; I believe I voted for Baines and Brown.

60,883. Did you receive anything at that election?—Well, I should not like to say. I once received a sovereign, but whether it was then, or whether it was at the previous election, I am not quite certain. I once received a sovereign, I know.

60,884. I have been asking you about 1841?—I begin to think whether it would be that year, or the election following. I once received a sovereign.

60,885. At Brown's election the money passed about pretty freely?—I do not know when it was.

60,886. Where were you paid?—In High Street.

60,887. Who by?—A man of the name of Peterson; it was paid to me there, and paid by him, but at which of the elections I could not say.

60,888. In 1852 did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

60,889. Did you take any part in that election?—Yes, I took a little interest in it.

60,890. Tell us what you did?—Well, I went canvassing.

60,891. Tell us shortly what you did?—I do not care how short it is.

60,892. Did you set down names?—No.

60,893. Did you send people to get their names set down?—No.

60,894. When you went canvassing, on whose account did you canvass?—I canvassed on account of the blues.

60,895. Did you belong to any committee?—I belonged to the Holderness ward committee.

60,896. Did you make a list of those that promised you?—Yes; I carried a book for that purpose.

60,897. Have you got that book?—No; I have never seen it since the day of the election.

60,898. Did you not send any people to get their names set down at the committee room?—No.

60,899. You put them down yourself?—In what sense do you mean?

60,900. Putting them down as runners, so as to get money?—No; I never put any one down.

60,901. Some of them asked you?—It is very probable.

60,902. And what did you do?—I sent them to the chairman.

60,903. I asked you if you sent any to the chairman?—I did not understand you in that sense.

60,904. Did you not send them, in order that their names might be set down?—I did not send any distinctly. There might be an individual or two ask me such a question; and if they did I would refer them to the committee.

60,905. What did you say; "Go to the committee"?—"Go to the chairman."

60,906. Which chairman was that?—Mr. West.

60,907. Did you take any rooms?—No.

60,908. Do you remember seeing a man in Lowgate that you gave some money to?—No.

60,909. Are you quite sure you did not pay a man some money?—I am quite certain of it.

60,910. Pay him with your own hand?—No.

60,911. Did you not say to him "Come with us, and we will stand staunch"?—No, I did not.

60,912. Do you remember that?—Nothing of the kind.

60,913. Can you tell us anything more?—No. If I knew anything, I would.

60,914. You have not been paid this time?—No, I think not.

60,915. I thought you would have known it. If you had got a pound before, perhaps you might have got something this time?—No, I did not.

Thomas Harvey.

THOMAS HARVEY sworn, and examined.

60,916. Where do you live?—I live at the Royal Hotel.

60,917. Did you keep the Boy and Barrel?—I did.

60,918. What is your situation now?—I am servant to Mr. Quilter at the Royal Hotel.

60,919. Do you pay any rent yourself for a house?—Yes; I pay six guineas.

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60,920. Are you a freeman?—I was only free for the house I kept in Dagger Lane.

60,921. You are not a voter now?—I was a voter at that time, paying the rent that I paid.

60,922. At which election was that?—Moore and Butler's election.

60,923. Did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

60,924. Is that the only election at which you ever voted?—No.

60,925. At what election did you vote?—I voted at the last election. That was the first time I had a chance of voting.

60,926. You just now told us the other thing; the last election was the first time you voted?—Yes.

60,927. That was for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

60,928. Did you at that time keep the Boy and Barrel?—Yes.

60,929. In Dagger Lane.—Yes.

60,930. You received some money for the use of a room there?—I did.

60,931. How much did you get?—£2.

60,932. Did Mr. Davis give it you?—He did.

60,933. Did he pay you that money?—He did.

60,934. What was done at that room?—Well, there were three runners there.

60,935. Was there any committee?—Yes; there was writing going on. I do not know what was done; I had my business to attend to down below.

60,936. There were runners there, but nothing for them to do?—I do not know that.

60,937. Was there a list of any committee given to you?—They were sent out with messages to the committee room at the Shakespeare.

66,938. Did you ever see anybody there besides the three messengers?—Yes; there was one party that came as a book-keeper, or something of that sort. Of course I had my business to attend to down below.

60,939. When you had this room taken, had you any list of gentlemen of the committee given to you who would occupy the room?—No, I had not. I would not tell any story about it. The room was engaged by Mr. Davis, and he told me he would give me 2*l.* for it as a committee room.

60,940. Besides that 2*l.* for the committee room, did you get some money for voting?—Not a farthing.

60,941. Mr. Davis says that he paid you some?—That is all I got, upon my oath.

60,942. You were doorkeeper and runner yourself?—No; nothing of the sort. I had my business to attend to down below.

60,943. Were you paid as a runner?—No. I only got that 2*l.*; that is all I got.

60,944. Are you sure of that?—I am quite certain.

60,945. Were you paid for the room after you voted?—I should think it would be a week after.

60,946. Were you a clerk in that committee room?—No.

60,947. And are you quite sure that you were paid nothing for being the clerk?—Nothing more than the 2*l.*

James Harrison.

JAMES HARRISON sworn, and examined.

60,948. Where do you live?—In High Street.

60,949. What is your business?—A licensed victualler and broker.

60,950. What rent do you pay?—20*l.*; rather under.

60,951. Are you a freeman?—No; I am only a voter by being a householder.

60,952. Which election did you vote at first?—In 1847.

60,953. Were you qualified to vote at the election in 1841?—No. I have been there about nine years last January.

60,954. Who did you vote for in 1847?—Clay and Brown, I believe.

60,955. Did you get anything for your vote?—No, not a farthing.

60,956. Not from Mr. Brown?—Not from Mr. Brown, nor Mr. Clay neither.

60,957. In 1852, who did you vote for?—I voted for Moore and Butler.

60,958. Had you promised to vote for Clay and Goderich?—No. I had no one to ask me but Mr. Malcolm, and I never gave him a promise.

60,959. That is the man I mean; you promised him?—I never saw any one but Mr. Malcolm, and I only saw him once.

60,960. What did you tell him?—I told him I would not promise him or any one else.

50,961. Did he ask you to put your name down as a runner?—Yes. I told him that he need not, as I was not confident which side I should vote for.

60,962. Then the blues took your committee room?—There were two men came, and asked me if I had a room to let which they could make a committee room of. I told them I had a room which was quite at liberty. They said, "Would I let it to them?" I said, "Yes." They said, "What do you want a day?" I said, "What they paid other people." They then said a sovereign a day, and I told them they should have mine at that, and they engaged it for two days.

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60,963. What days were those?—I do not remember the days; I take so little interest in electioneering.

60,964. Was your room used at all?—I do not believe it was.

60,965. Did you tell them that you would vote for the blues?—No; I never told any one till I went to the poll.

60,966. Did they ask you?—No; they never asked me the question; and I did not know the parties that engaged it.

60,967. Was your room used at all?—Not to my knowledge.

68,968. There was no list of any committee who were to attend at your house given to you?—No.

60,969. You had been canvassed by the blues before they took your room, and you refused to promise?—Yes; I refused to promise any one till the day of polling.

60,970. Where were you paid?—At my own house.

60,971. Who brought it to you?—A gentleman brought it.

60,972. Was it Mr. Steeple?—I do not not know the name.

60,973. It was some little time after the election?—Yes.

Edward Hart.

EDWARD HART sworn, and examined.

60,974. Where do you live?—No, 2, Leadenhall Square.

60,975. What is your business?—A shoemaker.

60,976. What rent do you pay?—A shilling a week.

60,977. Are you a lodger?—No; I have a room to myself.

60,978. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

60,979. When were you made a freeman?—In 1818.

60,980. At whose expense?—Mr. Graham's.

60,981. At the 1841 election, did you vote?—Yes; for James and Hanmer.

60,982. Did you get some money for your vote?—Yes; I got a sovereign after the election.

60,983. Who paid it you?—I was paid in High Street; I do not know the name.

60,984. At a public house?—No; at a private house.

60,985. At a room?—Yes.

60,988. Through a hole?—No; I got it out of a window.

60,987. Did you see the person?—No.

60,988. Now, in 1847, who did you vote for?—I polled for Baines and Brown.

60,989. How much did you get at that time?—10s.

60,990. Who for?—For Mr. Brown.

60,991. Who paid it you?—It was paid in Bishop Lane.

60,992. After the election?—Yes.

60,993. Now, in 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

60,994. Did the others canvass you?—Yes.

60,995. Did you tell them you should vote for those who paid best?—No; I did not promise any one at that election.

60,996. Did you not say that you would vote for those who paid you best?—No, I did not.

60,997. How much money did you get?—Nothing.

60,998. Nothing at all?—No; not at that election.

60,999. Are you sure that you got nothing?—I am sure not.

61,000. Did either of them offer you anything?—No; I never got anything. I was was not set down by any one.

61,001. You would not be set down?—No.

61,002. Did each party wish to set you down?—I would not be set down.

61,003. Why not?—I went of my own will to the poll.

61,004. But you got some money before?—No; I got nothing before.

61,005. In 1841 and 1847 you got paid?—Yes, I did; a sovereign.

61,006. You said that you would not have anything in 1852?—I got nothing.

61,007. What did they pay you before the Reform Act?—Four guineas and two guineas.

Robert Howard.

ROBERT HOWARD sworn, and examined.

61,008. Where do you live?—Prospect Place, Prospect Street.

61,009. What is your business?—A ship chandler.

61,010. What rent do you pay?—£10.

61,011. Are you a freeman?—And a freeman likewise.

61,012. When were you made a freeman?—In 1812.

61,013. At whose expense?—At my own expense.

61,014. Did you use to get the four guineas and the two guineas?—It has been got.

61,015. A great many did get it?—I do not know that I got it.

61,016. Did you vote in 1841 for Clay and Thompson, or Hanmer and James?—Hanmer and James I polled for.

61,017. Did you get some money for your vote then?—I got a sovereign.

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61,018. Who for?—Hanmer and James.
61,019. Who paid you?—Mr. Hammond.
61,020. Where were you paid?—I think in the public street.
61,021. After the election?—After the election.
61,022. Now, in 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
61,023. How much did you get at that time?—15*s.*
61,024. Who for?—For Mr. Brown.
61,025. Where were you paid?—In the Market Place.
61,026. After the election?—After the election I got it.
61,027. At the last election, 1852, did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
61,028. How much did you get at that time?—A sovereign.
61,029. Where was it paid you?—Mr. Walker paid it me.
61,030. Mr. Whytal Walker?—Mr. Walker the druggist.
61,031. Where did he pay you?—He paid me by the Victoria Dock; I do not know what they call the place.
61,032. How long after the election?—About three weeks or better after; probably a month after; I cannot say.

Robert Headley.

ROBERT HEADLEY sworn, and examined.

61,033. What is your business?—A shipwright.
61,034. Where do you live?—Blackfriargate.
61,035. What rent do you pay?—No rent at all; I am a lodger.
61,036. You lodge with somebody, I suppose?—Yes.
61,037. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
61,038. When were you made a freeman?—In 1818.
61,039. Who paid for that?—Mr. Stamfirth; the same as for all the rest.
61,040. The blue party?—Yes.
61,041. Now, in 1841, who did you vote for?—Sir Walter James and Hanmer.
61,042. How much did you get for your vote at that time?—£4.
61,043. Where were you paid?—Mr. Yeall paid me.
61,044. All at once?—Yes.
61,045. When?—The election day.
61,046. After you had voted?—Yes.
61,047. Where did he pay you?—In the committee room in Wincolmlee.
61,048. In 1847, who did you vote for?—For Mr. Brown.
61,049. How much did you get then?—10*s.*
61,050. When were you paid?—Mr. Mitchell paid me after the election.
61,051. At what house?—At Mr. Stamp's house, where they paid, in the Market Place.
61,052. In 1852, did you vote for Moore and Butler?—For Bramley Moore.
61,053. And Butler?—No.
61,054. I believe you got some money at the Shakespeare?—Yes.
61,055. How much did you get there?—27*s.* 6*d.*, I believe.
61,056. What was that for?—For running messages; whatever they call it; the same as the rest.
61,057. Did they pay you for a week?—Part of two weeks.
61,058. Did John Atkin pay you?—Yes; part.
61,059. John Atkin of Mytongate?—Yes.
61,060, How much did he pay you?—17*s.* 6*d.*
61,061. On the day of polling?—No; after polling.
61,062. Not upon the same day?—Upon the Saturday night after.
61,063. Who paid you the 10*s.*?—Mr. Davis.
61,064. I am told that you got something on the polling day?—No; I got no money, only what I got after the polling was over on the Saturday.

Andrew Hare.

ANDREW HALL sworn, and examined.

61,065. Where do you live?—In Witham, by the North Bridge.
61,066. You are a licensed victualler?—I keep a public house.
61,067. What rent do you pay?—£30. a year.
61,068. Are you a freeman?—No.
61,069. You never were a freeman?—No.
61,070. How long have you been entitled to vote?—I am sure I cannot tell you.
61,071. Did you vote at the election of 1841; Clay, Thompson, Hanmer, and James?—I voted for Hanmer and James.
61,072. Did you get anything at that election?—No; I never received a farthing in my life from none of them.
61,073. Was any room occupied of yours at that election?—Yes.
61,074. You let a room at that election?—Yes, I believe I did.

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61,075. Who had your room at that election?—Hanmer and James.

61,076. Where was that?—It was at my house.

61,077. Where did you live then?—Where I do now; at the North Bridge.

61,078. At the same place as you are living at now?—Yes.

61,079. What is the sign of your house?—The Holderness Inn. There is no sign particular.

61,080. How much money did you get for that room at that election?—I am sure I cannot tell.

61,081. £20?—I do not know what I got; I have never found that yet.

61,082. £10? Tell us something?—I cannot tell because, I do not know.

61,083. I do not ask for the exact sum?—I do not know it.

61,084. What was the room used for? Was it used at all?—Yes; for a week, I should think.

61,085. What for was it used?—The men were writing upon the table. I do not know what they call themselves; clerks I suppose.

61,086. Did they pay the voters any money there?—I got paid for the room no doubt.

61,087. How much did you get?—I do not know how much.

61,088. Did they pay other people there?—I never saw a penny paid in my house in my life to any voter or to anybody else. There has been some paid, no doubt, but I have never seen it.

61,089. Who was the head man at your house at that time?—I am sure I cannot tell. I do not know anything about them. I never bothered my head with it.

61,090. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I voted for Mr. Baines.

61,091. And Brown too?—No.

61,092. They have put you down for him?—I did not vote for him.

61,093. Did you let a room at that time?—Yes; I believe they had a room.

61,094 How much did you get that time?—I got 2*l.* I know for the room at that time.

61,095. Who paid you that?—Mr. Baines.

61,096. Did he pay you himself?—I do not know; I got it from him.

61,097. I want to know a little more. You must tell me all that you know. Do you mean to say that Mr. Baines paid you the money?—I got it from Mr. Baines somehow; I do not know how it came.

61,098. Did the person who paid you tell you that it was his money?—Yes.

61,099. When was it paid you?—Ah! I can tell you now who paid it me; it was Mr. Jubb of Drypool; that was the very man.

61,100. How long was that after the election?—The next day, I believe.

61,101. Was the room used at that time at all?—Yes, it was.

61,102. What did they do there?—I do not know. What they took it for, I suppose. I cannot tell what they did. I never came into the room much. There were papers and books upon the table; but I do not know what they were doing.

61,103. How long before the election? It was quick work then?—I dare say three or four days altogether.

61,104. At the next election, in 1852, the last one, did you vote for Moore and Butler?—I did.

91,105. And your room was used again, I believe?—Yes; it was used for about nine days.

61,106. How much were you paid?—I was paid 6*l.* for it.

61,107. Who paid you that?—George Steeple.

61,108. Was that a few days after the election?—Yes, a very few.

61,109. Did he come to your house?—He did.

61,110. Besides that had you a bill for refreshments?—I believe there was. There were no refreshments but for the clerks, as they called them, that were there writing; they got some bread and cheese and a few bottles of porter.

61,111. How much did it come to?—I do not know.

61,112. Did George Steeple pay it?—Yes, he did.

61,113. And you do not remember what it was?—No, I do not.

61,114. Did he pay it at the same time as the room?—He paid it at the same time. I know the price of the room they had agreed for was 4*l.* for four days, and I think they occupied it nine days. I said that they were making bad work of it; all sorts came into the room; and I said I was badly paid, and they gave me the two sovereigns more.

61,115. Did you pay any people yourself?—No; I never paid a penny, and I never got a penny at an election in my life.

61,116. Do you know a man of the name of Peacock?—Ben? Yes; very well. He is an old hand, Ben.

61,117. You know Ben well?—Yes.

61,118. Did you never pay him any money?—No, never a farthing. I would not come and tell you or anybody else a story.

61,119. Is that the man they call Blue Peacock?—Yes, I believe he is.

61,120. Did you ever see him pay any money?—No.

61,121. You never paid any yourself?—No, not a penny.

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61,122. Who came to your room this last time when you got the 6*l.* ?—Many scores of people; I cannot tell who.

61,123. Who was the active man ?—I am sure I forget now who it was; I think it was Stephen West; that is the man.

61,124. Is not yours the Holderness ward ?—Yes, it is.

61,125. Was Mr. West there himself ?—He was once; I never saw him there but once.

William Hunt.

WILLIAM HUNT sworn, and examined.

61,126. Where do you live ?—Drypool.

61,127. What is your business ?—A mariner.

61,128. What rent do you pay ?—£28.

61,129. You are also a freeman ?—No.

61,130. When were you first entitled to vote; at which election, do you remember ?—It would be 1847.

61,131. That was Clay, Brown and Baines ?—Yes.

61,132. And who did you vote for ?—Clay and Brown.

61,133. What is the sign of your house ?—The Victoria Tavern.

61,134. Did you receive any money at that election, in 1847, for your vote ?—No.

61,135. Did you receive any money at all ?—Yes.

61,136. How much did you receive ?—Well, it was something about 2*l.* for a committee room.

61,137. For Clay or Brown; which was it ?—For Brown.

61,138. Was there any committee appointed to meet there, do you know ?—I do not think there was anybody but the party who engaged the room.

61,139. How long before the polling day was it engaged ?—Most of a week.

61,140. And whoever attended there was there only three days ?—It might be two or three days. Mr. Brodrick attended for one.

61,141. Was he there more than once, or every day ?—I only saw him there once.

61,142. What did he come to do; to take the room ?—Yes.

61,143. And that was the only time you saw him there ?—Yes.

61,144. Who paid you for the room ?—I think it was sent to the house. I sent in a bill after the election, and it was sent to the house.

61,145. How long after the election ?—It would be three months after, I should think, as near as I could tell.

61,146. Were people paid at your house after that election ?—I do not recollect any.

61,147. I do not ask if you paid any yourself, but whether they were paid there ?—I do not recollect any being paid there; there might be.

61,148. In 1852, did you vote for Moore and Butler ?—Yes.

61,149. Was there any committee ever met at your house in 1847 ?—They only used it at the time they came to take it.

61,150. That which you first said was six days. You had better tell us the truth; it is much the best way. Mr. Brown was only invited three days before the election. In 1852, did you vote for Moore and Butler ?—Yes; it might have been that it was a week before, and still he was not invited for three days.

61,151. That is not at all likely. In 1852, did they have your room then ?—Yes.

61,152. How much did you get then ?—£2 6*s.*

61,153. Who took it ?—Mr. Walker and Mr. Todd.

61,154. It was taken by the blues ?—Yes.

61,155. And did they pay you ?—No. I cannot tell exactly who is the party, unless it was Steeple.

61,156. Was the room used as much in 1852 as it was in 1847 ?—No.

61,157. You voted for Moore and Butler, however ?—Yes.

61,158. Was the room used at all ?—I do not think it was used at all.

Benjamin Ingram.

BENJAMIN INGRAM sworn, and examined.

61,159. Where do you live ?—Drypool.

61,160. What is your business ?—A smith.

61,161. What rent do you pay ?—£10 for my house, and 8*l.* for the shop.

61,162. Are you a freeman ?—No.

61,163. When were you first entitled to vote as a housekeeper ?—About three years ago.

61,164. Then you first voted in 1852, at the last election ?—Yes.

61,165. And for Moore and Butler ?—No; Moore and Goderich.

61,166. Did you get any money from either party ?—No.

61,167. Did you get any from both ?—No; I never received a farthing from any person.

61,168. I am told that you received money from the blues; is that a mistake ?—Yes, it is a mistake; I never received a farthing from any of them.

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61,169. Nor from anybody after the election?—No.
61,170. Did you receive any payment for your vote?—No.
61,171. Or any promise of any kind?—Not one.
61,172. Was a room taken at your place?—No.

John Lee Moses.

JOHN LEE MOSES sworn, and examined.

61,173. Where do you live?—No. 9, Thomas Street.
61,174. What is your business?—A shipwright.
61,175. What rent do you pay?—£12.
61,176. Are you also a freeman?—Yes.
61,177. When were you made a freeman?—In 1841.
61,178. 1839, perhaps, you mean?—No; January 1841.
61,179. At whose expense?—My own.
61,180. Did you vote at that election?—No; I was at sea.
61,181. In 1847, who did you vote for then?—For Baines and Brown.
61,182. Did you get some money for that vote?—Yes.
61,183. How much?—10*s.*
61,184. From which of the gentlemen?—Mr. Brown.
61,185. Where were you paid?—In Prospect Street, at Wright's, the Blue Bell.
61,186. After the election?—No; before.
61,187. In 1852, did you vote for Moore and Butler?—No; Goderich and Bramley Moore.
61,188. Did you get any money then?—No.
61,189. Were you canvassed by the parties before you voted?—Yes.
61,190. Did you say that you would not vote unless you were paid?—No.
61,191. You did not tell anybody so?—No.
61,192. And you got nothing?—I got nothing.
61,193. Did you not let a room?—No.
61,194. Was your name put down anywhere?—I believe it was.
61,195. As a runner?—Yes.
61,196. Where was that?—At Andrew Hares, by Todd.
61,197. That was for the blues?—Yes.
61,198. Did you not go and ask for some money after the election?—No.
61,199. Why not?—Because I never acted as a runner.
61,200. Did they ask you to let them put your name down?—Yes, I believe Todd did.
61,201. Was not the reason that you did not go to get the money because you had split your vote?—I never went nigh Andrew Hares'.
61,202. Was not that the reason, in consequence of your splitting your vote; is not that the reason you did not go?—Yes, I dare say that was the reason.
61,203. What made you split your vote?—Because I kept a small grocer's shop, and I had my customers to suit.

Benjamin Ingram.

BENJAMIN INGRAM recalled, and examined.

61,204. You split your vote?—Yes.
61,205. Was that the reason you did not go and ask for anything?—No, I never intended to ask. I never promised either party; they wanted me.
61,206. Was your name set down?—Not to my knowledge. I would not promise either party, either the orange or the blues.

Leonard Martin.

LEONARD MARTIN sworn, and examined.

61,207. Where do you live?—No. 2, Carr Lane.
61,208. What is your business?—Plumber and glazier.
61,209. What rent do you pay?—£19.
61,210. Are you also a freeman?—Yes.
61,211. When were you made a freeman?—In 1848, I think.
61,212. At whose expense?—My own.
61,213. Were you on the list as a householder before that?—I think not.
61,214. Is the last the only election at which you voted?—That is all.
61,215. Did you promise Clay to vote for him?—No.
61,216. Did he canvass you?—Not himself; he did not.
61,217. His friends came to you?—Yes.
61,218. Was Mr. Empson one of the parties?—He never came to my house. I was at Southend when Clay and Goderich came over, and I went over to meet them.
61,219. If you went to meet them, it looks as if you intended to vote for them?—No; I was among the people who wanted to see what they were like.
61,220. You voted blue?—I did.

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61,221. Had you never promised the orange party?—Never.

61,222. You voted for Moore and Butler?—I did.

61,223. Were you employed as a clerk or a messenger?—I was employed as a check clerk on the day of the election.

61,224. How much were you paid?—They gave me half a guinea for it. I did not know what I was to receive when I went.

61,225. Where was that?—At a beershop at the corner of Castle Street.

61,226. Was that on the polling day?—Yes. There were about two dozen of us copying the whole day.

61,227. What became of what you copied; what was done with them?—They were delivered to Mr. Saxelby and the lawyer; he was one party.

61,228. What were you doing?—I was there from 8 to 3 o'clock copying as fast as I could.

61,229. How did you get an opportunity to go and vote?—I voted before I went there; I voted at eight o'clock in the morning.

61,230. Before you went to that place?—Yes.

61,231. Before you were engaged at this work, had you been set down the day before?—I have a brother in Mr. Ash's employ, and they said they should be stuck fast for the want of some one to help them, and I said I had no objection.

61,232. We understand the people engaged in this grand scheme were taken out of those lists set down before?—No.

61,233. Was not your name set down for employment?—Not that I am aware of.

61,234. Did you ask to have it set down?—No, never.

61,235. Were you at the Cross Keys with Lord Goderich and Mr. Clay?—Yes; the day they arrived.

61,236. How did you get in?—I was carried in with the crowd.

61,237. Against your will?—I went to hear them speak. If I had been against them I could not have helped it.

61,238. You did hear them speak?—I did.

61,239. And after they had spoken did you promise them?—I did not.

61,240. Did you not promise them in that room?—Lord Goderich asked me, I believe, and I told him I would not promise him.

61,241. Not after you had heard his speech?—No; and there were some refreshments, too; there was a regular refreshment set out in the room.

61,242. Then did you hear Mr. Clay speak?—I did.

61,243. What did you do then?—I went to all the meetings that I could get to, to get upon the right side if I could.

61,244. Then you went to hear the others speak?—Yes; I went to every meeting that I could get to.

William Mortimer.

WILLIAM MORTIMER sworn, and examined.

61,245. Where do you live?—Portland Street.

61,246. What is your business?—I am a licensed shoe hawker.

61,247. What rent do you pay?—I pay no rent.

61,248. Do you lodge with some one?—No; I live in a house of my own.

61,249. What is your rate?—My rate is 11*l.*

61,250. Are you also a freeman?—No.

61,251. When were you first entitled to vote at an election?—At Baines' and Brown's.

61,252. That was in 1847?—Yes.

61,253. Who did you vote for?—For Baines and Brown.

61,254. Did you get some money for that vote?—I got 5*s.* as a runner.

61,255. After you had voted?—Just at the time.

61,256. Not while you were voting?—No. I do not know whether it was after the vote or not; I think it was.

61,257. Who paid you?—I was paid at the committee room in Prospect Street.

61,258. Is that all the money you got at that election?—Yes, it is.

61,259. In 1852 did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes, I did.

61,260. And I believe you were paid some money at Stephenson's committee room?—No.

61,261. What were you paid for that?—I told the gentleman that the orange party had come and asked me formy vote. I told them I did not wish to promise any one, as I was a travelling man, and I might be from Hull some miles. However, the orange men pressed me very much, and said they would pay my expenses. The orange party was not my party. Then the blue party came. They asked me, and I told them I would give them my vote; and as I was at the trouble of coming home from a few miles off, and took the train and the packet home, I think it was about three or four weeks afterwards that I got a sovereign for my expenses.

61,262. What were your expenses of travelling?—I came down by the railroad. I cannot say. I broke into two or three days through it, and I neglected my business.

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61,263. It did not cost you as much as 20*s.*?—There were two or three days that I broke into; there was my loss of time.

61,264. How much did it cost you?—I cannot say; I know that I did not get much by it.

61,265. What is the fare?—I am sure I cannot tell you.

61,266. Where did you come from?—I came about twenty miles on the other side of the water; somewhere in Lincolnshire.

61,267. How did they know where to find you?—I got to know when the election day was. I promised them to come home, and I came according to my promise.

61,268. You kept your word?—Yes, I did.

61,269. And it cost you about 5*s.*, I suppose?—

61,270. Where were you paid?—I was paid at Steeple's, about three weeks after the election. I did not ask them. They said I was to leave the expenses to them; that I was not to say anything about it.

61,271. All this time you had got your house in Hull?—Yes; but I am always away every week, on my business.

Thomas Maw.

THOMAS MAW sworn, and examined.

61,272. Where do you live?—No. 6, west end of Dock Street; at the Old Dock end.

61,273. And what is your business?—Discharging and loading ships.

61,274. What is it called?—Vulgarly speaking, it is a lumper.

61,275. What rent do you pay?—£20.

61,276. Are you also a freeman?—No.

61,277. When were you first entitled to vote as a householder? at what election?—I cannot tell to a year or two,—eighteen or nineteen years ago.

61,278. Used you to get paid in the good old days?—No; I never did.

61,279. In 1841 you voted?—Yes, I did; that would be the first time.

61,280. You voted for Hanmer and James?—Yes.

61,281. Did you not keep a beerhouse then?—I did.

61,282. Was that house taken, or a room in it, for a committee?—It was.

61,283. How much did you get paid for it?—£2 or two guineas; it is a long time since, and I have forgotten it.

61,284. Had you also a bill for refreshments for the voters?—Yes.

61,285. How much was that?—That I cannot say, I am sure.

61,286. Who paid it you?—That I cannot tell you, I am sure. The 2*l.* I got, some how or other, through the architect, Mr. Lockwood.

61,287. Did he not pay you the other bill?—What I did get paid I got paid in the street adjoining.

61,288. What use did they make of your room; was there any committee there?—There was too much use made of it. When I saw that they had had plenty, I turned them out.

61,289. It was to let them in there to drink?—To drink; not much to eat; I would not let them.

61,290. There was a room kept for them?—There were two opposite parties met; and I would not let them meet at my house. I told them they had better go somewhere else. They were men from the orange party, and I was a blue, and I would not let them have any drink.

61,291. Both parties drank in your room?—Yes. My men were there ready to get paid. I used to pay them every night.

61,292. You voted for the blues, and you paid the men?—Yes; they were my men waiting to be paid.

61,293. What men?—My men that were working for me; I had the money ready for them.

61,294. The men working for you at the election?—No; on board ship, by the sweat of their brow.

61,295. Now, in 1847, who did you vote for?—I voted for Brown.

61,296. Did you get anything for that at that election?—No; I gave him a bullet. There was nobody to fight for him, and I gave him all that I had. That was about three o'clock in the afternoon.

61,297. Did he not give you something?—No, not a farthing.

61,298. Did they not have your room?—No. You cannot get any more out of me; you cannot indeed; you may sift me as you like.

61,299. Now, in 1852, who did you vote for?—Bramley Moore and Butler, but I got nothing there.

61,300. Did you not get 2*l.*?—No, I did not; I wished I could. If anybody had offered it to me I would not have denied it.

61,301. Were you not paid by the blue party for a room?—Yes.

61,302. Was not that so at the last election?—Yes; at the last election.

61,303. They had not any room at the last?—No; I am sorry to say that I could not keep one.

GEORGE NORMAN sworn, and examined.

George Norman.

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61,304. Where do you live?—No. 2, Cross Street.
61,305. What is your business?—I keep a shoe shop.
61,306. What rent do you pay?—I do not pay any rent; the shop is our own.
61,307. What are you rated at?—I do not know exactly.
61,308. You pay the poor rates?—Yes; we pay all rates.
61,309. What does the poor rates come to?—Well, I never took any notice.
61,310. What do you think the house is worth?—Somewhere about 6*l.* or 8*l.*; I do not know which it is.
61,311. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
61,312. When were you made a freeman?—In 1841.
61,313. In 1839, was it not?—I believe it was in 1841.
61,314. At whose expense?—The blue party.
61,315. Was it not in 1839?—No; 1841.
61,316. Did you vote in 1841?—No; it was a day after.
61,317. Who did you vote for at the next election, in 1847?—Mr. Brown.
61,318. Did you get some money for that?—I was put down as a runner, and I got a sovereign.
61,319. Did Mr. Baines pay you?—No; I did not vote for Mr. Baines; for Brown only.
61,320. Who was it paid you for Brown?—Mr. Bannister.
61,321. Where did he pay you?—In Prospect Street, at the Blue Bell.
61,322. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Bramley Moore and Butler.
61,323. How much were you paid then?—For being a messenger?
61,324. Yes; but how much were you paid?—A sovereign.
61,325. Where were you a messenger?—At the committee room in Prospect Street.
61,326. Who was it paid by; George Steeple?—Yes; about a fortnight or three weeks after the election.
61,327. And that was at the committee room in Prospect Street?—Yes.
61,328. Was your name put down there?—Yes.
61,329. You meant to vote for them?—Yes; I did a good deal more work than I got paid for.
61,330. How much money did you get?—A sovereign.
61,331. Were you not paid on the Saturday before the election?—No; not a half-penny.
61,332. How came that?—I do not know.
61,333. Were you working for them then?—Yes; I was working for them then.
61,334. When were you working for them?—From the first commencement.
61,335. How were you working for them? Where did you have your name set down?—At the committee room, Steeple's, at the Blue Bell; at Mr. Stephen's; that was the committee room.
61,336. Do you think it would have been paid if you had voted for Clay and Goderich?—No, I never tried; I did not want to vote for them.
61,337. The gentleman has got your name down in this book here, to be paid for your vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes; I was to be paid.
61,338. Would you have been paid if you had voted for Clay and Goderich?—I expect so.
61,339. Did you ever hear of their paying anybody who had voted for Clay and Goderich?—I did not.
61,340. Can you tell us the name of any one?—I do not know one.
61,341. Can you tell us anybody who was so paid?—It was not for my vote; it was for my time.
61,342. I ask you, upon your oath, do you think you would have been paid for your time if you had voted for Clay and Goderich?—They ought to have done so.
61,343. I ask you if you believe that they would?—Well, I should think so.
61,344. If you think so, tell me anybody else that they did pay?—I did not inquire.
61,345. Did you ever hear of such a thing?—I cannot say I did.
61,346. You believe you would have been paid after you had voted for Clay and Goderich?—Well, I do not know that.
61,347. You do know perfectly well. Do you believe that you would have got a farthing?—If they had not paid me it would not have been right. It was not paid for my vote, but for my time.
61,348. I ask you, upon your oath, do you believe that they would have paid you if you had voted for Clay and Goderich?—Perhaps they would not.
61,349. They say so themselves; I do not know what more you would have. Did you ask them to be set down?—Yes.

George Noble.

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GEORGE NOBLE sworn, and examined.

61,350. Where do you live?—Osborne Street.

61,351. What is your business?—I am manager and clerk at the saw mills at present.

61,352. What rent do you pay?—I have no rent to pay. I have two rooms in my situation, and am waited upon.

61,353. Are you a freeman?—I am.

61,354. When were you made a freeman?—Better than forty years ago.

61,355. At your own cost?—At my own cost.

61,356. Do you remember the good days?—I do.

61,357. Did you get the four guineas, and the two?—No.

61,358. You only heard of those things?—I have only heard of those things.

61,359. In 1841, who did you vote for?—Clay and Thompson.

61,360. Did you receive anything then?—No.

61,361. Was your room engaged?—No; I have nothing of the sort to let.

61,362. In 1847, who did you vote for?—For Mr. Clay.

61,363. Did you receive anything, in any way, at that election?—No.

61,364. You voted for Mr. Clay only?—For Mr. Clay only.

61,365. In 1852 did you vote for Moore and Butler?—No.

61,366. Who for?—Clay and Goderich.

61,367. Then you are not likely to have had 20*s.* from George Steeple?—No; him and I are quite two opposite men.

61,368. It is some namesake of yours, I suppose?—I suppose so. We were both in the same trade once.

61,369. In what trade?—Plumbers.

61,370. There is another George Noble, I see?—He did not vote at the last election.

Ralph Oliver.

RALPH OLIVER sworn, and examined.

61,371. Where do you live?—Wilson Street, Drypool.

61,372. What is your business?—A tailor.

61,373. What rent do you pay?—£7.

61,374. And are you a freeman?—Yes.

61,375. When were you made a freeman?—In 1841.

61,376. By the blues?—Yes.

61,377. Did you vote at that election?—No.

61,378. Did you vote for the blues at the next election?—There were none.

61,379. Did you vote for Mr. Brown?—Mr. Brown and Mr. Baines.

61,380. Did you receive anything?—A sovereign.

61,381. Where were you paid?—The Noah's Ark.

61,382. Did you receive anything for Mr. Baines?—Fifteen shillings.

61,383. Who paid you that?—Mr. Jubb.

61,384. After the election?—After the election.

61,385. Where did Jubb make his payments?—At his own house.

61,386. To the runners?—Yes.

61,387. How long after the election was it?—It was on the Saturday after the election.

61,388. Who was in the room with Jubb; do you remember?—Mr. Monkman was one, the national schoolmaster at Drypool.

61,389. Did you go in one by one?—Yes.

61,390. Were you there late, or pretty early?—He sent for me about three o'clock in the afternoon. Some one had been applying for some money in my name. He did not know the party. That was the reason that I got my money that day.

61,391. Was it finished on that day?—No. He had not begun with any one; he was waiting till I got there.

61,392. How many do you think were waiting?—I should think not a dozen. They were not paid. It was not a proper paying day; it was only somebody had been applying for my money.

61,393. What was the other dozen there for?—I told them. I met them on the road there. That was the reason they went, and, I believe, they did get paid.

61,394. Was the general pay day after or before?—It would be after, then.

61,395. Where does he live now?—I believe he lives in Pennington Street, Sutton Bank.

61,396. On your way to the room, did you happen to meet as many as eleven or twelve persons?—Several lived close to me.

61,397. And you called on them?—Yes.

61,398. Do you remember their names, or some of them?—William Laing was one of them.

61,399. Are there any others that you remember?—Beedle. Those two are dead.

61,400. I would rather, if you can, that you would remember those who are alive?—I do not remember the other names. I know the men, but I do not know their names particularly.

Ralph Oliver.

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61,401. At the last election, in 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
61,402. Were you a runner?—Yes.
61,403. When were you set down?—I was told I was set down on the Monday morning before the election. I never saw my name put down.
61,404. When you voted, did you understand it was done there?—Yes. Told told me before that my name was down.
61,405. Were you paid?—I was paid 17*s.*, for four days.
61,406. After the election?—Yes.
61,407. Who by?—Todd, the clerk of the committee.
61,408. In the Holderness ward?—In the Holderness ward.
61,409. Did you get something for making some flags?—My wife made some flags.
61,410. How many flags did your wife make?—I am sure I do not know.
61,411. Five or ten?—There would be that quantity.
61,412. Would there be fifty?—No.
61,413. Twenty?—No; there would not be twenty.
61,414. Then fifteen? I would rather you give me a number?—I cannot give you the number; they were made on different days.
61,415. How much did you get for them?—3*s.* each.
61,416. Were they made for the blue party?—Yes.
61,417. Who paid you that money?—Mr. Steeple.
61,418. When did he pay you that?—He took it to our house. I was out at the time.
61,419. It was your wife that had it?—Yes.
61,420. It was paid after the election, by Steeple, to your wife?—Yes, it was.

George Omer.

GEORGE OMER sworn, and examined.

61,421. Where do you live?—In Drypool.
61,422. What is your business?—A master cartman.
61,423. What rent do you pay?—£14 a year taxes for property that I have.
64,424. You are rated at that, you mean?—Yes.
61,425. Are you a freeman?—No.
61,426. At what election were you first entitled to vote?—At this last.
61,427. Who did you choose to vote for?—Bramley Moore and Butler.
61,428. Were you a runner?—Yes.
61,429. Were you set down?—Yes.
61,430. At Holderness?—Yes.
61,431. When were you set down at Holderness?—Most likely eight days before the election.
61,432. Did you go and apply to be set down?—Yes.
61,433. And how much did you get?—A sovereign.
61,434. When were you paid?—I was pad about three weeks after the election.
61,435. Who by?—Mr. Walker, the druggist.
61,436. At his place?—No; at Mrs. Jubb's.

Henry Pepper.

HENRY PEPPER sworn, and examined.

61,437. What is your business?—A licensed victualler.
61,438. Where do you carry it on?—In High Street.
61,439. What rent do you pay?—£19.
61,440. Are you a freeman?—No.
61,441. At which election were you entitled to vote first?—In 1847.
61,442. And who did you vote for then?—Mr. Brown.
61,443. Did you get some money for that vote?—10*s.*
61,644. When were you paid?—I got 5*s.* when I voted, and my wife had 5*s.* after, from Mitchell. I was away in the steamboat. I belong to the Lynn steamboat.
61,445. Is that all you got at that election?—Yes.
61,446. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Bramley Moore.
61,447. Alone?—Yes.
61,448. What did you get for that?—10*s.*
61,449. Who paid you?—Mr. Davies.
61,450. Was that after the election?—Yes.
61,451. You had promised some time before?—No.
61,452. Did you get your name set down?—Yes, I did; on the polling day.
61,453. You wanted 3*l.*?—Yes, I did, if I could have got hold of it. I dare say I could have managed with it.
61,454. You said you would not vote unless you got 3*l.*?—No; I do not know that I did.
61,455. You were set down very late; it looks as if you had been standing off?—I was not alone.

Henry Pepper.

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61,456. How many were with you that wanted a little more?—I do not know; there were a good many.

61,457. What were they; seafaring men?—The chief part of them, and carpenters, I think.

61,458. About how many of you?—I do not know how many there were; I think about a score, where I was.

61,459. Where were you at?—At the Pilot Boy.

61,660. You were one of Nicholson's lot?—No; I had nothing to do with Nicholson.

61,461. Who tried to make the bargain for you?—Thistleton.

61,462. When Thistleton could not make much of it, did you all go and get your names put down together?—No. I went alone to the Shakespeare.

61,463. Do you know a man of the name of Barker or Barkworth? Did you tell him that you should not vote unless you got 3*l.*?—No.

61,464. How did the rest of you vote?—I do not know whether they voted or no. A good many did not vote.

61,465. Where used you to meet together to talk about it?—Thistleton sent me to the Pilot Boy, and when I got there I could not fall in with the party I wanted, and I went back to the Shakespeare.

61,466. What became of the other twenty?—I left them all at the Pilot Boy when I came away.

61,467. Was that on the polling day?—Yes, it was.

61,468. What time of the day was it?—It would be about one o'clock when I went.

61,469. Who was there?—Well, I do not know. They were all strangers to me.

61,470. How came you to be of their party?—Thistleton sent me where they were, and when I got there they were all waiting.

61,471. Waiting for what?—To see this Nicholson; that was their term.

61,472. Did he come while you were there?—No, I never saw him. I do not know this Nicholson.

61,473. Did you not know some of those parties?—No, I did not know any of them; they were all strangers to me.

61,474. Did any of them go up to the poll with you?—No, they did not.

61,475. Did you see any of them being paid?—No.

Thomas Page.

THOMAS PAGE sworn, and examined.

61,476. Where do you live?—Nelson Street, James Place, No. 7.

61,477. What is your business?—I am like one of the old hulks that lie in the river, I am done with now. I was a shipwright.

61,478. What rent do you pay?—£7.

61,479. Are you a freeman?—I am a freeman.

61,480. When were you made a freeman?—In 1825, I believe.

61,481. Did you take it up yourself?—I did. I paid 30*s.*, and I never asked them to give me the money for it.

61,482. Did you vote at the 1841 election?—No, I believe not. I went away to sea.

61,483. Clay and Thompson and Hanmer and James were candidates?—I dare say I did then.

61,484. That is in 1841; who did you vote for then?—I am sure I cannot tell you. If you will ask me the question I will tell you.

61,485. I have asked you the question. I believe you were away then by the poll book. In 1847 for whom did you vote?—For nobody.

61,486. You did not vote at all then?—No.

61,487. In 1852 did you vote for Moore and Butler; at the last election?—Yes, I did.

61,488. Did you get some money?—I had need, and I worked for it too.

61,489. How much did you get?—£5 and above.

61,490. What does that mean; 5*l.* 10*s.*?—I was there from nine in the morning until ten o'clock in the evening for five weeks.

61,491. Where was that?—In the Worship Street committee; among real gentlemen. I never saw any bribery or anything going on there. I will take my oath of it, and swear to it. You said we were to bring all the papers. I never see them deviate from that (*producing a paper*), I swear before God and man. I had the charge of all.

61,492. Did they pay you every week?—They did.

61,493. Did you apply to be employed, or did they come to you?—I am sure I cannot tell.

61,494. Yes, you can?—I cannot tell. I was at Beverley races.

61,495. How came you to go to Worship Street?—Because I am a man that knows how to take care of another man's goods, and I had the charge of the keys from the beginning to the end of the election.

61,496. The keys of the room?—Yes; and I was in the first and the last every day.

61,497. How much did they pay you every week?—At first, I believe they gave me 20*s.*, and I had the room to keep clean, and everything to keep in respectable order; and it was kept respectable.

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61,498. That was what they paid you at first. How much did they pay you at last?—I never received any more; and Mr. Purden was the man that paid the last. I was never asked for my vote among the blue gentlemen; and for the orange, I was asked some scores of times.

61,499. The blue party knew you would vote for them?—I never voted under an orange colour yet, and I never will. I was born an Englishman. I was brought up under the ten commandments. I am a real protestant.

61,500. When were you paid for the last week?—24*s.* or 25*s.*

61,501. That is the amount; but when?—I am sure I cannot tell you; I have no recollection.

61,502. Was the last week paid after the election?—Yes; after the election.

61,503. Did it go up to the following Saturday?—Yes.

61,504. Did you receive any more money on the polling day or the nomination day?—Not one farthing, that I will take my oath of; not even as much as some refreshment, nor yet a glass of ale, did I see in that place.

61,505. Was any part of your wages kept back in some of those weeks that you were employed?—Yes; mine was one of them; and that made us receive 24*s.* or 25*s.* at the last week, to make it up, and then we had to sign our name.

61,506. Why did they keep it back?—What does a rogue do? An honest man will keep nothing back; there was no bargain.

61,507. I do not know who you are calling rogues. Do you mean your friends who paid you? I want to know why they kept back part of your pay. Those people who kept your money back have told us that they did it in order to secure your vote?—Never. Every election that ever I polled at I was always free and independent of any one, and where my fancy led I went. I never was bought by anybody, and never will be; I am that independent.

61,508. When they kept your money back, what did you say to them?—I always thought a man, if he was a man, would act the part of a man; and if a man does his duty, and another man does not pay him for what he has done, he is no man.

61,509. Did you tell them all that?—I had no occasion; they were too big gentlemen for that.

61,510. I want to know what you had when they kept your money back?—I did not want anything; from the first I objected to it.

61,511. You objected to being paid, did you tell them that?—I did; and I can bring the man that will tell you so. I would not take it up.

61,512. You objected to being paid till after the election? Before you voted you objected to being paid. Did you want to work for nothing?—Work for nothing! I am only a poor man.

61,513. Did you object to being paid?—I never objected to being paid.

61,514. You said so just now, that you objected to being paid?—How do you make that out? I said if they had given me nothing I should have been content.

61,515. You said more; you said that you objected to be paid?—I objected! I would not take the money off the table that was laid down for me; that was not objecting to it.

61,516. Did you think it was too little?—No.

61,517. Why would you not take the money up when it was laid on the table?—Because that paper told me I was not to do so.

61,518. You did take it at last; you stomached the paper?—It was left for me.

61,519. You left the paper at home on the Saturday you took the money?—I tell you I got 5*l.* 3*s.*, and I am not ashamed to tell anybody that.

61,520. What was the name of the person who was present when you got paid?—It was Cuttle.

Robert Fenwick.

ROBERT FENWICK sworn, and examined.

61,521. Where do you live?—In Salthouse Lane.

61,522. What is your business?—A shipwright.

61,523. What rent do you pay?—£5.

61,524. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

61,525. When were you made a freeman?—In 1820.

61,526. At whose cost?—My own.

61,527. Used you to get the four guineas and the two?—No; I never was at home in those times.

61,528. In 1841 did you vote for any of those gentlemen; Clay and Thompson, or Hanmer and James?—Yes.

61,529. Who for?—I voted for Hanmer and James.

61,530. Did you get some money for that?—Yes.

61,531. How much did you get for that vote?—Three sovereigns.

61,532. Who from?—Well, I cannot tell who it was from.

61,533. Who was it for?—For James and Hanmer.

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61,534. Were you paid afterwards?—No; I got 2*l.* before the election, and a sovereign after.

61,535. That is a good deal of money?—A good deal.

61,536. How came you to get 3*l.*?—I do not know; I had it given to me.

61,537. Where did you get it?—I got got two sovereigns in Saville Street.

61,538. Where in Saville Street?—I do not know.

61,539. Through a window?—It was through a door.

61,540. A hole in the door?—A hole in the door.

61,541. Where did you get the 1*l.* from?—In Wincolmlee.

61,542. Was that through a door?—No; I do not know the gentleman who paid me that.

61,543. In 1847, were you set down as a runner at the next election for Brown?—No. I voted for Baines and Brown, and I got a sovereign for Mr. Brown.

61,544. Where were you paid?—I got 10*s.* at Mr. Mitchell's office, and 10*s.* in Scale Lane, I think.

61,545. Who paid you?—Mitchell paid me 10*s.*

61,546. Who paid the other?—The other I do not know who it was.

61,547. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Bramley Moore and Butler.

61,548. And you received some money then?—I was doorkeeper three weeks and four days.

61,549. What door did you keep?—The Conservative Rooms in Lowgate.

61,550. Is that where Mr. Brodrick was?—Yes.

61,551. How long were you there?—Three weeks and four days.

61,552. What did you do at the door?—Any letters or anything that came, I carried them into the chamber, and then be turned out again.

61,553. Did you apply to be set down?—No, I did not; I was sent for.

61,554. How much did you get altogether?—I received a guinea a week.

61,555. How many weeks?—Three weeks and four days.

61,556. How much did you get for the last four days?—I had four days first. I was on the whole of the last week. I never got any more than the guinea a week.

61,557. What day was it made up to?—To the Saturday after the election.

61,558. I believe you were out of business at that time, were you not?—Yes; I was out of employment.

61,559. You are a carpenter?—I was out of employment at that time.

61,560. How came they to find you out?—I had been in Mr. Brodrick's employ, and he was acquainted with me.

61,561. He knew you you were out of business, and he sent for you?—I do not know that he knew that; I was out of employment.

61,562. At that time you wanted something to do?—Yes; I wanted something to do.

61,563. Were you paid the last week after the election?—Yes; on the Saturday night.

61,564. Was any part of your pay kept back?—No, never.

Adjourned until to-morrow at ten o'clock.

FORTY-THIRD DAY.—Wednesday, 27th July 1853.

Mr. A. B. Pease.

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MR. ARTHUR BURTON PEASE sworn, and examined.

61,565. You are not a voter for this borough, I believe?—No.

61,566. Do you now occupy yourself any premises within the borough?—No.

61,567. You took some interest in the last election, I believe, on behalf of Moore and Butler?—I was interested in it, but I took no active part in it.

61,568. Canvassing, I believe?—I might have canvassed three or four people, not more.

61,569. Did you frequent any of the committees?—No; I went into the committee room to see how they were going on, being interested in it, but I attended no meetings.

61,570. Are you a brother of Mr. Joseph Walker Pease?—Yes, I am.

61,571. I believe you, in company with Captain Cammell, went to a person of the name of Robert Dannatt?—No.

61,572. Did you see Robert Dannatt?—No.

61,573. Do you know the person?—No, I do not.

61,574. Then you may have seen him without knowing his name; Robert Dannatt, a greengrocer in New George Street?—I do not know him.

61,575. Did you see any greengrocer in New George Street?—No.

61,576. Did you go into any shop in New George Street?—No.

61,577. Do you mean to say that you did not do it, or that you do not remember it?—I mean to say I did not do it. I do not know Mr. Cammell.

61,578. Then leave out Mr. Cammell.—I think it is a mistake; I know nothing about it at all.

61,579. Do you know any person who did canvass with Captain Cammell?—Well, that I cannot say.

61,580. Have you heard?—I think it may be my brother James you have got hold of. I think he did canvass with Captain Cammell.

61,581. It has been stated to us to be a gentleman named Pease?—There are more of that name than myself.

61,582. The witness described him as Mr. Arthur Pease; said to have canvassed Robert Dannatt. You say it is an error?—It may be my brother

61,583. But you say it is an error as far as regards yourself?—Yes.

61,584. Did you canvass Joseph Acum?—No.

61,585. Do you know Joseph Acum?—No.

61,586. Did you canvass New George Street at all?—No, not a person there.

61,587. Is your brother in Hull?—He is in America; he went over a fortnight ago. There is a mistake, I think.

61,588. The witnesses have said positively that they were canvassed by Mr. Pease?—There are four Mr. Peases.

61,589. Did you send any of the persons you canvassed to have their names set down?—No.

61,590. Did you engage any committee rooms?—No.

61,591. Did you negotiate at all for any committee rooms?—No.

61,592. Have you any papers or letters referring to any matters of the last election?—The only papers I have are these; a canvassing book.

61,593. Will it show that any money transactions took place?—No, none at all.

61,594. What election do they relate to?—This last.

61,595. I see one is said to be a person of the name of Roberts?—I do not think I canvassed any of those. That book does not belong to myself; it belongs to my brother James, and he gave it over to me. It is merely relating to a few voters living in Anlaby and Swanland, and the neighbourhood in which I live, and Hessle. They are my brother's remarks.

61,596. Is there anything you can tell us about it?—No, I cannot tell you anything.

61,597. Did you canvass at all with Messrs. Moore and Butler, after they had come down?—No.

61,598. Did you see them?—Yes.

61,599. Had you many interviews with them?—No.

61,600. Where did you see them?—Mr. Bramley Moore was staying at my father's house.

61,601. At Hessle?—Yes; and Mr. Butler was there too. They came over and dined, and so on.

61,602. Are those the occasions on which you saw them?—I may have seen them in the streets in Hull. I may have met them; nothing more. Nothing to have any conversation about the management of the election in any way.

61,603. Was the course of proceeding at Hull elections at all adverted to in these conversations?—Only generally, in the course of conversation. The conversation would naturally turn about the election, if you had the candidates in your own house, but nothing further than that.

61,604. Have you said that certain parts of the freemen were solely open to bribes, or anything of that sort?—No.

61,605. Do you think the subject of a certain number of voters being influenced by money was alluded to before those gentlemen?—It was not; not that I know of.

61,606. Whether the word runner, for instance, was ever used?—No, not in the presence of the candidates.

61,607. You took good care to avoid that?—Yes.

61,608. Do you think that there would be rather an intention to avoid those subjects with those gentlemen?—There was certainly nothing connected with the management for the return of the members talked about; merely the conversation in ordinary society.

61,609. I can easily understand, in conversations in ordinary society, the pending election would be the prominent topic?—Not very much so, because I think they were all very tired of it.

61,610. That was before it took place?—Yes.

61,611. When the progress and prospects must have been a matter of general conversation frequently?—Of course, occasionally; but I think they were very glad, when they got out in the country, to have done with it.

61,612. I wish to ask whether, in the course of those conversations, any allusion was made to the class of people about whom we have been inquiring?—None, that I know of.

61,613. Do you think an allusion to that class of persons would be rather avoided?—No.

61,614. Was Mr. Bramley Moore staying at your father's, or did he merely go over to dine?—I think he stayed a day or two.

61,615. Before the election?—Yes, before the election. I do not know; but I think he stayed one or two nights; not more than that.

61,616. Do you think, although there were a thousand runners set down on the two

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sides, that the word "runner" was never used; a class comprising 1,000 persons?—Yes, I do. It may have been used; I will not swear it was not; but I do not know that it was. I should say not.

61,617. Can you give us any general information with regard to this election?—No.

61,618. You need not confine yourself to colours?—No.

61,619. You cannot?—No; I purposely abstained from taking an active part in it.

61,620. Or any previous election?—No; I was abroad at the last election.

61,621. I do not only mean any part you may have taken yourself, but as to others?—No.

W. Dunwell.

WILLIAM DUNWELL sworn, and examined.

61,622. Where do you live?—Bishop Lane.

61,623. What is your business?—A licensed victualler.

61,624. What rent do you pay for a house?—£12.

61,625. Are you also a freeman?—No.

61,626. When were you first entitled to vote as a householder?—About twenty years ago.

61,627. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.

61,628. Who for?—Hanmer and James,

61,629. Did you receive any money for that vote?—No.

61,630. Did you receive any money at all?—No.

61,631. Neither before nor after?—No.

61,632. Did you have a room at that election?—No.

61,633. Were you employed at all?—No, not in any way.

61,634. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.

61,635. A plumper?—Yes.

61,636. Did you get any money at that election?—No, not anything.

61,637. We have got a little paper about you. They say your name is down in the list of Mr. Brown's runners?—I never was a runner for any election.

61,638. At the 1847 election were you not a runner for Mr. Brown?—No; I never was a runner at all for any election whatever.

61,639. I do not mean that you did run?—I never applied for such a berth, and never was put on, to my knowledge.

61,640. Did you receive any money for that vote from Mr. Brown?—No; I never received anything whatever. I never had anything promised, and never applied for any.

61,641. At the last election in 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

61,642. Did you receive any money then?—No; none for my vote whatever.

61,643. Had you any room let?—I was inquired of if I had a room large enough for a committee room.

61,644. What did you say?—I said yes, I had.

61,645. Did they take it?—Yes; they said they should want it.

62,646. When did they engage it?—When I applied for a colour at one of the committee rooms.

61,647. Which room did you go to for a colour?—To the Lowgate.

61,648. And who asked you about your room?—I do not know what person it was.

61,649. Was he the chairman?—I do not know.

61,650. Was he sitting at the table?—I do not know. He was a person standing up in the room.

61,651. What did he say to you?—Inquired if I had a room large enough for a committee room. I told him, as near as I could, about the size, and he said it would do.

61,652. How long before the election was that?—I do not suppose it wanted over a day or two to the election then.

61,653. How much did you agree to let them have it for?—No agreement whatever.

61,654. Were they to have it for nothing?—We had no agreement.

61,655. Did you understand you were to have any money for it?—They never made any agreement about it. They said they should want it, and it would do.

61,656. When you applied for the colour?—Yes; that was the question put to me at the time I was in the room.

61,657. Of course they knew which way you would vote?—Yes, I expect so.

61,658. How much did you receive for the room?—I do not know that it was for the room.

61,659. How much did you receive?—£2 afterwards was sent to my house, after the election. It was not stated what it was for.

61,660. Do you think they still owe you for the room?—No, I do not, because we had no agreement about the room.

61,661. You say you do not know whether the 2*l.* was for the room?—I do not know what it was for. I expect it was for the room.

61,662. You did not ask?—No.

61,663. Though there was no agreement for the room you took the 2*l.*?—Yes.

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61,664. How did you get the money; who brought it?—A person brought it, but I do not know the person.

61,665. Do you know who it was?—No.

61,666. Do you not know the name of the committee room, or the man who paid you?—No.

61,667. What did he say when he brought it?—He left the money, and he had several more places to call at.

61,668. I ask what he said?—I cannot remember just now what was said.

61,669. Tell us some part of what was said?—He said, "Here is the 2*l.* that is due to you." That was what was said. I do not remember anything more.

61,670. He said, "Here is the 2*l.* that is due to you?"—Yes.

61,671. The man came in and said, "Here is the 2*l.* ?"—Yes.

61,672. And you took it?—I do not remember anything more about it.

WILLIAM RUSTON sworn, and examined.

William Ruston.

61,673. Where do you live?—47, New King Street.

61,674. What is your business?—A potato dealer.

61,675. What rent do you pay for a house?—£11.

61,676. Are you a freeman?—No.

61,677. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—Only this last.

61,678. Who did you vote for?—For Bramley Moore and Butler.

61,679. Did you get any money for that vote?—Yes.

61,680. How much did you get?—10*s.*

61,681. Who paid you?—Mr. Cattley, I believe.

61,682. Where did he pay you?—At his office in High Street.

61,683. Before or after the election?—After.

61,684. And then you had a supper too afterwards, did you not?—No.

61,685. I am told you finished off with a tripe supper?—No; I should have liked it very well, because I am very fond of tripe.

61,686. But you were not there?—I never heard anything of the kind; I was never at any supper.

JAMES ROBSON sworn, and examined.

James Robson

61,687. Where do you live?—In the Beverley Road.

61,688. What is your business?—Gardener.

61,689. You are put down as living in the Holderness Road?—I did live in the Holderness Road a year or two ago.

61,690. What rent do you pay?—£41.

61,691. Are you a freeman?—No.

61,692. At which election were you first entitled to vote; 1841?—No; only two elections.

61,693. 1847?—Yes.

61,694. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.

61,695. Did you get any money at that election for your vote?—No.

61,696. Were you promised any?—No; never asked such a question.

61,697. Were you asked it?—No; nor I either.

61,698. Did you let any room?—No.

61,699. Got nothing at all?—No.

61,700. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

61,701. Did you get any money?—No.

61,702. I am told you would not vote without being paid?—No.

61,703. Did you say so?—No.

61,704. Was your name set down by the blues?—No; I never promised one.

61,705. They all asked you?—Both parties asked me; I never promised any one.

61,706. What did they say?—I told them I never did promise, and I should vote for who I thought proper.

61,707. Did you ever get anything afterwards?—No; never.

EDWARD STEPHENSON sworn, and examined.

E. Stephenson.

61,708. Where do you live?—Lime Street.

61,709. What is your business?—Licensed victualler.

61,710. What rent do you pay for a house?—£14.

61,711. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

61,712. When were you made free?—In 1846.

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61,713. At whose expense?—My own.
61,714. Did you vote at the election of 1847?—Yes.
61,715. Who for?—Mr. Brown.
61,716. Did you get any money at that election?—Yes.
61,717. How much?—10*s.*
61,718. Where were you paid?—Noah's Ark.
61,719. When?—I think it was the day after the election.
61,720. By whom?—I do not know.
61,721. Was it in a committee room?—Yes.
61,722. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
61,723. How much money did you get?—Nothing.
61,724. I am told you had 3*l.*?—You are told wrong.
61,725. Were you not a runner for the blues?—No.
61,726. Or a messenger, or whatever else you call it?—No.
61,727. Do you know Mr. Sawyer, Mr. Blundell's foreman?—No.
61,728. Did you let a room at the last election?—Yes.
61,729. Where was that room?—In Lime Street, at my house.
61,730. How did they take it? Tell us all about it? What took place?—Nothing took place. I let the room; that is all.
61,731. How came you to let it? Who did you let it to, and what was said?—They applied for a room; if I could let them have a room.
61,732. Who ar e they?—I am sure I do not know who they were. Mr. Otoxby and a brother of mine, and several more of them.
61,733. Canvassers?—Yes.
61,734. Did they come to your house?—Yes.
61,735. What is your brother's name?—Samuel Stephenson.
61,736. We want you to tell us all that took place?—I have told you all.
61,737. You have not told us a word yet. What did Oxtoby say, and what did you say in answer to it?—He asked me if I could let them have a room, and of course I let them have it.
61,738. Did you say "Yes," or did you say "I will think of it"?—Yes; I said they could have the room if they wanted it.
61,739. Did they tell you what committee men would come to it?—No.
61,740. Did any committee ever come?—Yes; there were several of them there.
61,741. Who?—I do not know who there were; there were several.
61,742. We want you to tell us who they were?—I do not know them.
61,743. How did you know they were committee men?—They said they were; they were writing in the place, and I expect they were committe men; I do not know.
61,744. Was your name set down by that party?—No; not that I know of.
61,745. Was your name put down anywhere?—No.
61,746. How much did you receive for your room?—£2.
61,747. Who paid you?—I am sure I do not know; it was a man that came after the election; three weeks or a month after.
61,748. Mr. Steeple, perhaps?—It was a stout man.
61,749. You knew the man?—No; I do not know the man; I should not know the man if I saw him. It was about three weeks or a month after.
61,750. I ask you again if you did not receive some money besides that; upon your oath?—No.
61,751. You state that upon your oath?—Yes.
61,752. That you only received the payment for the room?—That is all.
61,753. I ask you again if you know a man of the name of Sawyer?—No; I do not know any person of that name.
61,754. The foreman of Mr. Blundell?—No.
61,755. Do you know Mr. Blundell's foreman?—No.
61,756. This man paid you, you say, after the election for your room? Were parties paid at your room besides?—Yes.
61,757. When did they pay people at your room?—It was after the election.
61,758. When?—I am sure I cannot tell; I think it was something like a week after.
61,759. Who made the payments there?—There were three or four of them in the room; I never went into the room.
61,760. How many came there to be paid, do you think?—I am sure I cannot tell.
61,761. You can tell whether twenty or fifty?—I could not tell; I never was in the room.
61,762. They would come into the room?—No. There were some never came into the house, only into the room; out of the street into the room.
61,763. How long were the gentlemen there?—About an hour or an hour and a half.
61,764. Did you get any money for them; any change for them, or anything of that sort?—No. They had all the change with them.
61,765. Do you know who were paid there?—No.
61,766. Is yours a public house?—Yes.
61,767. Did they not have a little refreshment, some of them?—There were several that got something to drink, I did not take any notice of.

61,768. It was not the first time you had seen them in your life?—No; there was some I had seen before.

61,769. What were their names; tell us what you remember?—I know one or two that live in the Groves.

61,770. What were their names?—Mr. Lusby was one. I do not know what he got. He was in that night.

61,771. Who else?—I am sure I do not know.

61,772. What Mr. Lusby was that?—He was a block maker. I do not know any more of the names.

61,773. Where does he live?—He lives in the Groves.

61,774. Who else?—I do not know any more of the names; I know them when I see them.

61,775. What street in the Groves?—Jennings Street.

61,776. Who else?—I do not know any more of the names.

61,777. You must know some more?—No; there were several that I did not know; that I had never seen before, that I know of.

61,778. They stayed in your house; neighbours, you said?—No; I do not know any more of the names at present.

61,779. Tell us who you did know? You said before they were your neighbours?—They are my neighbours, but there are some of them that I do not know the names of.

61,780. Not the neighbours?—I do not know the names.

61,781. You said there were three or four that lived in the Groves?—Yes, there is. I know them when I see them, but I do not know the names. I know them when I meet them.

61,782. Do you know they live in the Groves?—Yes.

61,783. And you know them when you see them?—Yes.

61,784. Perhaps you will be kind enough to get us those names?—Yes. I can get you two or three.

61,785. Where does Samuel Stephenson live?—He lives in the Groves.

61,786. Where is the Groves? We understand that is a large place?—I think his back way is in Hood Street; I do not know where the front of his house is. I do not know the name of the front street.

61,787. You can get us the other names?—Yes; I think I can get you two or three, when they come to my memory.

61,788. We must expect more than two or three?—You cannot expect more than I know.

61,789. This room that you say you let before the election, was that the same room that people were paid in after the election?—Yes.

61,790. Is that the parlour of your public house?—No; it is a private room.

61,791. Up stairs?—No; it is down stairs.

61,792. Is not that the room that most people go into when they want some refreshment by themselves?—No.

61,793. Did any people go in besides these committee men, backwards and forwards, before the election?—No; only at times when we had anything to do extra they went into that room.

61,794. Always when people have anything extra to do they go into that room?—We do not let any body go into that room.

61,795. You mean you do not let every body go in?—Not every body.

61,796. You had let some people go in without?—Yes.

61,797. And always have done?—Yes.

61,798. Were you ever paid 2*l.* before for the use of that room?—I never had it before.

61,799. Were you ever before paid for the use of that room?—Yes.

61,800. When?—I have been paid for it at several meetings they have had in it.

61,801. How long ago were you paid for any meeting in that room?—It would be about a twelvemonth since.

61,802. What meeting was that?—A meeting of some club men.

61,803. How much did they pay you for it?—They paid me 5*s.*

61,804. Is that the most you ever had for it before?—That is all; that is the only time.

61,805. That is the only time before you were paid for your room?—Yes; that is the only time.

61,806. Is that the only time the room was ever used? Has not the room ever been used for the last twelve months?—No; we have had sometimes a dinner party in it, and a tea party, and such like; that is the only time that ever I let it.

61,807. If persons came to ask for a private room in your house, that is the room you let them have, is it not?—Yes.

61,808. You used that room in that way during the election, just as well as any other time?—No, I did not. I could not let any one go in but those parties. They took it and they had it all the election, and no one else went in but them.

Mr. John Tall.

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Mr. JOHN TALL sworn, and examined.

61,809. Where do you live?—No. 4, George Street.

61,810. What is your business?—A merchant.

61,811. What rent do you pay for your premises?—I pay no rent, but I am rated for premises of my own.

61,812. At how much?—I am rated for my house and premises about 200*l.* a year.

61,813. Are you a freeman?—No.

61,814. Did you vote at the old elections before the Reform Bill?—No; except for the county.

61,815. I see you voted in 1837, and had your name struck off the poll on a scrutiny?—Yes; I remember there was a scrutiny in London, and some man swore that I had bribed him.

61,816. I merely want to know the fact, if you are the John Tall who was struck off?—I am. The man swore I had bribed him, and I was not allowed to contradict him. The man came home, and after a time he either cut his throat or hung himself; he certainly did one of the two. He swore a falsehood, and I suppose his conscience was too strong for him.

61,817. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes; I voted for Hanmer and James.

61,818. Did you take any part at that election, or were you on any committee?—I was the chairman of the East Sculcoates committee.

61,819. I believe, at that election, as at the former elections, applications were made for employment in the shape of runners?—Yes, I expect so.

61,820. And names put down in the usual way, I suppose?—I have known no election without it. I could only speak up to 1841. I have taken no part since 1841, except voting.

61,821. We are asking about 1841?—Yes, I voted then.

61,822. Do you recollect the fact of applications being made for these places, and names being set down at that election?—Upon my word, I cannot charge my memory with the fact, but I have no doubt of it.

61,823. Do you know whether another source of employment, in the shape of committee rooms, was resorted to at that election?—I never heard of anything of the kind until I heard it in this room, on this investigation.

61,824. Never until the last election?—I am not aware that such a thing was done previous to the election of 1841 and in 1841.

61,825. At the election of 1841, do you know of any payment being made, or who were the principal paymasters?—I never had to do with any money; I did not belong to the principal committee, except ex officio; I had nothing to do with it; I never touched a farthing in any shape; I do not know who provided the money or paid the money. I may have certified some accounts, and sent the parties to the central committee room, but I never interfered at any committee.

61,826. Were the payments principally made at the general committee that election?—I expect so; I really do not know.

61,827. The man you say cut his throat was examined two days ago?—Then I have been misinformed. I should doubt whether it is the same man, without there is documentary proof of it.

61,828. His name is Charles Fox?—Perhaps there were several; one man destroyed himself, certainly. Perhaps I could save you some trouble by telling you I never bribed in my life. If you can mention any names, I will state whether it is the truth or not.

61,829. At which committee did you act?—The East Sculcoates committee room.

61,830. Where was the room?—In Wincolmlee.

61,831. Do you know what were the general expenses of Hanmer and James at that election?—I do not.

61,832. By report, I mean;—I do not know by report; I do not indeed. I have no conception. It is very likely I should know at that time, or hear something of the amount, but I have no recollection whatever about it; not a sixpence passed through my hands.

61,833. I am not ssking about its passing through your hands, or your paying it?—No; but if I knew anything about the sum I would say so; but I do not indeed.

61,834. At the next election of 1847?—I had nothing to do with it except voting. I do not know how I voted until you tell me; I have not taken the trouble to look; I should think, in all probability, I should vote for Mr. Baines. I do not know.

61,835. Were you on any committee?—No, none since 1841.

61,836. You voted for Baines and Brown?—Yes.

61,837. Did you object to the mode of Hull elections? or why were you not a little more active?—It did not suit my convenience, neither should I again, if two of the most eligible gentlemen in the kingdom came as candidates.

61,838. I should have thought, from your position, you would be a probable person to have been on a committee?—I have been solicited, but I have declined. When men get old they get tired of such things.

61,839. At the election of 1852 you were on no committee?—No; I had nothing whatever to do with it, but in voting.

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61,840. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Clay.

61,841. Were you one of the persons who objected to a contest, or who desired that there should be no contest?—Not that I am aware of, except in private conversation. I should say it was very desirable; that would be my feeling. I joined with no party, and conferred with no party, except by chance.

61,842. And made no payment whatever?—No.

61,843. Nor attended any committee?—No.

61,844. Nor canvassed any voters?—Nor canvassed any voters.

61,845. Have you any information you can give us on any of the elections I have asked you about?—I have none.

61,846. We ask gentlemen in your position to make disclosures?—If I knew anything I would state it, but I do not know anything. The system of runners, since I have known elections, has been adopted. The payment of freemen, previous to the Reform Bill, that you know without my telling you, and I do not think I have any information to give you.

61,847. And since the Reform Bill, as well as before?—I have no doubt of it.

61,848. Who was the deputy chairman of your committee in 1841?—Mr. Yeall. I think he has got promoted since; I think he is the chairman now.

61,849. Who else was active on your committee?—Upon my word I scarcely recollect. If the names were read over to me I could say, but I really do not recollect.

61,850. Do you recollect who was the clerk?—I do not know whether Mr. Flint was. He was on one occasion, but I scarcely think so recently as that.

61,851. Would not the clerk be the person through whose hands the money would go?—No money would go through the hands of any of the sub-committee.

61,852. All the parties were paid on that occasion, either at the central committee or at some place appointed?—I believe so, but I had nothing to do with it.

61,853. You knew at the time names were actually being set down?—I had no doubt of it.

61,854. You knew at the time names were actually being set down at your committee?—Upon my word I do not know that; I do not recollect there being any setting down. I think the system would be, that a communication would be sent to the principal committee to put parties names down.

61,855. When parties applied in the district, do you think they would be sent from your committee to the central committee to be set down?—I have not any doubt about it.

61,856. Have you any doubt you knew it was going on during the election?—I do not doubt it at all. I have no doubt it was going on during the whole election. I know the system was observed, but I do not know the extent.

61,857. As the chairman of the East Sculcoates, you took on yourself the responsibility of that being done from your committee as well as the others?—I do not know that I should take on myself any responsibility, except this: that I should make some communication, either through the deputy chairman or the clerk, to the principal committee room, that it was desirable to set such persons down.

61,858. You have no doubt?—I do not know that I did, but I have no doubt about it.

61,859. Would you do that for individuals, or only give a general order?—I should think no general order would be given; not by me at all events.

61,860. It would be in individual cases that you would have done that?—No doubt about it.

61,861. You very well understood what was meant by setting them down at that time?—No doubt about it.

61,862. Do you generally understand that the persons who apply to be employed as runners mean, "If you will employ me I will vote for you; if you do not, I will not?—It is understood, as a matter of course, they are to vote.

61,863. You think the system of runners is perfectly understood by all parties? You do not confine your answer to any one side, blue or orange?—Oh dear no.

Capt. T. Whitaker.

Captain THOMAS WHITAKER sworn, and examined.

61,864. Are you a captain in the Royal Navy?—I am a commander in the Royal Navy.

61,865. Where do you live?—No. 4, Albion Street.

61,866. You have retired from the service, I suppose?—I am on half pay.

61,867. What rent do you pay for a house?—£70.

61,868. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

61,869. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.

61,870. Who for?—Hanmer and James.

61,871. Were you on any committee at that election?—I believe not.

61,872. Did you take any part, as a canvasser or otherwise, at that election?—I did.

61,873. For what committee or on what account did you canvass?—On no committee, I believe.

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61,874. To whom did you report the result of your canvass?—I think the chief of my canvassing was not more than once or twice, with one of the members.

61,875. Are you aware that at that election in 1841 names were set down of persons who applied to be employed as runners?—I knew nothing whatever of it; I have no knowledge of anything that ever occurred in any committee; nothing ever passed through my hands in any way.

61,876. In the course of your canvass, did persons make any applications to yourself of that nature?—I am not aware that ever any one did.

61,877. In canvassing with the members, did you take any particular district?—No; sometimes one place and sometimes another; but it was very little that I did.

61,878. Do you remember, in the course of the canvass with the candidates, persons making applications to them for employment of the nature I have mentioned?—I cannot say that I ever heard any one.

61,879. To be set down as runners?—I do not know that ever I heard anything of the kind.

61,880. Or to be employed?—Or to be employed.

61,881. Do you know anything of any money payments at that election?—Nothing whatever.

61,882. Did you make any promise at all to any person whom you canvassed?—None whatever.

61,883. Were you present at any committee room after the election?—None.

61,884. In 1847, did you vote?—Yes.

61,885. Who for?—Baines and Brown.

61,886. That was a hasty election; did you take any part in it?—I do not think I took the least part in it; I might have asked a casual person or two, but nothing more.

61,887. Did you attend any committee?—None.

61,888. Did you canvass either with Mr. Baines or Mr. Brown personally?—No.

61,889. Do you know some persons who are voters connected with the Trinity House in this town?—I know there are some, but I do not know that I am connected with them in any way.

61,890. You know the persons who are voters?—I know there are such, but I do not know them personally.

61,891. What is the number of persons upon that establishment, do you know; pensioners?—Do you mean pensioners in the almhouses?

61,892. Yes?—I think there are upwards of 200 rooms; I do not know the amount; but then there are quarterly pensioners to the extent, I should think, of 700*l.* or 800*l.*

61,893. Are they resident in the town?—Not all; a portion of them are.

61,894. Are those alms upon the Trinity House?—Those that are in the almshouses are paid a pension from the Trinity House.

61,895. Are they in the nature of decayed seamen?—Yes; decayed seamen and their widows.

61,896. And they get their lodgings free, and an allowance?—Each individual has so much per week, with a room, coals, and turves.

61,897. And some of them, no doubt, are freemen?—No doubt of it.

61,898. Did you canvass any of those people at the election of 1847?—I am not aware that ever I did.

61,899. Who has the management of that establishment?—The elder brethren of the Trinity House.

61,900. Who is the resident manager?—There is no resident manager.

61,901. Have they a porter?—It is managed by the brothers. There are eighteen of us; twelve elder brethren and six assistants.

61,902. You are a brother of the Trinity House?—Yes, I am an elder brother.

61,903. Do you know anything of any payments at all made at the election of 1847?—Not a penny.

61,904. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

61,905. Did you canvass with them?—I scarcely was out of the house during the whole time they were here.

61,906. Were you on any committee?—I never was out of the house, scarcely.

61,907. But you might have been nominally upon some committee?—I was upon no committee; none whatever. I was asked to be, but I told them I was so ill that I could not.

61,908. Did you canvass anybody at all?—I never canvassed but one man.

61,909. Where was that?—In Story Street.

61,910. Did he promise you to vote?—No; he was doubtful. I only asked him for one; I knew he was engaged for one half, and I tried to persuade him over for the other, but he did not; he voted for the other side. It was a Mr. Harbron, a painter; that is the only person I asked.

61,911. Is he a person in a situation to have his name set down as a runner?—Oh dear no.

61,912. You did not apply that argument?—No; not for a moment.

61,913. Did you canvass any of these pensioners?—I never canvassed one. The only one that I ever canvassed was that man.

61,914. Do you know who canvassed in the Trinity House?—I know nothing about them. *Capt. T. Whitaker.*

61,915. Do you know of any payments at the last election, or connected with it?—None whatever. 27th July 1853.

61,916. Not personally, but by report?—No, not at all.

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61,917. I believe you are a merchant in this town?—Yes.

61,918. Where do you reside?—At Willerby.

61,919. What rent do you pay?—£50 a year my house is rated at; and 200*l.* a year besides my house.

61,920. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

61,921. Did you vote at the election in 1841?—I think I did.

61,922. Who for?—Hanmer and James, I think.

61,923. Were you on any committee?—No.

61,924. Did you canvass for those gentlemen?—I do not remember whether I did, but most likely I should.

61,925. Did you send any people who wanted employment to the committee rooms?—No, I think not.

61,926. Suppose a man told you he wanted to be a runner, what should you say to him?—Tell him to go to the committee room, most likely.

61,927. Do you remember whether you told any at that election to go to the committee room?—I do not recollect any such thing.

61,928. Do you not recollect any particular instance?—No.

61,929. You do not recollect one person?—I know of no particular instance.

61,930. Which committee should you send them to?—I do not know; my recollection is bad. I used to be very active at elections, but since I have got to be nearly four score I have given it up.

61,931. In 1847, did you vote?—Yes, I think so.

61,932. When Clay, Baines, and Brown were candidates?—Brown and Baines, I think, but I am not certain.

61,933. Were you upon any committee then?—I do not know whether I was or not, I am sure.

61,934. For neither Clay, Baines, or Brown?—I frequently used to go into a committee room; I do not know that I was exactly fixed upon a committee; I used to see how they were coming on.

61,935. Do you know anything of any payments at that election?—I know nothing about it.

61,936. Can you give us any information as to that election?—No, I cannot, in particular, I am sure.

61,937. In 1852, the last election, did you vote?—Yes.

61,938. For Moore and Butler?—Yes, I think that was the case.

61,939. You do not seem a gentleman likely to change?—No, I never change; I have always been for the conservative party.

61,940. Did you take some people to the supper?—No, I did not take any one there.

61,941. I am told you took William Purdon to a supper at Wincolmlee?—Who is William Purdon?

61,942. I do not know?—Then I do not recollect him.

61,943. Did you take a man of the name of Smith, or did you take some other parties?—I never took any of them. When the supper was going on, it was three parts over when I got there, and there was a room full of them.

61,944. Did you take some of them with you as your friends?—I might do such a thing, but I do not recollect.

61,945. Had you some tickets for the supper?—Very probably I might, but I do not recollect.

61,946. It is a very little while ago; it is only last year?—Then I had nothing to do with it; I did not go to any supper.

61,947. The blue supper in Wincolmlee, I am speaking of?—I think I did go into the room, but I cannot say anything about it.

61,948. Were you there?—I went in when the supper was half over; I saw many gentlemen there, and I think I had a glass of gin and water.

61,949. Did you give your tickets away, if you had any?—Yes, I should, most likely.

61,950. Do you know if you did?—I have not the least recollection.

61,951. How long was the supper before the election?—I cannot say, I am sure, whether it was before the election or after it; I do not recollect, indeed.

61,952. Do not you remember when it was?—No, I do not. There was one, but whether before or after I cannot say; I fancy it was after.

61,953. Do you know a man of the name of Benjamin Clarkson?—Yes.

61,954. I believe they call him Ben?—Yes; I believe he is one of my workmen.

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61,955. Did you take him up to a room in Wincolmlee?—I really cannot say.

61,956. To get paid?—No, I am sure I never did; I never took any one up to get paid at any time.

61,957. You must excuse me putting it in this way, but did you take Clarkson in to a room in Wincolmlee, and say he wanted payment?—I do not recollect it.

61,958. Can you say that you did not?—I cannot say so; I might; it is very likely; there were a great many, I think, who wanted pay.

61,959. You think a good many wanted pay?—Oh yes; I am an old electioneerer these fifty years.

61,960. I suppose you think if they did not want paying this time it would be something very singular?—No, I do not think it was.

61,961. You would have thought if they did not want paying this time, it would be something singular?—Yes.

61,962. An exception?—Yes; an exception to the old rule.

61,963. Do you remember whether you took Clarkson up to get any money?—I cannnt remember; upon my word I do not know. I do not say I did not do it, but I do not remember, I am sure.

61,964. To be paid, I say distinctly?—No, I think not.

61,965. But you would not go beyond that?—No, I would not go beyond that.

61,966. Did you take any other workman?—No.

61,967. How many have you?—Between eighty and ninety.

61,968. I did not ask you what your business was?—A manufacturer of Roman cement, paints, colours, and a brush maker.

61,969. Did most of your men vote blue, do you know?—I believe not.

61,970. Most of them orange?—Yes.

61,971. What was the proportion? Can you give us?—I am sure I do not know. I think there was one or two of them split their votes, and others voted orange.

61,972. That is not many out of eighty?—I have not eighty voters; not a quarter part of that; fourteen or fifteen, I think there were; I am not sure. I never pressed a man for his vote at any time, except to say to them, "You know what party I am for, and if you vote for me I will thank you." I believe I have some of the oldest workmen in England. I have had some for thirty or forty years in my employment.

61,973. Did you take Clarkson up to the committee room, and say he wanted pay for his loss of time?—Now you mention it, I took him to the committee room when canvassing, and I said, "Here is a man who wants putting on as a runner."

61,974. When about do you think it was?—A few days before the election, or two days before the election.

61,975. Did they say they would put him down?—Yes, I think so; I suppose they did. He was a very active fellow.

61,976. Do you remember that you put down any other?—No, not any.

61,977. Why did you take Clarkson?—He fell in with me in the street; I said, "Are you not at work?" He said, "No; you cannot work at election times. I should like to be put on as a runner;" and I said, "Well, come along with me."

61,978. Is that the reason you took him, because he asked you?—Yes, that is the reason. I thought he was too respectable a man to wish it, but he had a large family of seven or eight children, and I thought he might as well have a few shillings as anybody else.

61,979. Did any of the others ask you to help them in the same way?—No.

61,980. Not any of them?—No; none that I recollect.

61,981. Did you see whether they set his name down?—No, I did not.

61,982. When you asked them to do it, what did they say? that they would or would not?—I cannot say. Most likely they would. There were many of them in the room; Mr. Cattley and others.

61,983. Did you take him up with you?—Yes, very likely.

61,984. Did you say, "Here is Ben, who is an active man"?—I most likely said, "Here is a man who wants to be put down as a runner;" most probably.

61,985. Did you leave him there?—Yes, I think I did.

61,986. Can you give us any general information?—No, I cannot.

61,987. Have you anything to tell us about the orange?—No; I know nothing at all about them.

61,988. Nor about the blues?—Nor about the blues

61,989. Do not you think you can tell us something?—No, I cannot, indeed.

61,990. Have you a person in your employ of the name of James Booth?—No, I think not.

61,991. Henry Prior?—Yes.

61,992. And a person of the name of Cooper?—I do not know a quarter part of their names. I do not pay them their wages myself, or anything of that sort.

61,993. Thomas Smith?—Yes. John Morrison too; he is my foreman; his father was my foreman fifty years ago; the son is my foreman now. You had him here, and examined him.

61,994. Did you give Clarkson a note?—I do not think I did; I went with him.

61,995. You went with him to Saville Street?—Yes.

61,996. To the blue committee there?—Yes; I met with him in Saville Street.

Mr. JAMES TALL sworn, and examined.

Mr. James Tall.

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61,997. Where do you live?—Church Street, Wincolmlee.

61,998. What is your business?—A merchant.

61,999. What rent do you pay for a house?—£15.

62,000. Are you a freeman also?—Yes.

62,001. When were you made a freeman?—It would be just before O'Neil's election; I forget the year just now.

62,002. At your own expense?—Yes.

62,003. In the year 1841, did you vote for Hanmer and James?—Yes.

62,004. Were you on any committee?—Yes, I believe I was.

62,005. Were did you act then?—In East Sculcoates.

62,006. Were you chairman or deputy chairman?—Neither chairman or deputy chairman; simply a committee man.

62,007. Who is your chairman?—John Tall.

62,008. Your brother?—Yes.

62,009. And the deputy?—Mr. Charles Yeall.

62,010. Did you set any names down at the committee that election?—I canvassed several voters; I never set any down myself.

62,011. When they wanted running or employment, did you send them to your committee room?—Yes.

62,012. That was your general course?—Yes.

62,013. You could not particlarize names?—No, that I could not.

62,014. How many do you suppose you sent?—I sent all I could get hold of; I do not know how many.

62,015. You mean you sent them to have their names set down as runners?—Yes; or doorkeepers, or messengers; whatever they were called.

62,016. When were the payments made to the people at that election?—I do not know anything at all about the payments.

62,017. When were they paid?—I do not know when or who paid them.

62,018. Were they not paid at Mr. Linwood's?—They might be, but I do not know; I had nothing to do with the payments.

62,019. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Brown and Baines.

62,020. Did you act for them as a committee man?—Yes, I believe so.

62,021. At which room?—At the East Sculcoates.

62,022. You acted for both?—Yes, for both.

62,023. Who was the chairman at your room?—Mr. Charles Yeall.

62,024. And the vice?—I believe I was nominally the vice, but I did not take any active part in the room.

62,025. Which committee are you speaking of?—Brown or Baines's committee?—We acted for both at one committee room.

62,026. There was but little time to arrange the election? What was the general course taken, as far as your knowledge goes, for securing the voters of that class I have mentioned, the runners and messengers, at that election?—The old course; different parties went round to canvass the districts in the usual way.

62,027. Was there time to set names down?—Yes; there was a day or two; time enough; but it was done in a hurry.

62,028. Was that course adopted at that election at your committee room, of putting people down as runners and messengers for payment?—Yes, I believe it was.

62,029. Did you send them to be set down again?—I should send them, I have no doubt of it.

62,030. Do you know anything of the payments at that election?—No; I never had anything to do with the payments at all.

62,031. Your chairman has shown us sums to the amount of 100*l.* and odd; do you know anything of it personally?—No.

62,032. We think you are mistaken in saying there was a joint committee for Baines and Brown; we understood the committees were separate?—To the best of my recollection, it was not so.

62,033. Was not Mr. Baines in the field long before Mr. Brown was thought of, or his committee organized?—Yes; he was long in the field before, but I think we acted in concert for both,

62,034. How could you be acting in concert?—I took very little part in it; there was nobody of my colour, and I did not care anything about it.

62,035. Did you act on any committee until after Mr. Brown came?—I could not answer that question.

62,036. We have a list of the committee rooms of Mr. Brown, and you are put down as the deputy chairman for Mr. Brown only?—I cannot say, but I expect we acted for both Baines and Brown.

62,037. There would not be much doing until Mr. Brown was announced as a candidate?—No, very little; until there was an opposition in the field there would be nothing wanted.

62,038. Do you know if you attended any committee before the Monday in the election week?—I am sure I cannot remember.

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62,039. Can you tell how many days the committee room was open?—I could not say whether it was a week or a fortnight.

62,040. You would not say; it might have been a separate room for Mr. Brown?—I am not quite eure; but I think they would be together.

62,041. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

62,042. I think you were then deputy chairman of Mr. Yeall?—Yes.

62,043. At which room was that?—East Sculcoates.

62,044. Were you in attendance pretty often at the committee room?—Very seldom.

62,045. Did you canvass out of doors?—Out of doors was my department.

62,046. Did you send people to be set down who applied to you as you have mentioned?—Yes.

62,047. How many do you think you might have sent of that kind of applicants at that election?—I really could not say.

62,048. How long were you canvassing; a few days or weeks?—A fortnight, perhaps, before the election; I cannot tell exactly.

62,049. Should you say that you sent forty or fifty?—It is very likely that I did, I should think.

62,050. To be set down as runners?—To be set down as runners.

62,051. And who would expect to be paid?—Yes; they would expect so too.

62,052. I suppose they understood you, and you understood them?—Yes; it was always perfectly understood.

62,053. Do you recollect paying a man of the name of Edward Ellerker?—I never paid a penny in my life.

62,054. We are told that you paid him 10*s.*, and lent him 7*s.* afterwards?—No, I never did.

62,055. Do you know the man?—Yes. A friend came and said he was very badly off; if we could put him on as a doorkeeper. We had him a fortnight; but he got better pay somewhere else, and walked off the day of the election.

62,056. Did you not lend him 7*s.*?—No, I never lent him a penny.

62,057. Are you sure of that?—Yes, quite sure; never a penny passed through my fingers.

63,058. Not in the nature of a payment, but whether you lent him 7*s.*?—Not that I recollect that I did; in fact I feel convinced that I did not.

62,059. Do you know a man of the name of William Watson, a freeman, of Church Lane?—I know some Watson; but I cannot call to mind. There are two or three of them.

62,060. This relates to the 1841 election; do you remember whether you paid William Watson, a freeman, of Church Lane, in 1841, 20*s.*, for James and Hanmer, at a public house in Machell Street?—No, I do not remember it.

62,061. You say Ellerker went away?—Yes.

62,062. And carried his vote in his pocket?—Yes.

62,063. And gave it to the other party?—Yes.

62,064. When he left you, I dare say you did not think he would vote for you?—I did not know that he had left us until the morning of the election.

62,065. Do you know how he came to leave you?—I never spoke to him afterwards upon the subject.

62,066. Have you heard about the means?—I have no doubt about the means.

62,067. Can you give us any information about the means?—I cannot.

62,068. When you say you have no doubt, that is the impression of your mind?—That is my impression.

62,069. And not beyond that?—Not beyond that.

62,070. We hear a good many of the blue parties were defaulters the morning of the election?—A very great many.

62,071. Can you give us any information as to how that came about?—I cannot, indeed.

62,072. Have you not become acquainted with the means employed since the election?—Nothing that I could speak from, but from report, or from what I have seen in the examinations here.

62,073. As to how it was done, and where the people were met with, do not you know anything of that?—No.

62,074. We understand they had duties appointed for them, and the next morning they were absentees; why was that?—I do not know at all how it was brought about.

62,075. You were active at the committee?—Yes; I was active canvassing the morning of the election.

62,076. You do not know how your men came to be deserters?—I feel no doubt how it was, but I cannot speak further.

62,077. Supposing Ellerker was employed by the orange, would it not be in the usual course of things that the man took his vote to where his employment went?—Yes.

62,078. The vote is considered as an appendage to the employment?—Yes.

62,079. If he had remained with you you would have expected him to vote blue?—Yes.

62,080. And if he was employed elsewhere you would expect him to vote elsewhere?—Yes.

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62,081. Where do you live?—No. 11, Worship Street.

62,082. What are you?—A captain in the army.

62,083. Are you on half pay?—No; I am on full pay.

62,084. In what regiment are you?—In the East Yorkshire Militia.

62,085. Have you been a voter for the blues for some time?—Above forty years.

62,086. Are you a freeman?—I am a freeman.

62,087. When did you take up your freedom?—In 1815.

62,088. At your own expense, I suppose?—Yes; at my own expense.

62,089. What rent do you pay?—It is my own property.

63,090. What are you rated at?—I am rated for the house and other premises at about from 40*l.* to 50*l.* a year.

62,091. In the year 1841, did you vote?—I did.

62.092. Whom did you vote for?—Clay and Thompson.

62,093. Were you on a committee for those gentlemen?—I was on Colonel Thompson's committee.

62,094. Where did the committee you acted upon meet?—At the Kingston Hotel.

62,095. Were you the chairman?—No.

63,096. Who acted as chairman for Colonel Thompson?—I think Mr. John Peck, but I cannot speak positively.

62,097. The general committee sat there?—Yes.

62,098. Do you know whether, at that committee, the course we have been adverting to of setting down names was at all in use?—I do not know that it was in use particularly at that time. I was employed with Colonel Thompson in going round to canvass the outside of the town, and I interfered very little with it.

62,099. You went round with the colonel to canvass?—Yes.

62,100. Do you recollect if they made applications to you to be put down as runners or messengers?—There were very few put down at that election; we had scarcely sufficient for the general committee room.

62,101. Did they make applications to you?—The applications would be made to Mr. John Peck.

62,102. Supposing they made applications to the colonel and, you what would you do?—Send them to Mr. Peck.

62,103. Do you recollect if you did send any of them?—Probably there might be a few.

62,104. Mr. Peck was the chairman?—He was the principal active man upon the committee.

62,105. To be set down for employment as runners?—As runners, doorkeepers, and messengers.

62,106. I suppose you canvassed principally among the voters?—Yes; principally amongst the voters.

62,107. You had some means of directing your attention to those who were voters?—Yes.

62,108. You had a canvass book?—I had canvassed several elections before, and I knew the town very well; living all my life in it, I was nearly acquainted with everybody, and everybody with me.

62,109. Your application was amongst the voters?—Among the freemen at that time.

62,110. They are the class, we have generally understood, who have been largely engaged as runners at elections?—Principally so.

62,111. If a voter of that kind, a freeman, said he wanted employment as a runner or a messenger, you would send him to Mr. Peck?—I should.

62,112. Who else went round with you?—I am sure I forget just now.

62,113. Did those people make application of the colonel?—No; they would most likely speak to myself, and I should hand them over to Mr. Peck.

62,114. In the colonel's presence?—Yes.

62,115. The colonel would not be personally applied to?—The colonel never interfered in anything; he left it entirely to Mr. Peck.

62,116. Did he hear what was going on?—No, I should think not; they would generally pull me on one side and say, "Put me on as a runner," and I said, "Go to Mr. Peck."

62,117. And I suppose the colonel said, "What secret did that man have with you?"—No; he never inquired into that at all.

62,118. He did not inquire into your secrets?—No.

62,119. But you told him probably what they were?—No; I never told the colonel, for he never made any inquiry.

62,120. Did those sort of takings aside happen often?—No; I suppose we should not have above twenty or thirty runners at the time of that election, for all the time.

62,121. Do you know whether the course was to send them all to Mr. Peck?—I invariably did so myself.

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62,122. Wherever they might be found?—Wherever I met them, if they spoke to me, I said, "Go to Mr. Peck, and make use of my name."

62,123. We understand sometimes they were sent to the different districts?—There were none of that kind. The general committee was at the Kingston Hotel; we all concentrated there from our canvass. We had no district committee rooms at that time.

62,124. In your judgment, you think the total number of runners and messengers would be somewhere about thirty?—I should think not more; not in the colonel's department. It was a very easy moderate election; he employed a very few persons.

62,125. His canvass commenced very early?—Very early.

62,126. And you had time to do it quietly?—Yes; I should think the most expensive part the old colonel had was his dinners; he used to give us good dinners.

62,127. And people partook of his hospitality in that way?—Sometimes they would sit down twenty or thirty, sometimes ten, and sometimes sixteen, according as the canvassers came in.

62,128. Do you know whether the persons that you sent were employed as runners? That I could not say; very few of them were.

62,129. Were there more sent than could be employed; more than you wanted?—No, I should think not. They all knew the colonel's principles; he objected very much to putting on runners, and we did with as few as we possibly could; in fact, we had not sufficient to take care of the committee room doors when there was a great pressure from without.

62,130. Were some of the freemen employed as runners?—They were principally freemen.

62,131. Should you say entirely?—I should think they were nearly.

62,132. Could you mention any persom employed as a runner to the best of your memory that was not a freeman?—No; it is so far back that I cannot recollect the names If I had anything to assist my memory I could tell you several of them.

62,133. They were all voters?—Principally; those about the committee rooms were all voters.

62,134. Do you remember a man of the name of John Burn, a doorkeeper?—Yes; there was a man of that name.

62,135. What do you think would enable you to furnish us with a list? Could you do it by any book that we have?—There was a stout man,—I do not recollect his name just now,—he was a general doorkeeper at almost all elections.

62,136. Was it Mr. Steeple?—No; this was a man in a lower grade of society.

62,137. Can you remember any others?—Yes; I recollect one very well now,—an old trump of a man, as I used to call him,—William Altass, he has been upon my staff for the last forty years; but, poor fellow, he is dead and gone now.

62,138. At the 1841 election, did you make some few payments?—Not any; I had nothing to do with payments.

62,139. Do you remember if you gave a man of the name of Jefferson anything for a room?—No. What election would that be for?

62,140. Colonel Thompson's—the same I am speaking of,—the election of 1841. I am told there was a room had of him?—William Jefferson got paid this last election for the room; it was the election prior to the last that he got paid for. You have my papers and you will see it there.

62,141. He has said that the room was taken in 1841, and he was paid for it at the last election?—He was paid for it prior to the last election.

62,142. He has said that the room was engaged in 1841, and I understand you to say he was paid at the last election for that room?—I knew nothing about what was done at the last election in the paying department. This room that he was paid for was for the election prior to 1852.

62,143. In 1847, you think?—In 1847.

62,144. He says it was for 1841?—That I could not speak positively to. He got paid for it prior to the election of 1852; he applied to me several times about it.

62,145. Did you send some people with notes to Mr. Atkinson for payment?—Yes, I did; I should think probably six or eight, and he was one among the rest.

62,146. What election had those notes reference to?—Not to this unseated election, but to the election prior to the last.

62,147. The notes that you sent had reference to the 1847 election?—Yes; which election I had nothing to do with; that is the election that they got paid for.

62,148. My last question is this: whether you sent some notes to Mr. Atkinson for persons to get payment with reference to a back election?—It was for the back election.

62,149. Which was it?—That I cannot speak positively to now.

62,150. You say you had nothing to do with the 1847 election?—I had nothing to do with Brown's election, nothing in the world.

62,151. Then the election with which you had to do with was this 1841 election?—Yes; I voted for Baines and Clay in 1847.

62,152. When you sent persons with tickets in 1852, must not those tickets have had reference to the election of 1841, in which you were engaged?—No; the parties came to me, and said they wanted it for the last election.

62,153. You think it had reference to the last election; that is what they said?—Yes.

62,154. Where did William Altass live?—He lodged at my back door where I live; he was an old freeman.

62,155. Was he a voter?—Yes.

62,156. There are two William Altass in 1841?—Yes; that was either the son or nephew.

62,157. And both of them were runners for Hanmer and James?—William Altass was upon our committee in East Sculcoates; we had him there employed as a runner.

62,158. Then he was a non-voter?—No; he was an old freeman.

62,159. There was no William Altass a freeman who voted in 1841 at all for Colonel Thompson?—Then I have made a mistake in the year. He was a man who was in the habit of going to sea sometimes, and he might have been away at that time.

62,160. At this election of Colonel Thompson's, did you make any payments?—Not any at Colonel Thompson's election.

62,161. I hear you are very accurate with regard to keeping your accounts of payments, memorandums, and so on?—I never had anything to do with them.

62,162. Did you make any payments at that election in 1841?—Not any. I was merely a canvasser.

62,163. In 1847 did you vote?—I voted for Clay and Baines; but I had nothing to do either as a canvasser or anything else; in fact, I was disgusted with some proceedings at that time, and I never took any active part whatever,—I merely went and voted.

62,164. Did you not look up a few?—No; I never asked a single friend or foe.

62,165. Did you pay any money at that election?—None whatever.

62,166. Had the disgust that seems to have acted upon you any connexion, or anything at all to do with election matters?—No, nothing whatever; it was merely a little private matter.

62,167. In 1852 you voted for Clay and Goderich?—I did.

62,168. I believe you canvassed for them?—Yes.

62,169. Were you upon the committee?—I was on the East Sculcoates' committee.

62,170. Were you chairman, or deputy chairman?—No; no more than canvassing.

62,171. Out-of-door canvassing?—I went out canvassing frequently in the evening with Mr. Jebson, a plumber and glazier.

62,172. Did you give notes to these people I have been alluding to, to take to Mr. Atkinson for back payment?—This was prior to the commencement of forming the committees. These parties came to me somewhere about the time when the writ was going to be issued, and said they wished to be settled with for the last election. I said, "I do not know how you can get it, but if a note will be of any service to you, you may use my name, and you may take it to Mr. Galloway;" and I really wrote these little notes saying "Please pay the bearer,"—knowing they had been runners.

62,173. And knowing they were in your interest?—Yes.

62,174. And you did it partly to secure their votes for the coming election?—No doubt that is so.

62,175. Do you think they also understood it in that sense?—No doubt they did.

62,176. They were to have the benefit of the payment, and you were to have the benefit of the vote at the coming election?—Yes.

62,177. How many do you think you sent?—I do not know whether I should have got beyond eight, I cannot positively say, but I think it would not exceed ten.

62,178. You recommended some rather highly; "William Clayburn voted a plumper, a good trump"?—Yes; and some I called "a good brick." Those are men that had been in our interest before.

62,179. You rather gathered from those people that they would not vote for you unless the back money was actually paid?—Of course they would tell me so.

62,180. And you did not scrutinize the claims very closely?—I knew the men to be runners, and I have seen them in my own district.

52,181. But they seem not to have run fast enough in this respect; a day of payment had been appointed for those people before?—Yes; but I do not know what was the reason they did not get paid.

62,182. Do you think they got it twice over, some of them?—I am not aware of it; none of those parties that I signed for, to my knowledge.

62,183. They might have got it before and not have told you?—No; because there was one or two of them brought a message from Mr. Atkinson, to say if I would give a note to say that they were entitled to it, they should have it.

62,184. There seems to have been a proclamation or announcement that people were to come in and get paid after the 1847 election; but some seem to have been omitted in some way?—There were several, I understood, who were omitted,—I do not know on what ground. I had nothing to do with the money department. The only transaction I had was that of signing those papers which you have seen.

62,185. You had no means of ascertaining the validity of their claims, inasmuch as you yourself had no personal knowledge of the fact?—I had no personal knowledge of the fact.

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62,186. You relied on their statements?—Yes; only I knew the men,—they were all men in my own immediate neighbourhood, and who belonged to my own immediate district.

62,187. Had you personal knowledge of the fact?—They were men I had confidence in.

62,188. You relied on their statements?—They had not been paid before, except in two instances. I had a message or note from Mr. Atkinson to say, if I would send a note with the bearer he would settle it, if I would state it was correct.

62,189. In other words, you in no case relied upon your own knowledge?—Exactly.

62,190. I ask, whether your note which you sent amounted to an absolute authority to pay, or whether it was a mere recommendation, or amounted to an inquiry and an investigation by them; did it amount to any authority to pay?—No; I merely certified that these parties were runners upon that occasion.

62,191. And they were to investigate?—Yes; they would investigate when they got to the committee room.

62,192. In 1852, did you make any payments yourself?—None whatever.

62,193. Did you canvass personally with Lord Goderich and Mr. Clay?—I used to take the East Sculcoates' district of an evening from six to nine, or six to ten o'clock, as we could catch the parties at home; and in the daytime occasionally go with Lord Goderich and Mr. Clay.

62,194. In the course of your canvassing with those gentlemen did these people take you aside in the same way?—I used generally to go out with them in districts where I was not so well known; I have gone down to Witham district,—that is a part I do not interfere with.

62,195. They knew Captain Walton?—Yes; my family name is known there, and my family property lies there,—that is the reason.

62,196. At this time the borough had been pretty well canvassed?—Yes.

62,197. And you had a return of those who had promised and those who were doubtful?—Yes; we should probably go round among some of the doubtful.

62,198. When you got among the doubtful people, did they not press a little for employment in the running way?—Some of them would.

62,199. What was said to them then?—Mr. Clay was a most excellent electioneerer, and he would generally get them off with fair words.

62,200. How would he get them off?—He would say something very pleasant, and probably say he would see if anything could be done for them.

62,201. If a person applied to be set down for a runner, what would he say?—He would evade it for the moment, and very likely turn them over to the general committee.

62,202. Who would report such things to the committee?—Probably myself, or the others out with them canvassing.

62,203. He did not himself personally entertain it?—No; he never did.

62,204. Not beyond the extent of saying he would speak to the committee?—Not beyond that extent.

62,205. Did you take down the names of those?—Some few. The parties who had canvassed the district would put down the names doubtful, and transfer them over to the committee.

62,206. And when you were with the candidates, you would most likely direct your attention to those people?—Yes.

62,207. There would not be so much occasion to go to those who had actually promised?—Of course.

62,208. I suppose, when the applications and canvassing were going on, the running and employment must have been refered to?—Most likely it would.

62,209. It seems to have been one of the oldest customs, if I may so call it?—Yes; it is nothing in the present day,—when I first knew electioneering in O'Neil's time, I think I had not less than 700 runners, to whom I paid 7*s.* a day.

62,210. For how many days?—I think that election cost 12,000*l.*

62,211. How many times do you suppose you canvassed upon this last occasion with the candidates?—I should think four or five times, not more.

62,212. And principally among the doubtful people?—Yes.

62,213. Mr. Clay you say had had some experience in Hull?—Yes.

62,214. And was clever in putting them by?—Yes.

62,215. Did Lord Goderich seem clever in putting them by?—Yes.

62,216. Did Lord Goderich seem green?—Not so clever as Mr. Clay.

62,217. Green in electioneering I mean?—He was much more so than Mr. Clay; if there were any difficult cases he would generally turn them over to Mr. Clay.

62,218. What do you call a difficult case?—If a man was pressing for more than he would like.

62,219. Pressing for what?—If he wanted a situation as a runner, and saying, "I hope if you are returned you probably will not forget a situation in the customs," and Mr. Clay was a man who could evade the thing better than Lord Goderich could.

62,220. Did some one press for money to build a house, of his lordship?—I do not remember

92,221 You were not present?—No.

62,222. You say if they pressed Lord Goderich too much, Mr. Clay took them in hand?—He was better able to take them in hand; he was a better fencer.

62,223. What committee room would they be principally directed to, these applications?—I think Mr. Galloway's; they would be sent to Bishop Lane; in fact, all applications that we had at the Sculcoates committee room we generally sent down to the central committee room, in Bishop Lane.

62,224. Of that kind?—Yes; the chairmen of the district committees never interfered with them.

62,225. And then they got on to Mr. Wilde's?—I do not know how they managed that.

62,226. Did you send them over to Wilde's?—No; I had nothing to do with Wilde, neither directly nor indirectly. I never heard of it till I saw it in the paper.

62,227. It was only a setting down place, not a pay place?—I never went into the place, or put my head in it.

62,228. You did not direct anybody to go there?—No.

62,229. Do you know anything of the money matters of Lord Goderich and Mr. Clay?—No; I had nothing to do with it; I merely assisted in canvassing.

62,230. When canvassing with his Lordship and Mr. Clay, did persons press also for committee rooms?—There have been instances of that kind, but they were generally referred to the central committee room.

62,231. That would be the course?—Yes.

62,232. You remember such instances?—Yes; several parties applied to have committee rooms.

62,233. Among the doubtful persons whom you canvassed?—Yes.

62,234. What was the nature of the application? what was the mode in which it was proffered?—We generally sent them over to the central committee room.

62,235. What was the nature of the application?—I do not recollect above one instance, and that was Haller, of New George Street.

62,236. My question to you was, whether, when you were canvassing any person or persons, they made application to you to have a committee room taken, or a room used as a committee room?—No; not in our canvass; we never met with anything of that kind. There were parties that used to come to our committee room, that I have mentioned now.

62,237. What did you do with them, when they made applications of that sort?—The chairman sent a note with them to the central committee room, and left them in the hands of the chairman there; we had not the power of appointing these additional committee rooms.

62,238. I have asked you, or intended to ask you, whether, when you were canvassing—I confine myself to that distinctly—when canvassing with Lord Goderich and Mr. Clay, did these persons make applications to be set down as runners occasionally?—They did not do it to the candidates; they would very likely do it. Mr. Jalland was with us once or twice.

62,239. I understood you to say that they did it personally to the members?—Not to the members.

62,240. But when you were canvassing with them, you said, on a former occasion, they used to draw you a little aside?—That was in Colonel Thompson's time.

62,241. Did they do the same on this occasion?—No.

62,242. How was it done?—The town was divided into committees, and we only took our own district, and in Colonel Thompson's time it was a general canvass.

62,243. I understood you to tell me, when applications were made of this kind, for messengers or runners, Mr. Clay sometimes said, "We will see about it"?—Probably we might meet with a man in the street, who might say, "I should like to be put on as a runner;" and he might say, "Well, my boy, you can go on to the committee room, and see what they can do for you."

62,244. Then application would be made to the candidates themselves?—They might be.

62,245. You said just now it would not be to the candidates?—I could not speak positively.

62,246. You also said—I do not know whether you intended it—that when persons were more pressing than you thought they should be to Lord Goderich, that he handed them over to Mr. Clay?—There were instances when they were making applications which they should not do; a man would say, "I wish you, gentlemen, when you get into the House of Commons, will get me a situation as a Custom House officer, or get me into some Government employment;" and Mr. Clay was a man who could fence with them better than Lord Goderich, upon those points.

62,247. They would make these sort of applications from time to time to the candidates personally?—They might do it occasionally.

62,248. Are you speaking of what passed in your own presence, and of your own knowledge?—I am speaking, of course, of what passed in my own presence.

62,249. Mr. Clay fenced better, I think was your expression, than Lord Goderich, and therefore you turned them over to Mr. Clay?—Yes.

62,250. Applications for situations?—Yes; they were principally for Government situations.

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62,251. Do you remember whether you mentioned at all to Lord Goderich or Mr. Clay that there were persons pressing for back money, at any time?—No, I never named it to them.

62,252. You are sure?—No; I do not think any one knew anything at all about it, except those who formed the committee in King Street.

62,253. As to the notes?—I never mentioned it to any one.

62,254. You have had a good deal of knowledge of elections?—I am sorry to say too much.

62,255. Was the last election of 1852, in your judgment, more expensive than the one of 1847, or 1841?—I interfered very little in it, except what I have told you about canvassing. I interfered in it very little indeed.

62,256. I want to understand what your answer is about the runners. Do you recollect any instances in which men applied to either of the candidates, for employment as messengers?—I do not think they did; they had no occasion; they always did go to the committee rooms; they came there.

62,257. Can you say there was never any applications of that sort?—The only application made in my hearing direct, was with respect to Government situations; that was the only thing that I know of.

62,258. Allow me to ask you what you mean by the answer you gave me. You told me distinctly, more than once, that when applications were made for runners or employment, that they were directed to go to the committee rooms—when canvassing with the candidates?—The applications were generally made to myself, or to Mr. Jalland, if out in that district, or to the others when we had some other members of the committee, but there was nothing of this sort done in the presence of the candidates.

62,259. Not done in their presence?—No.

62,260. You said on one or two occasions it was a personal application made, and Mr. Clay said, "We will see about it," or sent them to the committee?—What I was alluding to was with respect to Government situations.

62,261. Not as to runners or messengers?—Not as to runners or messengers, that was all left entirely to the committees; they never interfered with those minor matters.

62,262. Do you believe that in the election of 1841 you had any deficiency of runners, so as to create any loss in the ultimate result of the election?—No; we had not sufficient.

62,263. Can you point out in any way how the defeat of Colonel Thompson in 1841 was to be attributed to the lack of runners unless it was that there was not a sufficient number of persons paid?—At that election, as at all other elections, I believe there was a great deal of money given away upon the other side.

62,264. Throw out of consideration anything upon the other side, and listen to the number of votes: Colonel Thompson polled 1,645 votes?—Yes.

62,265. I can understand, if he had employed 500 more runners, he would have got 499 more voters probably?—He would, most likely.

62,266. But that would be by means of the influence created by the runners?—Certainly.

62,267. Independent of that influence, can you say this in any way; was Colonel Thompson's position upon the poll influenced by the non-employment of runners?—It was; for want of having those additional runners.

62,268. Take one thing at a time. He would have got 499 more voters if he employed 499 more runners?—Yes.

62,269. In that way, therefore, the non-employment may be said to have lost his election. Take now the non-employment of runners in any other way; did it interfere with his success?—I cannot say.

62,270. Should you say it had any effect upon the general result?—The colonel did not take the same steps that the other parties did.

62,271. I am talking for the legitimate transactions of the election. Did he lose his election for want of messages being carried?—No.

62,272. Do you think he in any way lost a single vote, for the want of having a person to go a message?—No.

62,273. Then I ask, in point of fact, if he had used an additional number of messengers, would he have had an additional number of voters?—Certainly.

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62,274. Have you got the names?—Yes; there are five. (*The witness hands in a paper.*)

62,275. Are there not some more?—Not that I know of; there were some more, but I do not know any of them.

62,276. You do not know any more at all?—No.

62,277. They were paid at your house?—Yes; I think they were; they were in the room, and they were paying the money there, and I believe some of them were paid. I do not know what they got, or anything about it, but they paid in the room.

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62,278. Where do you live?—64, Humber Street.

62,279. Is that the Shakespeare Tavern?—The Shakespeare Hotel it is called.

62,280. What rent do you pay?—£75, I believe, is the standing rent.

62,281. Are you a freeman?—No.

62,282. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—Ever since the Reform Bill.

62,283. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.

62,284. Who for?—Hanmer and James.

62,285. Were you on any committee at that election?—No.

62,286. Was any room engaged at your house?—No; I was in private business; I was not in the public line then.

62,287. Did you canvass any people at that election?—No.

62,288. Did you make any communication?—No.

62,289. Can you give us any information as to that election?—No; it was only as a private committee man I went to vote.

62,290. Nothing else?—Nothing else.

62,291. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.

62,292. Were you then on any committee?—No.

62,293. Are you a publican?—Yes.

62,294. Was your room engaged?—I believe it was for a few days. I do not remember exactly how long it was.

62,295. Which party engaged your room?—Baines and Brown.

62,296. Baines or Brown?—I think it was both; both the names were put on the wall. I do not remember which it was that put them, the placards,

62,297. Who was the chairman of the committee there, was there any one?—I am sure I do not remember. I did not take any active part in it; they only used one of my rooms.

62,298. What did you get for your room?—I forget what they paid me.

62,299. Ten pounds?—Oh dear no; nothing of the kind.

62,300. You have some money?—I think about 2*l.*; it was only for a few days. They used only one of the rooms.

62,301. Did any of the people meet there?—The committee and several of the friends came backwards and forwards.

62,302. Who were the the committee?—I cannot remember.

62,303. Cannot you give us any names?—I could not, indeed.

62,304. What did they do in the room?—Merely the writing department, and took names down; it was just the close of the election.

62,305. Who paid you for it?—I cannot remember that, I am sure. I think it was sent to the central committee, and I forget who was the chairman there.

62,306. You remember where you were sent to, do you not?—I believe I was in Bowl Alley Lane.

62,307. Were you paid after the election?—Yes.

62,308. And you think it was 2*l.*?—I think it was, as near as I can remember; it was only a short time they used it.

62,309. Did you get any list of the committee?—No; I never took any active part in it.

62,310. Had you a list of the committee to meet at your house?—No.

62,311. Anybody might come in?—There was one gentleman there and a doorkeeper. They would not pass anybody but what was proper.

62,312. Had you any committee or not on that occasion?—I believe it was considered a committee.

62,313. You cannot tell who they were?—I do not remember.

62,314. Had you no list of them?—I had no list. I was not much at home.

62,315. You said you were paid at Bowl Alley Lane?—Yes.

62,316. Who engaged the room, or took it of you?—I do not remember.

62,317. Where was it done?—Done at my own house. Some persons came, and said could I let them have a room, as they wanted one in that district. They only used one room in my house. My house is large.

62,318. Was it on the nomination day?—Yes; I think it would be.

62,319. They knew you would vote for them?—Yes.

62,320. Did you have a flag and a poll?—I had a poll of my own, and they put a flag on it.

62,321. When they took it they sent you a flag?—Yes; and one of the men put it up.

62,322. In 1852, who did you vote for at the last election?—Moore and Butler.

62,323. You had a room then, had you not, engaged?—There are two rooms thrown into one, a commercial room and a traveller's room both thrown into one, to accommodate them.

62,324. Who engaged it?—Mr. Edwin Davis.

62,325. On what terms?—When he first came to me he told me it would be 15*s.*, and I understood him it would be 15*s.* a day. When he came again he was telling me something

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about 15*s.* a week; I said, "I shall not let you have it; I can make better of my rooms; I shall be obliged to deprive some of my travellers of accommodation." Then he said, "We will give you the same as the others." I said, "What is that?" he said, "7*s.* 6*d.* a day for six days in the week."

62,326. That was the arrangement?—That I agreed to.

62,327. When did Mr. Davis engage it?—I should say a fortnight or three weeks before the election.

62,328. I thought you said the engagement was, you were to have 7*s.* 6*d.* a day for the last six days?—No; six days in the week as long as it was wanted.

62,329. Did he send you a list of the committee men?—He did not send it to me.

62,330. Did he send it to your house?—I saw them at different times in the committee room.

62,331. Who were the committee that met there?—I could not say all the names. I could mention a few names that met there.

62,332. I believe the committee met and some gentlemen or other every day?—Every day, from nine o'clock in the morning till sometimes ten or eleven at night.

62,333. And did some of them go out canvassing?—Yes.

62,334. And did some parties come there to get their names set down?—I believe they did, but I was not present in the room; I had my own business to attend to.

62,335. You were not in the room much?—Not much; only on two or three occasions I was in.

62,336. Who was the principal chairman there?—Mr. Davis.

62,337. Was there a man of the name of Robert Headley, a ship carpenter, there a good deal?—There was a ship carpenter there, but I did not know his name. There were two ships' carpenters, I believe, one of the name of Watson.

62,338. They have called your room frequently a setting-down room for the blues?—Probably they might.

62,339. Did the people come there for that purpose?—I believe they did.

62,340. You were not in the room?—Not much.

62,341. Did the voters also have refreshments at your house?—No.

62,342. Had you a bill for refreshments?—No.

62,343. Did you get any money besides the 7*s.* 6*d.* a day for your room?—No.

62,344. When was that paid?—About a week after the close of the election. I had it perhaps a fortnight after the close of the election.

62,345. Did you canvass yourself?—A little. I was two afternoons out.

62,346. Did you get some people, or send them to have their names set down?—No; I never sent any one to have their names set down; we only went to ask them which way they intended to vote.

62,347. You took them down yourself?—I had a list of names in a book.

62,348. They gave you some particular people to apply to?—Yes; I took one particular district, Mytongate and Blackfriargate.

62,349. Among those you canvassed did some apply to you to have their names set down?—They might; a Mr. Calvert, of High Street, a merchant.

62,350. Was he a committee man?—I think he was vice-chairman sometimes.

62,351. At this room?—Yes; I think at my room. I think he was vice-chairman sometimes. We had not Mr. Davis always, and they changed about.

62,352. On the two occasions you canvassed did he go with you?—He went on one occasion.

62,353. And who went with you the other time?—Mr. Hillden, a painter.

62,354. Did you canvass before or after they took your room?—It was some time after they had taken the room; they had many meetings before the election took place; in fact, they were every day there, more or less; a greater quantity or a less quantity.

62,355. Was it a little before the election that you canvassed, or a few days before the election?—Yes; it was only about two days.

62,356. The first time?—The first time perhaps might be three days before the election; the second time the day before the election.

62,357. Did persons apply to you for rooms also?—There was no person applied to me.

62,358. For sham committee rooms when you were about canvassing?—No.

62,359. Or to Mr. Calvert?—No.

62,360. Or to the other gentlemen in your presence?—No.

62,361. Do you remember any application of that kind being made at the Shakspeare?—No; I do not remember any such one being made.

62,362. Before your room was taken had you been canvassed for your vote?—No; I never was canvassed for my vote; the gentlemen knew my principles entirely; they never asked me for my vote at all.

62,363. Were you a member of the committee before your own room was engaged?—No.

62,364. You joined the committee on their taking your room?—They requested me, after they had been sitting for some few days, to join them, if I had a little spare time.

62,365. Your name is on the original list of the committee; how is that?—

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Probably they would put it down so, but I did not take any very active part. I had not an opportunity; I was on my own business.

62,366. They would not put you down without your consent?—Certainly not; but there were a many set down who did not attend.

62,367. You joined a committee as soon as it was formed, but did not begin to act until a few days afterwards?—That is so. I believe the committee was formed at the commencement.

62,368. You have given a very accurate description of the committee in 1852, was it the same in 1847?—I could not say. I did not take any part in it, therefore I saw nothing of the parties.

62,369. You cannot give us the names of any of the committee men?—I cannot say. I was not in the room, and I have forgotten who was the chairman, I am sure, positively.

Rev. H. Ward.

The Reverend HENRY WARD sworn, and examined.

62,370. I believe you are a clergyman in Hull?—Yes.

62,371. Which is your incumbency?—St. Mark's.

62,372. You have been the incumbent for some time?—Ten years.

62,373. Were you entitled to vote at the election of 1841?—No; I was not here.

62,374. You are not a freeman, I presume?—No.

62,375. At the election of 1847, did you vote?—I voted for Baines and Brown, I believe.

62,376. Did you take any part upon the committee at that election?—Never.

62,377. Did you canvass at all for Mr. Baines or Mr. Brown?—Never.

62,378. Did you do anything at that election except vote?—No, nothing.

62,379. In the interest of those gentlemen?—Nothing.

62,380. Did you make any payments to any person?—No; I felt in the first place that I had no very great interest in the election; I did not take any interest in the election; I did nothing of the kind.

62,381. At that election did you canvass any person at all?—Most assuredly not.

62,382. Can you give us any information about that election? as to what was going on at the election of 1847?—I should be glad to do so; in the first place, I have a bad memory about such things. I really do not know; your question is so large that I scarcely know to what it refers.

62,383. Can you give us any general information as to the election, as to any names set down, or rooms taken?—You could not ask a more unlikely person; I know nothing whatever about it.

62,384. At the last election, of 1852, did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

62,385. I did not ask you whether you paid any rent for your house?—Yes, I pay a rent of forty guineas.

62,386. We are told you were at a blue supper at the last election—Oh no, never.

62,387. Were you not there?—Never.

62,388. At the Delapole Tavern I was wrong in saying it was at; but before the last election?—Certainly not.

62,389. You were not present?—Not at any blue supper, certainly not.

62,390. A supper at the Delapole Tavern?—Yes, I was at a supper at the Delapole Tavern; but it was distinctly a supper of loyal orangemen; I believe it was three or four weeks before the election.

62,391. Do you mean orange in its blue sense?—In its Irish sense.

62,392. How long before the election?—I am sure I cannot tell; that supper has been the subject of so much animadversion, either correct or incorrect, I will not say.

62,393. The subject of frequent mention?—Yes.

62,394. Were you the chairman, or the vice-chairman?—No, I was neither.

62,395. Who were the people who were present?—Mr. Henry Barkworth.

62,396. I mean of what class; were they voters, or had it anything to do with their being voters?—Not as far as I was concerned, most positively. I consider those that have given it that colour have said what is absolutely untrue, and in many instances most culpably false.

62,397. The facts will hardly give it?—Yes; the chairman has designated it as a supper of loyal Irishmen.

62,398. Was it a thing that had taken place before in previous years?—No; there had never been, as far as I know, any attempt to give publicity to the principles of the Irish orange lodges before that time.

62,399. Do you know whether it was confined, or at all well selected, who were present at it, with reference to their blue politics in this town?—I had no means of knowing; I did not know anything at all about it at the time; but it would not be correct for me to say, that I have not since ascertained that it might have an ulterior reference to the politics of some of the people who were there; but I went there, I can declare most certainly and most emphatically, entirely as to a gathering of the members and friends of the loyal Irish lodge, or some such title as that.

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62,400. I believe persons were invited to it by means of tickets?—I think they were; but I had nothing to do with the management of it whatever. I refused to go; I did not go till a very intimate friend of mine, who was the manager of it, pressed me very much to go; at length I consented.

62,401. Did you have any tickets given you?—I should think not; I really do not remember.

62,402. Did they give you tickets, and you distribute them?—Not at all that I can remember. I had nothing to do with it at all.

62,403. We have understood several gentlemen had tickets sent to them, and that they had liberty to distribute them amongst their friends?—I do not remember; I think if I had any tickets sent I should most likely have given them to Mr. Harris. It would have been returning them to the source from whence they came. It was through him I went. Mr. Harris is a friend of mine.

62,404. A gentleman that came from Nottingham?—Yes.

62,405. Can you say you did not yourself give any tickets to any blue voters or orange men?—I really do not remember anything about the tickets at all. I cannot say I remember so much as seeing the tickets. It is possible I might have them, but I have no recollection of it at all.

62,406. When did you hear that the supper might have some bearing upon the election? I cannot tell at all when I heard that.

62,407. You said you became acquainted with it since, I think?—Yes; I cannot tell at all when I heard that. I went there, as I have already said, and fully believed entirely that it was got up with reference to the members and friends of the orange lodge.

62,408. I understand amongst the toasts was, "Success to the blue cause, and the blue candidates"?—I should think not; it is not at all impossible. I have no recollection of it.

62,409. Would that not have drawn your attention to the character of the meeting?—It would not have altered my impression of the character of the meeting, because I believe that most of the men who were there were orange men themselves.

62,410. Would be of that party?—Would be of that party; desiring to maintain those principles that would be in accordance with their professions, and those would be best represented by the blue party in Hull.

62,411. Do you remember such a toast being given amongst the convivialities of the evening?—No; they were of a very harmless and correct nature as long as I stayed. I never saw a better conducted or more respectable concern of mixed classes as long as I stayed.

62,412. I did not mean to convey that there would be anything objectionable in drinking, "Success to the blue candidates." I am asking as to the feed?—I do not remember it at all. I think it was highly probable that it was so.

62,413. This party of orangemen to whom you referred, is it a numerous body in Hull?—I have lost sight of it from that time. I think it received a considerable accession last spring.

62,414. In Hull?—In Hull; a very considerable accession. There were several lodge meetings, and a great many people admitted orangemen.

62,415. Who should you say was the leading orangemen about the time of the supper?—I suppose Mr. Henry Barkworth and Mr. Harris were.

62,416. They were orangemen?—I think so.

62,417. And they were both at the supper I think?—Yes.

62,418. Are there orangemen who are not voters as well as some who are, as far as you know?—Oh yes; I should think some orangemen would be found there, and I should think those names would have been enough to weigh the others down.

62,419. Was the supper given to the voters and non-voters equally if they were orangemen?—I should think so. I had nothing to do with it beyond being present, as far as I know.

62,420. How many were there?—I have heard since, ninety-five.

62,421. Can you state as a fact, or from knowledge you have gained since, whether all the persons there were voters or not, or some not voters?—I have not the least idea. My strong impression is that a great many were there who were not voters.

62,422. Who supped there?—Yes.

62,423. That is your strong impression?—Yes.

62,424. Amongst the orangemen, do you know at all who were voters?—No, I do not at all.

62,425. Amongst the smaller ones, the freemen?—I have not the least idea; perhaps you would allow me to say that.

62,426. Are you a member of the orange society yourself?—No, I am not.

62,427. Do you know how many it consists of?—No; I have no idea. In Hull do you mean?

62,428. Yes, in Hull.—No; I have no idea.

62,429. Have they a lodge in Hull?—I really do not know. I have not seen anything of them from that day to this. I saw several orangemen before that time; since that time I have not had any conversation with any one of them.

62,430. Can you give me the names of any orangemen who were present except those you have mentioned?—Not one. Yes; I remember, I know a man of the name of Payne, a watchmaker.

62,431. Do you know where he lives?—Yes; in Dock Office Row.

62,432. He is one of the orangemen?—Yes; I believe he told me he was an orangeman.

62,433. And he was of the party?—Yes, he was.

62,434. Passing from the supper, did you take some interest generally in the last election, for the gentlemen whom you supported?—A little.

62,435. Were you on a committee?—No.

62,436. Did you canvass at all with those two candidates?—I perhaps should save you some trouble if I make a general statement; it is my desire to save you time; never since I have been a clergyman have I either directly or indirectly asked a man for a vote, or used any influence whatever on any election occasion, not that I think it wrong to do so, but it so happened I never did.

62,437. You did not canvass at all with the candidates?—I never canvassed one man since I was a clergyman.

62,438. Did you make any payments?—No.

62,439. To anybody?—No.

62,440. I mean as distinct from canvassing; any payments afterwards for any purpose?—Oh dear no, never. I can only attribute it to the lively invention of some parties.

62,441. I merely put these names to you; did you make any payment to a man named William Cross, of Jennens Street?—I have made him payments very often.

62,442. Was it a person you deal with?—Yes; he is my sexton.

62,443. Did you influence his vote in any way; did you pay him any money, or have any dealing with him at all in connexion with his vote?—Oh dear no, never.

62,444. Or with William Wise; do you know him?—I know him very well; I never paid him one farthing.

62,445. Or promised him any?—No, never.

62,446. Thomas Petch?—No, never.

62,447. Thomas M'Marron?—I do not know him personally; I know the name of M'Morren, but I do not know him personnlly. I should not know him if he sat here.

62,448. You never made him any payment or promise?—No, never.

62,449. How came you at the supper?—I went with Mr. Harris, because he pressed me to go, I may say.

62,450. Did you know at the time that Mr. Harris was a member of the central committee for Moore and Butler?—I have no doubt I should know it if the committee was in being then.

62,451. Can you give us the date of the supper?—No, I am sure I cannot.

62,452. How long do you think it was before the election; a fortnight?—Oh, I should think six weeks; but I do not know at all.

62,453. Can you tell us what month it was?—My idea was it was early in the summer.

62,454. Can you tell us what month it was in?—No.

62,455. Can you tell whether it was in June?—I should think it was, but I am not at all positive; my impression is it was in June.

62,456. Did you know at the time that Mr. Moore was a candidate for the representation?—Yes.

62,457. Mr. Harris has said the supper was in the month of May?—Very likely it would be right; that will not militate against my supposition, that it was in the early summer.

62,458. Mr. Harris expressed no strong opinion, merely his belief about it; he said he could not tell?—I really have no recollection for dates. I have no special faculty that way. I cannot remember when it was, except my impression was, in the early summer, light evenings.

62,459. Did you know at the time that an election of members to serve in Parliament was intended?—Yes.

62,460. Did you know that the orange men belonged to a great extent to the same political party, to the people who were called blues?—Yes; I was persuaded of that.

62,461. Persuaded at the time?—Yes.

62,462. Do you know how long the society has existed; the orange society?—In Hull.

62,463. Yes?—No, I do not; it has existed, I believe, several years, but has been almost in abeyance until——

62,464. Shortly before the last election?—Shortly before the last election; it was revived last spring, and there were a good many meetings.

62,465. It was revived at the time you supped with them?—I mean last spring twelvemonth; the spring of 1852.

62,466. Have you ever heard of a supper given by the orange people before that?—No, never.

62,467. About how long before the supper was given was it revived?—I am sure I cannot tell; several weeks, I should think.

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62,468. What do you call several weeks; what should you think, three weeks or a month?—I should think my impression is six weeks or two months; and then several orange men called upon me, to ask me, as a clergyman, to take part with the orange.

62,469. As a clergyman?—Yes; they said several clergymen were orangemen, and that their principles were entirely in accordance with what ought to to be the principles of a single minded protestant clergyman, and, therefore, they desired such to take part with them, and be members of their society.

John Smith.

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JOHN SMITH sworn, and examined.

62,470. Where do you live?—13, Edward Street.

62,471. What is your business?—A coachmaker.

62,472. Are you also a freeman?—No.

62,473. What rent do you pay?—£5.

62,474. You are a burgess, perhaps?—I am not; I am not a voter, and never was.

62,475. Did you take part in the election of 1841?—No; only canvassing with a few of my friends, working men like myself, advising them to vote for such men as Colonel Thompson and James Clay, Esq.

62,476. Did you advise them to get their names set down as runners?—No. I had a son, a voter; it was the first time of his voting; I said, "If you do not vote for Colonel Thompson and James Clay, Esq. you are no longer worthy to be called my son."

62,477. What else did you do; did you do anything at the 1841 election; did you get any rooms engaged?—No; no active part; never, except persuading some working men, and those that I had a little influence with, to vote for a good cause; such men as I thought would get us cheap bread.

62,478. Did you pay any money at that election?—Never a farthing in my life.

62,479. Have you not received any?—Never a farthing in my days. I remember every election since Sir Charles Turner and Stanniforth.

62,480. In 1847, did you take any part in the election?—Not at all, only taking care that my son voted a plumper for Mr. Clay.

62,481. You took care of that?—I did.

62,482. Did you get his name set down somewhere?—No.

62,483. What did you mean by taking care?—I told him, that if he wished to oblige his father he would vote for James Clay, as I thought he was the best man in the lot.

62,484. Do you know if his name was set down—your son?—I dare say it was; I never saw it; I am not positive; I dare say it was.

62,485. Set down as a runner?—No, I think not.

62,486. What is your son by business?—A house painter.

62,487. Where does he live?—Appleyard's Buildings, Osborn Street.

62,488. Is his name William Smith?—Yes.

62,489. At the last election you did know a little about the money, and had a little, had you not?—Not anything from my own knowledge, only what I heard pass.

62,490. What was that?—Why, a friend of mine was taking a glass of grog on the forenoon of the polling day, at the Mansion House Tavern, at about half-past ten, or eleven o'clock, when several more came into the room, and a man came in, a perfect stranger to me, and he says to my friend, "I hear there is money astir this morning." My friend says, "is there?" he says, "yes."

62,491. Who was your friend?—Mr. Ware, a retired tradesman, formerly a fishmonger; he lives in the Hessle Road.

62,492. Who was the man that came in?—I did not know him; he was a bigger stranger to me than he was to you. I listened to the conversation.

62,493. You have learned since who he was?—Yes, I have.

62,494. Who was he?—His name is Mell. I have heard he was a working man.

62,495. What did he say?—He says to Mr. Ware, "there is money astir this morning." Mr. Ware says, "Is there?" "Yes, I have been at a friend's house; my friend had gone "into the yard, and a rap comes to the door, and I went to the door, and some person "handed in a note, the time my friend was absent; I opened the note, and there were "four sovereigns in it," I understood him to say, "to vote for the blues." Then my friend came in out of the yard.

62,496. Where was it that the note had come to with the four sovereigns?—I do not know.

62,497. Did he not say that?—He said it was a friend's house. I do not know who his friend was, nor his name, nor did I know the man then.

62,498. I hear it was at your house where this note came?—At my house?

62,499. So I am told.—Then they have told you a falsehood.

62,500. It was not your house then?—No, it was not.

62,501. That you are sure of?—I am positive of that.

62,502. Did you see the note?—No, I did not; I was not there. This is what this man was telling my friend in the Mansion House Tavern.

62,503. Did you see the note at any time?—No, never.

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62,504. Did you not see it afterwards?—I did not; I took no further notice. Perhaps there were twenty more in the room.

62,505. Was this the polling day?—On the polling day.

62,506. Have you since found out who that man was?—I have.

62,507. Who had the note; what was his name?—His name his Mell, I found out three weeks last Saturday. I was working at my business, over the bridge, and I saw the man pass; I went up to him, and I says, "Friend, I have not seen you lately; me and my friend, "Mr. Ware, have had some confab about you; closely, I said, to the election, being at "the Mansion House Tavern." He says, "Yes."

62,508. You said that Mell was the man who came and told you this; is he the man that had the note?—No.

52,509. I want to ask you who the other man was?—I do not know; he did not mention his name.

62,510. You found out since what this man's name was?—No, I have not; I never made any further inquiries, only I inquired who the man, Mell, was, who gave us the information.

62,511. Did you hear about any more money that day?—No, I did not.

62,512. Did any come to you at all?—No.

62,513. You have given us this little piece of information, can you give us anything else, that you would like to tell us, about the election?—I do not know that I can, particularly. There was a case of a man who came to buy a pair of old wheels. I was working at a smith's; he was above half drunk; he is a man that sells pots, at the corner of Blanket Row; he says, I was standing with my store, and one of the Tories came and popped 17*s.* into my hand; he thought I was going to vote for Goderich and Clay; and he said he would have a good drink with it: but he was about half drunk when he told me this.

62,514. Did he say how he had voted?—I think he voted for Clay and Goderich. I never examined the poll book ,to know how it was.

62,515. What is his name?—I believe it is Peter Jaques; he was a little bit fresh when he told it to me at the workshop.

W. Binks, jun.

William Binks, junior, sworn, and examined.

62,516. What is your business?—A house painter.

62,517. What rent do you pay?—It is my own property.

62,518. At what rate do you stand?—I am rated at between 70*l.* and 80*l.*

62,519. You are also a freeman?—Yes.

62,520. When were you made a freeman?—About 1839.

52,521. Did you take up your freedom yourself?—Yes.

62,522. At the election of 1841, did you vote?—I believe I voted at that election.

62,523. For Hanmer and James?—I am not quite certain.

62,524. At the election of 1841 were you on any committee?—No.

64,525. Did you canvass for those gentlemen at all?—No.

62,526. We have heard a good deal of sums being paid after the election in your shop, and through a hole in a door. What do you know about that?—I remember some little about the circumstance, but very little.

62,527. Tell us what you know?—I know there was some money paid through a window from the sitting room. Do you mean the house?

63,528. From the window of the house?—Yes.

62,529. Were you in the house at the time?—My father occupied it.

62,530. When were the payments made?—I do not remember.

62,531. Before or after the election?—I should say after the election.

62,532. Just describe to us a little more what it was? There was a window?—I expected that was what you wanted to inquire of me, and I prepared a ground plan of the premises (*handing in a drawing*).

62,533. Is there a window at the back?—A window connecting the sitting room with the shop.

62,534. Did the shop front to the High Street?—Yes.

62,535. Then the front shop is on the same level with the dwelling house?—Yes.

62,536. There is a hole in the wall?—That is the window we had to see out of the sitting room into the shop.

62,537. They came in one way, passed the window, and went out another way?—They came in at the private entrance, passed into the shop, received the money, and went out at the shop entrance.

62,538. Who made those payments?—I do not know.

62,539. You came to your father's house that morning for the purpose?—I cannot say. I took no interest in the election.

62,540. Did you ever hear who paid?—I never heard.

62,541. How many were there in the room where the money was?—I cannot say; I believe my father was in the room, for one; who the others were I cannot say.

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62,542. How many do you think came to the window?—I am sure I cannot say; there might be twenty, there might be fifty.

62,543. Did you not know anybody in the room except your father?—I did not.

62,544. How old were you about that time?—About twenty-two.

62,545. At that time?—Yes.

62,546. There was no committee at your house?—No.

62,547. This was a place appointed for this purpose?—Yes; afterwards I suppose.

62,548. Did you take any of the money there?—No; I had nothing to do with the election at all; my father was very active in the election.

62,549. Still you might have carried some of the money to the house?—I had no connexion with the money or the transaction you are speaking of.

52,550. Did any of it pass through your hands?—Not a farthing.

52,551. Do you know where the money came from?—No.

61,552. Who brought it?—I am sure I cannot say; my father lived in the house; I did not live in the house myself.

62,553. Do you know where he went, and got the money?—I am sure I cannot say.

62,554. You must have heard the matter talked of with your father and the family?—It might have been with my father, and some other branches of the family; I had a house independent of my father.

62,555. Is there any of the family that can tell you now who was there?—No; I do not think there is. I have inquired these particulars, and have ascertained what I have told you.

62,556. You were not able to learn who was there to pay the money?—No, not one.

62,557. Have you any papers belonging to your father on which the names were?—No.

62,558. Was this window a hole made for the purpose?—No; it was for the convenience of seeing from the sitting room into the shop.

62,559. Was there another place near Mr. Freebody's where something of the kind went on?—I do not know; I have no knowledge.

62,560. Was there a man of the name of Freebody next door to you at that time?—Yes, there was.

62,561. Did you not hear that something of the kind went on there also?—I never heard of it. I never heard there was any payment made there.

62,562. Was there a committee room at the time, do you remember?—I believe there was.

62,563. Were the payments you have spoken of at your house connected with a committee room, or was it a general one?—I cannot say; I knew nothing about it.

62,564. Has Mr. Freebody left that house?—Yes.

62,565. Do you know his address?—No; I am sure I do not.

62,566. What was his business?—He was proprietor of the Hull Packet newspaper at that time.

62,567. Do you know where he is now?—No, I do not.

62,568. You say you remember your father being one of the party that was present at this time?—I believe he was in the room at the time the payments were made, but I am not certain quite.

62,569. You do not know anybody else?—I do not know one. One gentleman I thought was there I have inquired of since, and I find he was not there.

62,570. Who was that?—I have inquired, and find he was not there at the time. I thought Mr. Yeall was one, I find he is not.

62,571. Can you give any further information about it?—No.

62,572. They have made so many allusions to your shop?—Yes; I have heard of it.

62,573. It was after the election?—Yes.

62,564. How long did it continue?—One night.

62,575. Late at night or in the evening?—It was in the evening.

62,676. About how long after the election should you say?—I cannot say, I am sure. I think it was after the eleetion; I am not quite sure about it.

62,577. Are you right in saying that it only lasted one evening? we have been told that it lasted a good deal longer than that?—I am certain almost it was no more than one evening.

62,578. You were not living there I think you said?—I was not living there at the time, though I was in the house in the evening. If I had not heard of the circumstance through this inquiry, I should have forgotten all about it.

62,579. Is your mother alive?—She is not.

62,580. Any member of the family who were living in the house at the time?—I have brothers who would know more about it than myself, but they are a long way off.

62,581. Not dead?—No.

62,582. They are both away?—I hope they are in Australia by this time.

62,583. Did they leave any electioneering papers with you before they went?—No.

62,584. Have you heard from them who were the parties at all?—No, I have not. I do not think any one of the family knew who the parties were at the time.

62,585. You were not one of the parties present?—No; not one of the parties present.

62,586. Which ward would this be in?—The north ward.

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62,587. Who was chairman of the ward, do you recollect?—I cannot say; I took no part whatever in the election; my father took the electioneering business, and I had to take the management of his business during the time; I was very much engaged with my own business.

62,588. At the election of 1841 did you yourself make any payments?—No.

62,589. Did you get any of the money?—No.

62,590. In 1847 did you pay a man of the name of George Hare any money?—I never paid a farthing; no money passed through my hands.

62,591. This evening you were there minding your father's business in consequence of his not attending to it?—During the time my father was electioneering I was attending to the business, and I was in the house the evening that the payments were made.

62,592. Was it because you were attending to your father's business?—I went in promiscuously, and it was after business hours.

62,593. Were either of your brothers there?—I do not remember particularly.

62,594. Was William Stafford there? I understand he was the editor of the Hull Packet at that time?—No; that is not the name.

62,595. Do you remember that he was there?—That is not the name of the editor.

62,596. Who was the editor? Was the editor there, whatever his name is?—I do not remember that he was.

62,597. Somebody connected with the paper if he was not the editor?—No; he was the proprietor.

62,598. Now in 1847 did you vote?—Yes; Baines and Brown.

62,599. Were you on any committee?—No.

62,600. Did you canvass for them?—Yes; I think I took a little part.

62,601. For Mr. Brown?—For Mr. Brown and Mr. Baines together.

62,602. Did you take parties' names down that promised you? Did you have a canvassing book?—I carried a canvassing book with me, and put down as they promised, and ticked them off.

62,603. Did you make some payments afterwards to a man of the name of William Featherstone, of Little Queen Street?—I do not recollect making him a payment.

62,604. 20*s.* for Mr. Brown?—No.

62,605. Was your father alive then?—No.

62,606. Do you recollect George Hare?—No.

62,607. Do you know such a man?—I do not recollect such a man by name.

62,608. Might you have made some of these payments without remembering names, do you mean?—It is impossible; I can safely swear that never a farthing passed through my hands for electioneering purposes.

62,609. Did you engage any room?—No.

62.610. Any sham committee room, I mean?—No.

62,611. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

62,612. Were you on any committee?—I was on the Lowgate North Ward committee.

62,613. Did you attend the room?—Occasionally.

62,614. Did you canvass for the party?—Yes, I did.

62,615. Did you send persons occasionally to get their names set down, who were applicants for work as runners or messengers?—Yes, I did.

62,616. You would send them, I suppose, to the committee room?—Yes.

62,617. Did any persons apply to you that their rooms might be taken for committee rooms?—No; I do not remember any applications.

62,618. Do you recollect whether you recommended that any person's rooms should be engaged for that purpose?—I recommended none.

62,619. Did you attend after the election and make any payments?—No.

62,620. Were any persons paid after the election at your committee room to your knowledge?—Not to my knowledge.

62,621. I do not mean that you were present, but were there any payments made at the committee room after the election?—I believe there were payments made at the committee room after the election, but I was not present.

62,622. Who would be the person who would attend to that part in your committee?—I should say Mr. Pulleyn.

62,623. When were those payments made as far as you know?—I do not know; there was a party who made the payments, but he was the deputy chairman of that committee, and active.

62,624. Who were there at your father's house on this evening when the payments were made in 1841? Your father, you say,—we have got so far,—and who else?—My mother, and two or three other branches of the family.

62,625. Was your father in the room with you at the time?—I was not with my father; he was in the room, I believe, when the payments were made, but I was not.

62,626. He was in the room when the payments were being made?—I believe he was.

62,627. He was the only person you mention as being in the room?—He was the only one I know of; there were other parties in the room, but I do not know them.

62,628. Others were there whose names you do not know?—Yes.

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62,629. Have you ever seen any of them since?—No; I do not know that I have; I may have seen them.

62,630. Can you undertake to swear you never have seen any of those persons in the room since?—I did not see them when they were in the room.

62,631. You might have seen them going in and coming out?—That I did not; I was not aware who the parties were. I may have met them every day.

62,632. You do not know anybody there except your father?—I know there were some parties.

62,633. How do you know that?—Because I could hear a portion of their conversations?

62,634. You heard people talking?—I heard people talking in the room.

62,635. Your only mode of knowing was the noise that you heard of voices?—Yes.

W. K. Baskett.

WILLIAM KIRBY BASKETT sworn, and examined.

62,636. Where do you live?—Brook Street.

62,637. What is your business?—A baker by trade.

62,638. What rent do you pay?—I am in lodgings.

62,639. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

62,640. When were you made a freeman?—1849, I believe.

62,641. By which party,—blue or orange?—Orange.

62,642. Did you vote for them, in consequence, at the next election?—No.

62,643. You voted for the blues, did you?—Yes.

62,644. Did you get some money for that?—Yes.

62,645. You voted Clay and Thompson?—No; Hanmer and James.

62,646. How much money did you get?—Thirty shillings.

62,647. Who paid you?—Ten shillings at the committee room, and a sovereign in High Street.

62,648. They paid your rent, did they not, too?—No; I was in a furnished room then. They paid no rent for me.

62,649. Was not your rent in arrear?—No.

62,650. Do you mean to say that?—I am sure.

62,651. Did you pay up your rent that day that you got the money?—It was 3*s.* 6*d.* a week, and I paid it every week.

62,652. When were you paid the money?—I got a sovereign after the election. I am sure I do not know how long after.

62,653. Where did you get the other?—The 10*s.* I got the night before polling, just.

62,654. Where?—The Church Lane committee room.

62,655. You promised Mr. Wilde, did you not?—Yes.

62,656. For the orange?—Yes, I did; and I received 8*s.*, two days' pay, from him, and I want more yet, for I worked hard that week. They told me I could go to the blues, and I took them at their word. There were lots that came down that could not get paid for those two days. They said we were to go the blues, and I did go.

62,657. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.

62,658. What money did you then get?—I got 10*s.*

62,659. From which party?—Mr. Brown.

62,660. When were you paid?—I was paid two days before the election.

62,661. Where?—At the Blue Bell.

62,662. By Mr. Bannister?—Yes.

62,663. Did you get anything more for Mr. Baines?—No. They put us down as runners, but they never paid us.

62,664. Who put you down for Mr. Baines?—Mr. Sidebottom.

62,665. Himself?—Yes.

62,666. How much were you to have for that?—5*s.* a day.

62,667. But you did not get it?—No.

62,668. Where did you go to look for it?—To Mr. Sidebottom, at the George Inn, where he was paying, at a house just opposite the George Inn.

62,669. Whose house was it, do you remember?—I do not know.

62,670. Exactly opposite the George?—Yes; they paid the colourmen there.

62,671. Why did they not pay you?—I do not know.

62,672. What was the reason?—They reckoned I was not down.

62,673. They could not find your name on the list?—No; or they would not.

62,674. Did they say you had got money for Brown, and that was enough?—I do not know the meaning of it.

62,675. In 1852, at the last election, who did you choose?—Moore and Butler.

62,676. Did you get any money for that vote?—I got eight days' running.

62,677. Where were you set down?—At Prospect Street.

62,678. Did you go to be set down?—A party said my name was not on the register. I went to see that it was, and they asked me if I wanted putting down as a runner. I said yes, of course, like all the rest.

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62,679. At first they said your name was not on the register?—A man met me in the street, and said I was not on the register.

62,680. You understood he meant the register of voters?—Yes; it was not in the book.

62,681. You went to the place?—I went to the committee room in Prospect Street, and looked at the register. Yes; and I found it was there.

62,682. And they asked you if you wished to be put down as a runner?—Yes.

62,683. And they did put you down?—No; not that day. They said they had some, and I was to call again in a day or two.

62,684. How soon after?—A day or two after I was to call again.

62,685. What did you get?—I got 10*s.* on the Saturday before the election; I got 17*s.* the week after, and 13*s.* the week after that; that is, 40*s.* altogether. The eight days' looking after it, and every day running for it; at least eight days' work for it.

62,686. When they said to you, would you like to be put on, of course you meant to vote for them?—Yes, of course. I have always polled blue.

62,687. Has it occurred to you to pay back the money for your freedom in 1841? the orange party took up your freedom?—Yes, they did.

62,688. Has it ever occurred to you to pay back the money the orange party paid, as you never once gave them a vote?—No; they told me to go and vote for the blues, and, of course, I did.

62,689. It was at the request of the orange party that you voted for the blues?—Yes, it was; Mr. Peck himself.

Philip Rogers.

PHILIP ROGERS sworn, and examined.

62,690. Where do you live?—West Street, at the time of the election.

62,691. What business are you?—A grocer, at that time.

62,692. What rent do you pay?—£12.

62,693. Are you a freeman?—No.

62,694. When were you first entitled to vote?—Ever since the Reform Act.

62,695. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.

62,696. Who for?—I am sure I have forgotten the persons: it will be in the book.

62,697. Clay and Thompson, your name is down for?—Yes.

62,698. Did you get any money for your vote?—No.

62,699. Were you paid nothing?—No.

62,700. Were you a runner?—No.

62,701. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.

62,702. Did you get any money for your vote?—No.

62,703. Paid no money at all, were you?—No.

62,704. Sure of it?—Sure of it.

62,705. In 1852, who did you vote for?—The blues.

62,706. Moore and Butler?—Yes.

62,707. How much money did you get then?—Thirty shillings.

62,708. When were you paid?—I was paid before the election.

62,709. Where?—At a fruiterer's, in Prospect Street.

62,710. Stephenson's?—Yes.

62,711. Who paid you?—His father keeps a public house at Spring Bank.

62,712. George Steeple?—John Steeple.

62,713. Are you sure you did not get any money in 1847?—I never did. At the election before the last I got 10*s.* from Mr. Bannister, as a runner.

62,714. I ask if you got any money?—Yes; the election you named, I got 10*s.* from Mr. Bannister.

62,715. For Mr. Brown?—I think it was.

James Riby.

JAMES RIBY sworn, and examined.

62,716. Where do you live?—I live in Nelson Street; the Groves.

62,717. What is your business?—A shipwright.

62,718. Do you pay rent for a house?—No; I am a lodger.

62,719. When were you made a freeman?—The year that Mr. Burke came.

62,720. Who paid for it?—Mr. Burke did.

62,721. Did you vote at the election in 1841?—Yes.

62,722. Who did you vote for?—I voted for the blue.

62,723. That was Hanmer and James?—Yes, you are right.

62,724. How much money did you get for your vote?—£1.

62,725. Who paid it you?—I cannot tell. I was paid in a blacksmith's shop.

62,726. Was that before or after the election you were paid?—It was the next election to Burke's.

62,727. Did you get your money before you polled, or afterwards?—After, some time.

62,728. At a blacksmith's shop?—Yes; in a blacksmith's shop.

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62,729. Where was this blacksmith's shop?—In Witham,—Robinson's.

62,730. Is the blacksmith's name Noah Robinson?—Yes.

62,731. In 1847, who did you vote for; the blues?—No; there was a better shop to go to. I voted for Clay and Brown.

62,732. How much money did you get at that time?—£2.

62,733. Who was it for?—It was for both of them, I expect.

62,734. Were you paid the whole at the same time?—We had it altogether. I had to look very sharp; I had a long way to go.

62,735. Where were you paid?—At the Baltic Tavern, in the Pottery.

62,736. In 1852, who did you choose then?—Bramley Moore and Butler.

62,737. Were you a runner at Holderness?—No; I was a runner for Mr. Bramley Moore.

62,738. In Holderness ward?—Yes.

62,739. Witham?—Yes.

62,740. How much did you get?—I got a pound, for four days.

62,741. Who paid you?—It was in the Groves. I do not know the name. There were only two in the room where I was paid.

62,742. Edward Stephenson?—No.

62,743. Mr. Walker?—There were only two in the room.

62,744. Was Mr. West one?—I do not know the man's name. I think they said so, but I never asked any questions.

62,745. Do you know Mr. Walker, the druggist?—I do not know him, I am sure. I think it was Mr. Tealby.

62,746. Did you get some money from him? did Mr. Tealby pay you anything?—No. I never asked him any questions.

John Stuart.

JOHN STUART sworn, and examined.

62,747. Where do you live?—Nos. 35 and 36, Saville Street.

62,748. What is your business?—Tobacconist and cigar dealer.

62,749. What rent do you pay?—£25.

62,750. Are you a freeman?—I am not.

62,751. Which election were you first entitled to vote at?—At Mr. Baines'.

62,752. In 1847, Clay, Baines, and Brown were the candidates?—Yes.

62,753. Who did you vote for?—For Mr. Baines.

62,754. Had you any room engaged at that election?—Only that one room.

62,755. You have not told us yet which room?—Only the committee room.

62,756. That was in 1847?—At Mr. Baines' election.

62,757. Who were the committee who used your room?—At that time I think Mr. Sidebottom engaged my room.

62,758. When did he engage it?—I cannot tell you.

62,759. How long before the election?—A few days before the election, it was only a few days the election lasted that time.

62,760. Did any committee meet there?—I suppose so. I do not know anything at all about it; it was a private place altogether.

62,761. What was it for?—For a committee room.

62,762. Was it a private place?—It is a private entrance; I am in a different business; I did not interfere with that part of the house.

62,763. You were in your shop?—Yes; attending to my own business, not theirs.

62,764. How much did they pay you for that room?—Ten guineas which I received from Mr. England, he paid me; he received it from Mr. Sidebottom.

62,765. You voted, I suppose, at that election?—I did.

62,766. Who for?—For Mr. Baines only.

62,767. Cannot you tell me the names of some of the committee that met there?—I do not know anything about the committee. I cannot tell you a single word about it.

62,768. It is a private room, you say?—It is my room, but I never saw the place. I never went up-stairs after the party took my room.

62,769. Could people go up to it without your seeing them?—Of course they could.

62,770. What part of the house were you in?—I was in my own shop.

62,771. Is there an entrance to this room without coming into the shop?—Of course there is.

62,772. How far from the shop?—Just the passage.

62,773. Are you sure a committee could be held in that room of yours, such as committees usually are at elections, with people passing up there the whole day, without your knowing or seeing anything about it?—Decidedly; that I will take my oath of.

62,774. You took no means to prevent Mr. Baines' adversaries from going into the room?—No.

62,775. You had no list of any persons given you that you were to admit?—No; not anything.

62,776. For anything you knew, all the people who went up there might be opposed to Mr. Baines?—Whoever went up there I know nothing about.

62,777. All the people, if any, for what you knew, may have been opposed to Mr. Baines who went up there?—They were for Mr. Baines in my opinion, because the room was taken for Mr. Baines' party.

62,778. You took no means to prevent that?—Certainly not.

62,779. For anything that you knew there was not a single friend of Mr. Brown's there, and it might have been full of his opponents?—So it might be.

62,780. Now in 1852, who did you vote for?—I voted for Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler.

62,781. Was your room engaged again as a committe room?—Yes, it was.

62,782. At what rate?—Ten guineas.

62,783. The same sum?—The same sum.

62,784. Who engaged your room at the last election?—Mr. Cattley and Mr. Craven.

62,785. When did they take it?—I cannot say.

62,786. Give us some idea?—I could not give you the least idea about it. I know it was for six weeks or two months they had it.

62,787. Before the election, I suppose?—From the beginning.

62,788. Were you paid in one sum or weekly?—I was paid in one single sum.

62,789. When was that?—I cannot say the date of it.

62,790. When were you paid?—I could not say the date; I dare say you have my bill and receipt there.

62,791. Did you make out a bill?—I did.

62,792. We have not got it?—I gave a receipt for it.

62,793. Had you not some other charge against the blue party?—A small one, I think.

62,794. What was it for?—For some little alterations that were made.

62,795. What were they?—Locks to be put on, and some other little matters; there was some damage done to the room which they agreed to pay for; you will find the bill I dare say.

62,796. We have not got those papers?—I received it from Mr. Steeples.

62,797. Do you think he would have the papers?—Yes; it was only one paper

62,798. Did you have 2*l.* for that?—No; it was not 2*l.*

62,799. Just tell us what it was?—It was 1*l.* 10*s.*, over and above that made 12*l.*

62,800, Was that independent of the ten guineas?—The ten guineas was for the hire of the room; they had another room afterwards; they spoilt the paper in the room—it was beautifully papered before they took it, and they agreed to pay all expenses afterwards, and there is 1*l.* 10*s.* charged for extras. Now you have the whole of it.

62,801. Who agreed to pay you that?—Mr. Cattley and Mr. Craven.

62,802. Those who took the room?—Yes.

62,803. Do you know anything more about the committee that attended then, than you do of the one in 1847?—No; I do not know anything about them.

62,804. Have you seen them this time?—No; we locked up our shop door and went away.

62,805. Did they keep the key of their room?—They did; I had nothing to do with them.

62,806. There is an entrance to your shop and to your house, separate?—There is.

62,807. Who kept the door of the house?—I cannot tell who kept the door of the room.

62,808. The door into the street I mean?—Of course I took the key of my own shop and door, I had nothing to do with the passage during the time they were there.

62,809. You do not know who kept the door?—No, I do not.

62,810. Was there a doorkeeper at all?—I suppose there was. Perhaps Mr. Wilde can tell you who was the doorkeeper; he knows every person.

62,811. He says that there was none at all?—I cannot tell you.

62,812. Do you know a man of the name of Wilberforce?—He was not a doorkeeper there, certainly; I have seen him there, but he was no doorkeeper.

62,813. What was he doing there?—I cannot tell.

62,814. What is he?—He is a traveller, I believe.

62,815. Are you sure he was not the doorkeeper?—I am certain he was not.

62,816. You can tell me who was then?—No; I had nothing at all to do with it; I have told you plainly once, it is no use trying to get me to tell you different.

62,817. Do you or not know the person; if you do tell me?—I do not; the only person I knew there was Mr. Wilberforce; I believe he was a messenger.

62,818. You told me before you did not know anybody there?—Only that man.

62,819. You told me that you knew nobody at all?—I did not tell you; you mentioned his name to me.

62,820. Can you remember any others?—Not one.

62,821. You swear that?—I will swear that I do not know the name of a single person in that room.

62,822. Would you know the names of any if they were mentioned to you?—I will see if you mention any.

62,823. Do you think you would know if they were mentioned to you?—I fancy I could.

62,824. I presume that at night your door was kept locked?—Yes, at night-time.

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62,825. Just say yes or no?—Yes; it was locked.

62,826. Who kept the key at that time?—I cannot tell you that; I do not know.

62,827. Did you?—I did not.

62,828. Do I understand that you parted with your key to a person of whom you knew nothing, and of whom you can give us no information?—No; I did not know any person.

62,829. When did you give up the room to them?—When they took the room, they had no communication with my shop.

62,830. Who did you give the key to?—I think Mr. Cattley was there.

62,831. Did Mr. Cattley take the key when he agreed to take the room?—Of course he took the key, it was his private place then.

62,832. That is not an answer to my question. Do you mean to swear that you gave up the key of your outer door to Mr. Cattley, when he agreed to take your room?—Well, I am sure, I cannot answer to whom I gave the key, I took it up into the room and left it with them.

62,833. Did you give it to Mr. Cattley or Mr. Craven?—I laid it on the table in the front room.

62,834. When they agreed to take the room?—Yes; when they agreed to take my room.

62,835. The room was up-stairs?—The room was up-stairs.

62,836. It was the key of the up-stairs room?—And the key of the front door also.

62,837. What occasion had you to take the key; up-stairs?—Because it is a private passage.

62,838. How came the key up-stairs before your room was taken?—It was taken then.

62,839. I want to know how it was: if it was taken, you might have given it on your way down. Can you recollect going down-stairs to fetch the key, and taking it up-stairs again?—I recollect very well going down-stairs and bringing the key of the passage door up-stairs, and laying it on the table.

62,840. You took it up-stairs?—Yes.

62,841. Why did they not come down-stairs at the same time?—At that time we did not think of such a thing.

62,842. They had agreed to take your room, what did they want more up-stairs?—They wanted the room.

62,843. I understood you to say, this took place after you let the room; how came you to go down-stairs and up again?—I could not give possession of the room till they got the key.

62,844. Why did you not give it up in the passage?—I must go down-stairs to fetch the key of the door up, to give it them.

62,845. You might have given it in the hall?—There is no hall.

62,846. There is a passage and a door?—True.

62,847. Why did you not give them the key as they were going out?—They might have business up-stairs.

62,848. What business had they?—There might be, perhaps, some business in their room.

62,849. Your business with them was done, as I understand? you had agreed to let the room?—Not till I gave them they key.

62,850. Why should you not have given them the key when they were going out?—For several reasons.

62,851. Give us one of them?—I might be busy in my shop at the time.

62,852. You could not be busy in the shop when you were first up-stairs?—I might have to be busy in the meantime. I could come down-stairs surely to get the key and carry it up again.

62,853. How could your business in the shop prevent you more from giving the key down-stairs than up?—For this reason: the shop door is a long way from the passage door.

62,854. They would have occasion to go out, I suppose?—Still my shop door is different from the passage door.

62,855. I ask you why it would not have answered for them to have come down-stairs and you have given it down-stairs as well as up. We want to see if there was any reason for your leaving these people up-stairs, and going down for the purpose of going back again?—I am sorry I did such a thing.

62,856. Let us understand distinctly; when you let them your room there was no communication between the passage and the shop?—Decidedly not. I had given them full possession of it.

62,857. All they could do was to go up the passase into the room?—Certainly.

62.858. The key you intrusted to Mr. Cattley?—Of course, I did.

62,859. Still, you do not explain how it was you took the key up for the purpose of bringing it down again?—Really, I cannot tell.

62,860. Where does Wilberforce live?—I am sure, I cannot tell.

62,861. Have you seen him in the town lately?—Yes; I saw him not long ago in this court.

JAMES STOCKDALE sworn, and examined. *James Stockdale.*

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62,862. Where do you live?—Christopher Street, No. 9.
62,863. What is your business?—Shipwright.
62,864. Do you pay any rent?—£9.
62,865. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
62,866. When were you made a freeman?—By servitude.
62,867. When?—In 1811.
62,868. Did you pay for it yourself?—Yes; I think I took it up myself.
62,869. Now, at the election of 1841, who did you vote for?—My memory rather deceives me; but I think it was Hanmer.
62,870. Did you get any money then?—Well, I really cannot say whether I did or not. I really wish to speak the truth. I do not recollect it; I am sure, I cannot say now.
62,871. In 1847, Clay, Baines, and Brown, who did you vote for?—I voted for Baines I think, and Mr. Clay. I think you will find that to be correct.
62,872. Did you get any money then?—I cannot say whether I did or not; I rather think I did; but I will not be sure.
62,873. Now, in 1847 I see you were a runner for Mr. Baines?—I was.
62,874. Did you get something for that?—I do not know that I did not, I am sure. I do not know what it was, I really do not.
62,875. Now, in 1852, who did you vote for?—I polled for the two blues.
62,876. Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler?—Yes.
62,877. How much did you get?—I got 1*l.*
62,878. Who paid you?—A man of the name of Cattley brought it to my house; perhaps, a day or two after the election was over I got 1*l.*
62,879. Was your name set down?—No; I never promised.
62,880. What did they give you the 1*l.* for?—I did not promise them at all.
62,881. Did you see Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler at your house?—Yes; they were at our house; but I did not promise them to my knowledge; I did not, I am sure.
62,882. Did you ask to be a runner?—No; I never asked for anything of the kind. I was employed pretty well at that time. I never asked anything of the kind.
62,883. Did they come to your house after the election, Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler?—No, I believe not; not at all.
62,884. Were they at your house more than once?—I will not say; perhaps they might be; I could not say exactly. I was at work.
62,885. Did either of them give you any money?—No; I am sure they did not, not a farthing; that I am sure of; nothing except that 1*l.* I was telling you of; not as much as a pint of ale or anything else.
62,886. Did you not get money after you had voted for Hanmer and James, some time afterwards; recollect yourself?—I cannot answer that question. I am sure I do not know; if I did, I would tell you.
62,887. Was there any election that you ever voted at that you did not get some money?—I never got any at any election; the year you speak of, perhaps, I might have got 5*s.*; I will not say.
62,888. Was it not a sovereign you got from Hanmer and James after the election was over?—I do not know that I did.
62,889. Do you know that you did, or that you did not?—I am sure I cannot say; I really cannot.
62,890. You say that you were a runner for Mr. Baines in 1847, were you not then paid? Did they not pay their runners?—I admit, Mr. Gill and Mr. Sheppard came to our house and asked me if I would be a runner; and they were paid at some time or another; I do not know when, and I do not know that I got a farthing.
62,891. Did not your wife get your money for you?—Not that I know of.
62,892. Did you expect to get it at the time of the election, when you voted?—Mr. Gill and Mr. Sheppard put my name down.
62,893. Did you not expect that they would pay you?—Of course I did; but I did not get paid to my knowledge; there was an appointed time; but I did not know what the time was.

WILLIAM STORR sworn, and examined. *William Storr.*

62,894. Where do you live?—In Myton Gate.
62,895. What is your business?—A bacon factor.
62,896. What rent do you pay?—£36 a year.
62,897. Are you a freeman?—No.
62,898. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—This last one.
62,899. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
62,900. Do you not mean Moore and Butler?—No; they never came to solicit my vote.
62,901. Have you got somebody here of your name?—I do not know; I dare say there is.

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62,902. You voted for Clay and Goderich?—I did.
62,903. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.
62,904. Was your name set down?—No.
62,905. You did not get any profit by it?—No.
62,906. And did not let any room?—No; nothing of the kind.

Benjamin Sacker.

BENJAMIN SACKER sworn, and examined.

62,907. Where do you live?—Brook Street.
62,908. What is your business?—I am in no business.
62,909. What rent do you pay?—£4.
62,910. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
62,911. When were you made a freeman?—When Mr. O'Niel was here.
62,912. Did you pay for it yourself?—No; my brother paid for it for me.
62,913. Did you vote at the 1841 election?—Yes.
62,914. Who did you vote for?—I do not remember, I am sure.
62,915. Are you blue or orange?—Then, do you mean?
62,916. Yes.—I do not remember.
62,917. How much money did you get at that time in 1841?—I do not remember getting anything at that time.
62,918. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I voted, I think, for Mr. Baines.
62,919. Did you get any money?—No, I think not. I do not remember that I got any money.
62,920. You seem rather doubtful about it?—Yes, I am.
62,921. You are not sure of it?—I cannot say, I am sure.
62,922. You cannot say for certain?—No, I cannot.
62,923. Do you remember, if your wife got a little for you?—I have no wife.
62,924. Now, at the last election in 1852, who did you vote for?—I voted for Moore and Butler.
62,925. Did George Steeple pay you some money then?—Yes; he paid me my runners' money.
62,926. How much did he pay you?—A pound.
62,927. Where was your name set down?—It was set down at Cohen's in Brook Street.
62,928. Is that a committee room?—No; it was no committee room; the gentleman called there, and I was called over into his shop.
62,929. Who set your name down down, do you remember?— Mr. Goldsmith, I think, they called the gentleman that set my name down.
62,930. You did nothing, I believe?—No.
62,931. You did not run much?—I never was asked to run; consequently, if I had, I should have run.
62,932. When did the pay you?—After the election was over.
62,933. At what place?—At Steeple's, on the bank.
62,934. In 1847 did you not vote for Baines and Clay?—Yes.
62,935. You said for Baines only before, did you not then get some money?—I do not remember that; I do not.
61,936. You will not say that you did not get 10*s.*?—I cannot say whether I did or did not. If I did, of course I would say. I do not remember that I did.

Edward Smelt.

EDWARD SMELT sworn, and examined.

62,937. Where do you live?—57, Francis Street West.
62,938. What is your business?—A coaldealer.
62,939. What rent do you pay?—I am rated at 12*l.*
62,940. Are you a freeman?—I am a freeman of the borough of Beverley.
62,941. But of this borough?—No.
62,942. At which election were you first entitled to vote as a householder?—In 1847.
62,943. Who for, Clay, Baines, and Brown?—For Mr. Brown.
62,944. Did you get any money then?—A guinea, I believe.
62,945. Who paid it you?—I believe it was Anthony Bannister.
62,946. Was that after the election?—On the day of the election.
62,947. Was that at the Blue Bell?—Yes.
62,948. And you voted for Brown only?—Yes; Mr. Brown only.
62,949. In 1852, did you vote Moore and Butler?—Yes.
62,950. Did you have a room in your house taken?—Yes.
62,951. Who took your room?—Mr. Richard Cattley and Mr. Ward, shipowner, and another gentleman with them.
62,952. Is that the gentleman, Mr. Ward, who was the chairman of the committee?—I think so.
62,953. An elderly gentleman?—No; about forty.
62,954. Do you know his Christian name?—I do not know it.

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62,955. Where did they take your room?—At my own house.

62,956. When did Mr. Cattley and the other gentlemen take it?—About five days before the election.

62,957. How much were you to have for it?—Two guineas.

62,958. Did they give you a list of any committee to attend there?—No; they said they would send one, but they never did.

62,959. How much money besides that did you get from the blue party?—Not a farthing.

62,960. Who paid you for the room?—Charles Brown.

62,961. I am told that you got 6*l.*?—I never got a farthing more than two guineas.

62,962. Upon any account?—Not upon any account; not a farthing, but that two guineas, and this was about a fortnight after the election.

62,963. Were you canvassed by the orange party?—Yes; I was canvassed by the orange party.

62,964 Did you offer them your room?—They made application to me for it.

62,965. I asked you if you offered them your room?—Yes.

62,966. Was that after the other party came?—Yes.

62,967. How much did you ask of the orange party?—I never asked anything.

62,968. Did you intend them to have it for nothing?—They said they did not want it.

62,969. I ask you, did you not ask them to take your room for 4*l.*?—Who?

62,970. The orange party.—I went with John Darley; he was the person that made the application to one for my room. He asked me if I would go to his own house, to the committee room in Francis Street East, to Mr. Hodson. I went with him, and when I got to the room he immediately introduced me; and he said, "Here is Mr. Smelt has a room to let as a committee room, will you take it?" and he replied, "We have as many as we are allowed to take at present, but we will put his name down on our list." There was never such a thing as a price named.

62,971. Just attend to it, because you may be contradicted. Do you know a man of the name of Sissons who was the deputy chairman of the East Sculcoates do you know him?—I do not.

62,972. I ask you whether you did not make an application to somebody, to Sissons, or somebody else, to take your room for 4*l.*, and you said that if they would you would vote for them?—I have no recollection of anything of the kind.

62,973. Will you swear that you did not say so?—I have no knowledge of it. Where-abouts was it?

63,974. To Jonathan Dove Sissons.—I do not know him by name. I do not know such a person unless he was pointed out to me.

62,975. If they had taken your room no doubt you would have voted orange?—No doubt I should have voted one and one.

62,976. You said you would vote for those who would pay you best?—Who to?

62,977 Did you say so or not?—I do not remember saying so.

62,978. Will you swear that you did not?—I do not know that I did.

62,979. Will you swear that you did not?—I cannot say that I did not.

62,980. Answer the question as I put it to you; will you swear that you did not state that you would vote for that party on being paid for your room?—I have no knowledge of anything of the kind.

62,981. That is no answer to my question. Will you swear that or not?—No; I will not swear so.

Robert Tadman.

ROBERT TADMAN sworn, and examined.

62,982. Where do you live?—No. 16, Robinson's Road.

62,983. What is your business?—Commission agent.

62,984. What rent do you pay?—Fourteen guineas a year.

62,985. Are you a freeman?—Yes,

62,986. When were you made a freeman?—In 1826.

62,987. At your own expense?—Yes; at my own expense.

63,988. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.

62,989. Who did you vote for?—I voted for Hanmer and James.

62,990. Did you get any money at that election for your vote?—I got 60*l.*

62,991. What for?—I paid for a band of music.

62,992. Who did you get the 60*l.* from?—I got it from Mr. Clifford Pease.

62,993. Did you send in a bill?—Yes.

62,994. What were you; the drummer, or what?—I was the man that had the employment of the band.

62,995. How many men had you?—Thirty.

62,996. How long was your band engaged for?—Two days.

62,997. At 2*l.* a man?—At 2*l.* a man.

62,998. At the election of 1841?—Yes; that was at the 1841 election.

62,999. Did you get anything besides that?—No.

63,000. What became of the 60*l.*?—I paid the men with it.

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63,001. Were they all to have the same sum?—Not exactly. I had commission out of it. Each man allowed me 2*s.* a day.

63,002. You got 4*s.* out of each man's 2*l*?—Yes; except in some few instance I paid the whole pound to them. Those who were freemen got their full money.

63,003. That seems to be a good commission?—It is the regular commission of musicians, 3*s.* in the guinea. Whoever gets the job of that description, it is no matter whether it is at an election or not, 3*s.* is the commission.

63,004. Some of the band were freemen?—Yes.

63,005. How many of them?—I think there would be six or seven.

63,006. They got more than the non-freemen?—They got a pound each.

63,007. Why did they get more?—It was an understood thing that they were to have their full money.

63,008. The 2*l.*?—Yes.

63,009. They got the 2*l.* each?—Yes.

63,010. Who was it arranged with that they were to have the full money?—It was between me and themselves that they should vote for the party they played for.

63,011. Did you and Mr. Clifford Pease settle that?—I do not think I did.

63,012. He would know perhaps that they would have the full money?—I do not think he did. I do not think he ever mentioned it when he paid me the money.

63,013. Did he know that you were to deduct 4*s.* from some of them?—That he did not know; that was an arrangement among ourselves.

63,014. You made it when you employed them?—Yes.

63,015. The freemen, on condition of their vote, had their full money?—That is generally the case.

63,016. Who were they?—There was a man of the name of Bell, a corkcutter.

63,017. Can you give us the names of them?—I cannot give you all the names. Mr. Bell the corkcutter can give you more names than I can.

63,018. Now, at the next election, in 1847, Clay, Baines, and Brown; who did you vote for?—I voted for Mr. Brown.

63,019. Did you get any payment then?—Yes; I got 120*l.*

63,020. How did that go?—I paid thirty men for four days.

63,021. For the music?—Yes.

63,022. That was 4*l.* apiece?—That was 4*l.* apiece.

63,023. How much was the commission then?—I got the same commission out of them that time.

63,024. Out of all them?—No, not all of them; with the exception of the leaders or perhaps half a dozen freemen.

63,025. You made the same arrangement as before?—I made the same arrangement as before.

63,026. Who paid you that money?—Mr. Digby.

63,027. Will you get their names?—I will endeavour to do so.

63,028. You had some difficulty in getting your money from Mr. Digby I understand?—I had.

63,029. Did you take him into the County Court?—I did not. It was some party he added after I made the arrangement.

63,030. Was that for this money?—No; it was for other money.

63,031. Was it for money connected with the election?—It was for money connected with the band by some parties they had put on. After they had agreed with me for thirty they put on some auxiliaries, seven or eight.

63,032. Did you get that additional money?—I did not.

63,033. Did you succeed in recovering it?—The parties who put Mr. Digby into court I think lost the day; but they were going to summons me for the money. I went to Mr. Wells, and he said if I would fetch the parties to him they would make it up with them, which they did, and paid them.

63,034. Could you add those names to the others?—They were not freemen.

63,035. None of them?—I think there was one they called Charles Nainby; he was a freeman.

63,036. At the 1852 election, who did you vote for?—I voted for Clay and Goderich.

63,037. Did you get any money then?—Nothing.

63,038. There was no band?—No band.

63,039. And no commission?—And no commission.

63,040. Did you get commission in every other shape?—No; not a farthing.

63,041. Were you upon any committee?—No, I was not.

63,042. Was not your music used at all?—No.

63,043. Did you get any names set down?—No, I did not. I did not get my own set down either at that time.

63,044. Did you let any room?—No.

63,045. Did you engage any room for either party?—No.

63,046. Or pay for any?—No.

63,047. Joseph Watson, was he one of your band?—Yes; at Mr. Brown's election.

63,048. He was one of the musicians?—Yes.

63,049. He was employed as far back as 1837 in the same way?—He was.

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63,050. George Craig?—No.
63,051. He was then examined as a witness?—He was engaged in those times.
63,052. Not since 1837?—Not that I remember.
63,053. Was he engaged after 1837?—No; it was before that.
63,054. You are the Robert Tadman who was the musician in 1837?—Yes. Ling would have the engaging of the band then.
63,055. Were you always the same as you were this time, inclined to be orange?—No; I was always inclined to blue before. I once voted for Mr. Hutt, but there was only one blue in the field at that time. I was always blue before this last election.
63,056. You voted for whichever party employed you?—I always contrived to be engaged by the blue party, being that way. No doubt if I had not been engaged by the blues, but by the other party, I should have voted the other way.

Thomas Tadman.

THOMAS TADMAN sworn, and examined.

63,057. Where do you live?—Otter Square, Queen Street.
63,058. What is your business?—A fruit merchant.
63,059. What rent do you pay?—8*l.* a year.
63.060. When were you made a freeman?—In 1839.
63,061. At whose expense?—At the expense of the orange party.
63,062. Did you vote for them at the next election?—No.
63,063. Not in consequence of that?—No.
63,064. You voted for James and Hanmer?—Yes.
63,065. What did you get for that?—I cannot tell to a pound or two.
63,066. Tell us as near as you can?—About 10*l.*
63,067. What were you then?—I was engaged picking up stray voters.
63,068. When you picked them up what did you do with them?—I took them to the committee room and got their names set down.
63,069. How many did you pick up?—Perhaps 100, me and my party. There were five or six of us.
63,070, Who engaged you to do it?—A gentleman of the name of Colton.
63,071. Who else?—Nobody else. There were five or six of us engaged.
63,072. Who were the others?—There was a man they called Dry, and two or three more.
63,073. Ralph Dry?—Yes.
63,074. When you found people who wished to have their names set down, did you send them to any place?—We mostly used to go with them.
63,075. To what place did you go with them?—We went to the Shakespeare, and a committee room in Church Lane.
63,076. Those are the only two places?—Those are the only two places that I had anything to do with, and a committee room in Queen Street. There were three.
63,077. Who was at the Shakespeare?—Mr. Ullathorne I think would be the chairman there.
63,078. And at Church Lane?—Thomas Jarratt.
63,079. And in Queen Street?—Mr. Moxon would be the chairman.
63,080. And what is Mr. Moxon's christian name?—I do not know.
63,081. Were all those people that you picked up runners?—They were all set down; every one of them.
63,082. How long were you employed at this before the election?—Only twe days. the nomination day and the day of the election.
63,083. Did you afterwards go up with them to poll, some of them?—Some of them.
63,084. You took them up to the poll?—I took them up to the poll in a carriage or cabs, or different things.
63,085. Where did they get their money?—That I do not know anything about.
63,086 When were they paid?—I do not know.
63,087. After you took them up to the poll, what did you do with them?—They went about their business. I think some of them were paid beforehand.
63,088. How many days were they set down for?—Six.
63,089. Have you any acconnt of it?—No; I never had anything to do with that.
63,090. How many do you think you took up to the poll?—I cannot say.
63,091. Did you take up a hundred?—No; not so many. Twenty or thirty.
63,092. Some of them got 5*l.* a man we hear?—Very likely.
63;093. You did not see any payment made?—No; they would be very silly if they did not get 10*l*; there were plenty of good chances.
63,094. Where could that chance be had?—I suppose if they had looked after it the same as I did. I looked after myself, that was all.
63,095. If you come to pay 100 men 10*l.* each it runs into money?—It does.
63,096. They did not all do as much as you did?—I did not do a good deal I assure you.
63,097. Who did you get your 10*l.* from?—From Mr. Colton.

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63,098. When did he pay you?—He paid me at half past one on the day of the election 5*l.*, I got 5*l.* then and 5*l.* the day before; not all at once; the first 5*l.* was in odd pounds.

63,099. Did you ask for a 30*s.* ticket at that election?—Yes; I got a good many.

63,100. Who gave you them?—Mr. Colton.

63,101. How many do you suppose you had?—Perhaps a dozen.

63,102. What did you do with them?—We had beer for them.

63,103. 30*s.* each man?—No; among, may be, thirty men.

63,104. Were there a good many of those tickets?—Perhaps a dozen.

63,105. What did the ticket say?—Let the bearer and his party have 30*s.* worth of meat and drink at such a public house.

63,106. Was the public house mentioned?—No, the public house was not mentioned; I took it where I liked.

63,107. Was that after the election or before?—It was on the nomination day.

63,108. Was the ticket left at the house, or how were they to be paid for?—The ticket was left at the house and set down in the bill.

63,109. You did not pay the money?—No; but I know the man got it.

63,110. I merely want to know whether you paid it?—I never paid any money.

63,111. Where did you take them to?—To the Humber Tavern, and two or three of them would go to the Black Eyed Susan in Blanket Row.

63,112. Was there any other place that you went to?—No, we mostly used those two houses; we were not fond of running about.

63,113. Who is this Mr. Colton?—He was brought down here, I believe, expressly for the purpose of assisting at the election. I have only seen him once since, and that was at Doncaster races. I believe he belonged to a family about Sutton; I believe he was brought down to assist at the election.

63,114. You have never seen him since—only once at the Doncaster races?—I never saw him before nor since, only then.

63,115. Can you tell us anything more about the '41 election?—No; not that I know of.

63,116. Who paid besides Mr. Colton, do you know?—No, I do not know; there were so many of them had money.

63,117. You say there was a good chance of getting money then?—There was lots of money knocking about.

63,118. How did you know that?—I saw it.

63,119. Where did you see it?—At the blue public houses, if you had a mind to go there to look for voters. I was looking for some money myself, that made me see it.

63,120. You saw the men who got the money with it?—No, I never saw the men with it; I said I saw gentlemen with money.

63,121. You did say that some got their money before voting?—No, I did not say so; I saw gentlemen with money on the nomination night looking for voters.

63,122. Who were they?—I do not know; there were so many of them, it is impossible to say.

63,123. Give us some of them?—There was young Mr. Trigg; his father is a timber merchant, I believe.

63,124. At what house did you see him?—In the Humber Tavern.

63,125. Who else did you see?—I do not remember anybody else.

63,126. Did you see Mr. Freebody?—No; I do not know the gentleman.

63,127. Mr. McAdam?—Yes; that is one I saw.

63,128. Which house did you see him in?—It would either be the Shakespeare or the Humber Tavern; I never went anywhere else.

63,129. Mr. Hammond?—I had nothing to do with Mr. Hammond.

63,130. Mr. Cattley?—I had nothing to do with him.

63,131. Mr. Gleadow?—No, I never saw any of those gentlemen: I cannot remember the names, I am sure there are many gentlemen in this town that I do not know the names of.

63,132. Did Mr. Jarrett give you any money?—Yes.

63,133. At that election?—Yes.

63,134. What did he give you that money for?—It was a little money they owed me for the 1837 election, when I was not a freeman.

63,135. Did you not have a good deal of money from Mr. Jarrett?—Only 22*s.*

63,136. That was for yourself?—So was the other; all I got hold of was for myself.

63,137. He paid you that 22*s.* for back money?—I said I should not vote if he did not.

63,138. And he paid it?—He did.

63,139. When did he make that payment?—Three days before the election.

63,140. Did you vote at that election?—No.

63,141. What had you done for it?—There was a bit of a row I got into, and they said they would pay the money.

63,142. You had a fight?—Yes; I was brought up before the magistrates.

63,143. And you got fined?—Yes; there is the gentleman here who fined me.

63,144. I suppose it was 15*s.* fine, or three days imprisonment?—No; we were sent out to make it up; the men took 22*s.*

63,145. At the election of 1847, who did you vote for?—For Mr. Baines.

63,146. Did you help him in his election?—No.

63,147. Were you set down anywhere?—No.

63,148. Had you a room taken?—No.

63,149. Did you get any money?—No.

63,150. From anybody?—Not a shilling.

63,151. How came you to be so idle then?—I will tell you the reason; there was no money astir, that was just the reason.

63,152. We have not heard that was the case?—There was only half a sovereign, and I would as soon do without it.

63,153. It was not enough?—Not exactly for me.

63,154. In 1852 who did you vote for?—I voted for Lord Goderich.

63,155. For Clay and Goderich?—No; Lord Goderich himself.

63,156. Alone?—Alone.

63,157. Did you get some money from a man of the name of Currer in Myton Gate?—No.

63,158. On the morning of the election?—No.

63,159. It may be somebody else?—I do not know him.

63,160. Did you get any money on the morning of the election? did you get 10*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes, I did.

63,161. Who from?—Mr. Aitkin, a currier.

63,162. What did he give you the 10*s.* 6*d.* for?—Three days' pay, I suppose they call it.

63,163. When were you set down?—I think it would be about three days before.

63,164. Where?—At the Shakespeare.

63,165. That was for the blue?—That was blue; but I did not vote for them for all that.

63,166. You got the money?—Yes.

63,167. Did Aitkin pay you for the blues?—Yes; he paid it in the morning.

63,168. Did he pay a good many others when you were there?—No; there was nobody went but myself.

63,169. I am told that he paid everybody who came?—Very likely he did.

63,170. You did not see him?—I am sure I did not.

63,171. When he paid you the 10*s.* 6*d.* did he ask you who you were going to vote for?—No; he never mentioned it.

63,172. He thought you were going to vote for the blues?—I should think so.

63,173. You did not tell him you were not going to vote for him?—Not exactly.

63,174. Do you know Mr. Brodrick?—Yes.

63,175. The wine merchant?—Yes.

63,176. He paid you some money?—No, not a shilling.

63,177. He paid you some money for shouting?—No.

63,178. Did you get any money for that purpose?—Yes.

63,179. Who paid you?—Mr. Davis.

63,180. Was that 5*s.*?—No; 35*s.*

63,181. What did Davis pay you the 35*s.* for?—To pay a few men with to go and make a noise, or rather keep quiet when they were speaking in the Market Place.

63,182. When did Mr. Davis give you that employment?—It was the morning before they were going to speak in the Market Place ward.

63,183. Who was it for?—For Mr. Bramley Moore and Butler.

63,184. He gave you 35*s.* for that?—Not for myself.

63,185. I thought you told me before, all the money you got hold of was for yourself?—That was not.

63,186. What did you do with it?—We spent most of it.

63,187. Then that was not for yourself. How much of it did you keep for yourself?—I cannot tell, I am sure. I should think it would be all spent—there were twenty of us—and may be, some more to it.

63,188. That was some time before the election?—I should think it would be a week before; it was on the speaking day.

63,189. Had you been set down then for the blues?—No; I got set down after.

63,190. When did you get set down for the orange party?—I never got set down, or spoke to about my vote, or anything of the kind.

63,191. When did you make up your mind to vote for Lord Goderich?—A fortnight before the election; as soon as ever they brought Mr. Butler into the field.

63,192. Who did you give your other vote for?—I voted a bullet for him.

63,193. That is only one?—I made up my mind afterwards to vote for him.

63,194. Perhaps you heard him speak?—Yes, he is a very clever man.

63,195. Did you get nothing at all?—Not a shilling. I was never spoke to about any money by the orange party.

63,196. Did you make any payments after the election?—No.

63,197. Did you assist Mr. Wilde at all?—No; I never saw him then.

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63,198. I thought you looked at him as an old friend?—I know him.
63,199. Did you help him?—No; I never saw him during the election.
63,200. Did you not help him after the election?—That I am sure I did not.
63,201. Did you not receive anything from him?—Not a shilling.
63,202. Nor from Mr. Carrick?—No; I never spoke to anybody about it.
63,203. You can have money without speaking?—I never got any, and I did not expect any.

William Townend.

WILLIAM TOWNEND sworn, and examined.

63,204. Where do you live?—28, John Street, Drypool.
63,205. What is your business?—I am a painter.
63,206. What rent do you pay?—I pay 6*l.* 10*s.*
63,207. When were you made a freeman?—In 1839, I think.
63,208. At whose expense?—At the orange party; they took it up.
63,209. Did you vote for them in consequence?—Yes.
63,210. At the next election?—Yes.
63,211. That was Clay and Thompson?—I forget who it was, I am sure.
63,212. Did you get some money then?—No, not a farthing; nothing more than my freedom taken up.
63,213. You promised them, I suppose?—I promised to vote for them if they would take up my freedom.
63,214. In 1847—Clay, Baines, and Brown—who did you vote for?—I polled for Brown and Clay.
63,215. Did you receive any money at that election?—I received 10*s.* from Mr. Brown's party.
63,216. And how much for Mr. Clay?—Nothing.
63,217. Who paid you for Mr. Brown?—Dr. Twining.
63,218. When was it?—It was before the election.
63,219. Where at?—At the Noah's Ark, in Witham.
63,220. In 1852 did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
63,221. Were you a clerk in some room?—No.
63,222. Were you a runner?—No.
63,223. You were a Holderness runner?—No.
63,224. Did you not get some money?—I got 10*s.* about a week or a fortnight after the election. I did not know I was going to get it; they sent to my house to say I was to go to Mr. Jubbs' public house, and there was half a sovereign for me, and of course I went.
63,225. Had you been canvassed by the blues?—I was canvassed by both; but I did not promise any one.
63,226. Did you say to them they might set your name down?—I did not.
63,227. Did they offer to do it?—I believe Mr. Walker said he would set me down for two days, and I did not make any reply.
63,228. You did not tell him not to do it?—I did not.
63,229. And then he paid you 10*s.*?—Yes.
63,230. You expect it was for the two days?—I expect so; I do not know of anything else it could be for.

Charles Thompson.

CHARLES THOMPSON sworn, and examined.

63,231. Where do you live?—61, Waverley Street.
63,232. What is your business?—I am a baker.
63,233. What rent do you pay?—£15.
63,234. Are you also a freeman?—I am not.
63,235. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—At 1841 and the last election.
63,236. Who did you vote for in 1841?—James and Hanmer.
63,237. Did you get any money at that election?—I received a pound about two months after unexpectedly.
63,238. Who brought it to you?—Mr. McAllen called to say would I accept of a sovereign, and I was not foolish enough to refuse it.
63,239. You had voted for them, I suppose?—I had.
63,240. Was that Mr. Gleadow's clerk?—I believe it was.
63,241. Had your name been set down?—Not that I am aware of; I never had any communication with anybody during the election.
63,242. Of course you understood that 1*l.* was for your having voted for them?—I understood so when I got it, but I never expected anything of the kind.
63,243. In 1847 who did you vote?—I was not on the register.
63,244. Did you see Colonel Thompson at all at that election in 1841?—I heard him speak out of a window.

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63,245. Did not somebody canvass you for him?—I was canvassed by all parties I believe.

63,246. Did you ultimately make any promise to anybody?—No; I believe after I had promised the blues Mr. Thistleton offered me 30*s.* to poll for them.

63,247. And what did you say then?—I said I had promised the blues, and I should not.

63,248. In 1852 who did you vote for?—For Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler.

63,249. I believe you got some money then?—I was engaged by them for about three weeks.

63,250. Where was your name put down?—I was engaged by Mr. Croft.

63,251. Where was that at?—At the Waverley Street committee room.

63,252. When were you engaged there?—I think it was about three weeks before the election.

63,253. How much money did you get?—Something near 3*l.* I think; I cannot tell to a shilling or so.

63,254. Were you paid weekly?—No; when I wanted any money I used to say, you may as well pay me a little money, Mr. Croft; and he would give me a sovereign or a half sovereign, as he felt disposed.

63,255. Of course you meant to vote for him?—I told him I should before I was engaged.

63,256. Was there any of the weekly salary kept back till after you had voted?—I think that there was a balance of some fifteen shillings or a pound that he paid me after the election.

63,257. He kept that back?—I was not paid it till after the election.

63,258. They kept it back?—Yes; they kept it back, because I did not get it.

63,259. They kept it back to secure your vote?—They had no occasion to do that.

63,260. Was not that the object?—I should say it was.

63,261. You did not ask for it till after the election?—To be paid up.

63,262. Yes.—No, if it had been 5*l.*, I should not either. I had every confidence.

63,263. You had every confidence that if you had voted all right they would have paid you?—Yes, I had.

63,264. But you would not have had much expectation of the money if you had voted the other way?—No; I should like to have had it first.

George Thompson.

George Thompson sworn, and examined.

63,265. Where do you live?—Cottage Row, Drypool.

63,266. What is your business?—A publican.

63,267. What rent do you pay?—£22.

63,268. Are you a freeman?—No.

63,269. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—This is the first time.

63,270. At the last election?—Yes.

63,271. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

63,272. How much money did you get?—I got nothing for voting.

63,273. How much did you get?—They had a committee room at my house, that is all I got from them.

63,274. Who engaged it?—I do not know.

63,275. Who paid you for it?—George Steeple.

63,276. Was that after the election?—After the election.

63,277. Who used your room?—I do not know who they were; they were all strangers to me.

63,278. Where was it taken?—At the committee room in Drypool.

63,279. Did you go there?—Yes, I did.

63,280. Cannot you tell me who took it of you?—I cannot; they came to our house when I was out, and my wife told me when I came home; they said they wanted to take our room for a committee room, that they wanted one in that district, and I let it them.

63,281. How much did you get for it?—£2.

63,282. That was paid by George Steeple?—Yes, it was.

63,283. When was it taken?—I should think it would be a week or so before the election.

63,284. How many of the committee came there?—I do not know I am sure.

63,285. Do you ever see any?—I saw some people going backwards and forwards, but I do not know what their business was.

63,286. Coming backwards and forwards to your house?—No, to the room.

63,287. Were they working men?—I do not know what they were.

63,288. You must know if they were gentlemen or not?—Some of them were dressed in black coats. I did not bother my head with them at all.

63,289. You did not much want to vote?—No.

63,290. You did not care about it?—No.

63,291. Did you not tell them that you would not vote without they took a room?—No; and I never was asked to vote.

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63,292. When you went to let them the room, did you not say you should vote for them?—No; I always meant to vote blue.

63,293. Did they ask you to vote for them?—They did not ask me.

63,294. Did you tell them you should not vote for them?—No; the vote never was mentioned in any shape or point.

63,295. Was there any doorkeeper there?—There was a man stood at the door.

63,296. What was his name?—I do not know.

63,297. How late did he stay in the day, that doorkeeper?—I do not know I am sure.

63,298. Did he stay there an hour during the day?—Do you mean a doorkeeper at our house?

63,299. Yes.—There was no doorkeeper there; I thought you meant at the committee room.

62,300. Was there a doorkeeper at your house?—No.

63,301. How late used the people that you saw coming backwards and forwards to the room stay?—I did not take any notice; I had other business to attend to; I did not bother my head about it.

63,302. Did they stay as much as ten minutes during the day?—I do not know, to say, what they did.

63,303. You do not know that they stayed there ten minutes?—I should think they would.

63,304. Did they stay a quarter of an hour?—I am sure I do not know; I should think they would, a deal more than that.

63,305. Did they give you a list of gentlemen who were to come there?—No, they never gave me anything.

63,306. They gave you the 2*l.* we hear?—George Steeple did, and I gave him a receipt for his money.

63,307. Did you go for the money, or did Steeple come with it?—No, I went two or three times to the committee room; they put me off time after time, and at last George Steeple brought it.

63,308. They wanted to see the check sheet to see how you voted, I suppose?—I do not know what they did; it is a matter I do not understand.

Thomas Watson.

THOMAS WATSON sworn, and examined.

63,309. Where do you live?—Kelsey's Buildings, North Street.

63,310. What rent do you pay?—£5.

63,311. You are a freeman, I believe?—Yes.

63,312. When were you made a freeman?—In 1826 I took it up.

63,313. Did you vote at the election in 1841?—Yes.

63,314. Who did you vote for?—For Mr. Clay.

63,315. For Mr. Clay only?—For Clay only.

63,316. Were you employed at that election?—No, I was not.

63,317. Did you get any money then?—Yes; I got 2*l.*

63,318. What was that for?—It was for being a runner, and for polling; one thing and another.

63,319. You did not run?—Yes, I run; but nothing particular.

63,320. You were set down as a runner, and paid 2*l.*?—Yes.

63,321. Who paid it you?—Thistleton.

63,322. Is that all you got at that election?—Yes.

63,323. In 1847 who did you vote for?—For Clay and Brown.

63,324. Did you get paid for your vote?—Yes, I got 10*s.* from each party.

63,325. Where were you paid?—At the committee room for Mr. Brown in Bishop Lane; Mr. Wilde paid me the 10*s.* for Mr. Clay.

63,326. Who paid you for Mr. Brown?—I was paid at the committee room; I do not know who it was.

63,327. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Clay and Goderich.

63,328. Did you get any money at the last election?—I got 10*s.*; I was two days running.

63,329. Who paid it you?—Mr. Wilde.

63,330. Was that before or after voting?—Before I voted.

63,331. Where were you employed, as a runner?—In Saville Street.

63,332. Did you pay any money to a man of the name of George Gilliard?—No, I never paid any money.

63,333. On the polling day?—No, I paid none at all.

63,334. Have you been employed by the blue party at any of the elections?—No.

63,335. Or to get people set down?—No.

CHARLES WORSDALE sworn, and examined.

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63,336. Where do you live?—In Osborne Street.
63,337. What are you?—A sail maker.
63,338. What rent do you pay?—£5 10*s.*
63,339. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
63,340. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1826.
63,341. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes.
63,342. Who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.
63,343. Did you get paid for it?—No; I went away the day after the election to sea.
63,344. Was there any money left for you?—No; I got nothing.
63,345. Were you to have been paid?—No; I never got anything.
63,346. Was your name set down at all?—No.
63,347. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I voted for Mr. Brown.
63,348. Brown only?—Brown only.
63,349. Did you get paid for that?—I got 15*s.*
63,350. When was it paid, before or after the election?—It was about four days after the election.
63,351. Who paid it you?—Mr. Bannister.
63,352. Is that all you got at that election?—Yes.
63,353. At the last election who did you vote for?—Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler.
63,354. Were you set down at Legitt's?—No.
63,355. At the Minerva Terrace?—No.
63,356. Did you get any money?—Yes.
63,357. How much did you get?—I got a sovereign.
63,358. When was that paid you?—About three weeks after the election.
63,359. Who paid it?—Mr. Wells.
63,360. Where at?—George Yard.
63,361. Is that all you got?—Yes, that is all I got.
63,362. Had you anything to do with the election, in getting other people set down?—No.

WILLIAM WISE sworn, and examined.

William Wise.

63,363. Where do you live?—14 Church Row, the Groves.
63,364. What rent do you pay?—£7 10*s.* I think it is.
63,365. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
63,366. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1839.
63,367. Which party took it up?—I paid for it myself.
63,368. Was it ever repaid to you?—Yes.
63,369. By which party?—By the Conservatives.
63,370. By the blues?—By the blues.
63,371. Did you vote for them in consequence of their repaying you for your freedom?—No, not in consequence of their repaying me for my freedom; I voted that way through principle.
63,372. You voted for them at all events?—Yes.
63,373. When they paid for your freedom they expected you to vote for them?—Most likely they did, but I did not promise them.
63,374. You accepted their money when you knew they expected you to vote for them?—Yes.
63,375. Did you get paid for your vote in 1841?—Yes, I did.
63,376. You voted blue?—Yes; I voted blue.
63,377. What were you paid?—I got a sovereign.
63,378. Who paidit you?—I cannot tell whether Mr. Bannister or Mr. Wilkinson paid it.
63,379. Where did he pay it?—Whether it was in Mr. Bannister's or Mr. Wilkinson's room I do not know which. I was two or three times, first with one and then with the other.
63,380. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay and Brown.
63,381. Did you get paid for that?—I got a pound from Mr. Brown.
63,382. Who paid you that?—Mr. Twining, at the Noah's Ark, in Witham.
63,383. Was that after you had polled?—Directly after I had polled, in the morning.
63,384. Had you anything more at that election?—Nothing.
63,385. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Moore and Butler.
63,386. Did you get any money then?—Yes.
63,387. How much did you get?—Thirty shillings.
63,388. Where was it paid you?—I received part of it in York, by a post office order.
63,389. Did you come from York?—Yes; I came from York to Hull.
63,390. Who paid you?—I got a pound by post office order, which I received in York; and I got 10*s.* in Parliament Street, on the polling day.
63,391. Who from?—From the blue party.

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63,392. Who paid it?—I cannot tell you exactly his name; it was at a place in Quay Street, however.

63,393. How did you come from York?—By the train.

63,394. Which class?—The third class.

63,395. How much did it cost you?—The fare would be 10*s.*

63,396. From York here?—And back again.

63,397. How many days did you stay here?—I was five days here; six days if I reckon Sunday and all.

James Wing.

JAMES WING sworn, and examined.

63,398. Where do you live?—Drypool.

63,399. What rent do you pay?—£18.

63,400. Are you a freeman?—No.

63,401. At what time were you qualified to vote?—At the last election.

63,402. Who did you vote for?—Butler and Moore.

63,403. Was your room taken?—Yes, it was.

63,404. How much were you paid?—£2, or two guineas.

63,405. Who took it?—I do not know who took it

63,406. Did you apply to have it taken?—No.

63,407. Why is it you do not know them?—There were different gentlemen came in, whom I did not know. I know who paid me.

63,408. Were they the canvassers for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

63,409. How long before the election was it?—Perhaps a week.

63,410. Did anybody use it?—I should say it was not used a deal.

63,411. It was not used at all, was it?—I would not be certain. I was not in all the time.

63,412. You have no reason to suppose it was occupied?—I have no reason to suppose it was or was not. I should say it was not.

63,413. Did you not get some money for a dog cart?—Yes.

63,414. How much did you get for that?—£2, or two guineas.

63,415. Besides the 2*l.* for the room?—Besides the 2*l.* for the room.

63,416. Who had your dog cart?—It was used for fetching up voters.

W. Wilberforce.

WILLIAM WILBERFORCE sworn, and examined.

63,417. Where do you live?—Francis Street.

63,418. What rent do you pay?—£8.

63,419. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

63,420. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1839.

63,421. Which party took it up for you?—I took it up myself.

63,422. Were you repaid?—No.

63,423. Who did you vote for in 1841?—James and Hanmer.

63,424. Did you get any money?—I got bread for life.

63,425. Did you get a place?—Yes.

63,426. What place did you get?—A situation in the custom.

63,427. Who got it for you?—Archdeacon Wilberforce.

63,428. Was that for your vote?—Well, I should say it was.

63,429. Had you told them, before you voted, that you would require some situation or maintenance?—No.

63,430. I see you are the same name as Archdeacon Wilberforce; are you any connexion of the archdeacon, or his family?—I do not know that I am.

63,431. Did you get the situation through the members?—Yes. I think Sir Walter James had something to do with it.

63,432. Did you apply for it after the election?—No.

63,433. Do you know whether any application was made to them on your behalf?—Yes, I believe there was, by Archdeacon Wilberforce.

63,434. What was the occasion of Archdeacon Wilberforce interesting himself on your behalf?—I requested it.

63,435. Was he in Hull at the time?—No.

63,436. Did you write to him?—I went to his house.

63,437. Did you say anything to him about your voting?—I am sure I forget.

63,438. What reason do you give that he should interest himself?—Probably the same name. I do not know.

63,439. Had it anything to do with your voting for the blue party?—No; I do not think it had.

63,440. Did he know that you would vote for them?—Yes; he knew that.

63,441. Now in 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Baines and Mr. Brown.

63,442. Did you get any money?—I got a sovereign.

63,443. Was that before or after you had voted?—After.

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63,444. Where were you paid?—In the Market Place.
63,445. Who paid it you?—Mitchell.
63,446. For Mr. Brown?—Yes.
63,447. Did you get anything for Mr. Baines?—No.
63,448. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
63,449. Were you paid for that?—I was engaged from the 10th of June, and I got paid for my services.
63,450. How were you engaged? in what capacity?—A messenger.
63,451. Where at?—In Saville Street.
63,452. Who engaged you?—Mr. Richard Cattley.
63,453. Did you apply to him for employment?—Yes.
63,454. And you had your name set down for employment?—Yes.
63,455. How much were you paid?—£1 a week.
63,456. For how many weeks?—Three or four.
63,457. Was there anything coming to you after the election was over?—Yes.
63,458. How much?—I think I got a pound after the election.
63,459. A pound a week before, and a sovereign for the last four days?—Yes; I think that was it.
63,460. Did they keep back any part of your payment till after the election was over, for the three or four previous weeks?—No; I got paid every Saturday.
63,461. How much did you get altogether?—I do not know, I am sure; 4*l.* or 5*l.*
63,462. What was said to you when you applied to Mr. Cattley? what answer did he make?—When I made the application to be employed?
63,463. Yes.—I said, "I have come to offer my services to you, to assist you in the election."
63,464. What was his answer?—He said, "Very good; we shall be very happy to have your assistance."
63,465. Every vote counts, and, I suppose, they thought so?—Yes; that is a natural consequence.

D. Wilkinson.

DANIEL WILKINSON sworn, and examined.

63,466. Where do you live?—Anlaby Road.
63,467. What rent do you pay?—£20.
63,468. Are you a freeman?—No.
63,469. How long have you been entitled to vote?—Ever since the Reform Bill.
63,470. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes.
63,471. Who did you vote for in 1841?—I am sure I cannot tell you. It was for the orange party, I believe.
63,472. That would be Clay and Thompson; is that so?—I think it was.
63,473. Did you get any money for that?—No.
63,474. Did you get any money paid to you at that election?—I do not remember any.
63,475. Was your name set down at all?—No; not that I know of.
63,476. Are you quite sure you got nothing then?—I do not believe I did.
63,477. I see here, Daniel Wilkinson voted for James and Hanmer, in 1841; is that so?—Yes; I should think it would be.
63,478. Now recollect; as you voted for the blues, did you get any money for it?—No; I do not remember it.
63,479. After the election was over?—I do not remember it.
63,480. Will you undertake to swear that you did not?—I do not remember getting anything.
63,481. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.
63,482. Did you get any money then?—No.
63,483. No money at that election?—Not at all.
63,484. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
63,485. Did you get any money for that?—A sovereign.
63,486. Was that paid before, or after you had voted?—About three weeks after.
63,487. Who by?—By Mr. Wells, of George Yard.
63,488. Were you paid any money by Mr. Croft?—No.
63,489. Have you been paid any money at any election before the last?—Not to my recollection. I never received anything before the last.
63,490. Do you mean by that that you have not?—Yes; I have not.

Joseph Watson.

JOSEPH WATSON sworn, and examined.

63,491. Where do you live?—Garden Square, Prince's Street.
63,492. What rent do you pay?—£9.
63,493. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
63,494. How long have you been a freeman?—Twenty-three years.

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63,495. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes.
63,496. For which party?—If you will name the members I will tell you.
63,497. Clay and Thompson?—Clay and Thompson.
63,498. Did you get any money for that?—I cannot tell the amount; I was playing in the band at the time. I never got anything for voting.
63,499. Who engaged you?—I think it was Mr. Retalic.
63,500. How many were there in the band?—I cannot say how many there would be.
63,501. Is it usual in the band to pay a commission to the person who employs you?—Generally.
63,502. Did you pay that commission upon that occasion?—Mr. Retalic took some 2*s.* off the pound for his commission.
63,503. Is that all the money that you got?—Yes; I never received any more for voting, only at Mr. Schonswar's election I received 2*l.* for a bullet, some time after.
63,504. Who did you vote for in 1847?—For Clay and Brown.
63,505. Did you get any money at that election?—£2 from Mr. Brown.
63,506. What did you do for that?—I played in the band.
63,507. That was paid you by Tadman?—I was one of the four who did not get paid, and we were obliged to summon Mr. Digby for 16*l.*; Mr. Digby and Mr. Beeton engaged us.
63,508. Did you get paid?—We took half of it and would not let it go any further, we were non-suited; I should have summoned Mr. Tadman instead of Mr. Digby.
63,509. Beeton engaged you?—Yes.
63,510. Therefore he expected you to vote for them?—No; I played for the blues before and voted orange; I have played for the blues frequently.
63,511. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
63,512. You are sure of that?—Yes.
63,513. Were you engaged then?—Yes; I was engaged at Stark's committee room.
63,514. As a runner?—To do any business in the office.
63,515. Did you attend at his office?—I attended from nine o'clock in the morning till nine o'clock at night.
63,516. Did they send to you?—Mr. Rawson saw me and asked me if I would take an engagement in Mr. Galloway's office. I was engaged three weeks and four days.
63,517. How much were you paid in the whole?—£3 11*s.*
63,518. What was your agreement at the beginning?—There was no agreement made, I took the same as they were paying the others.
63,519. Did you promise your vote?—No, I did not.
63,520. Was nothing said about it?—Nothing was said, because I always voted, me, my father, and my brothers, upon the orange side.
63,521. What is your trade?—I am a tailor by profession.
63,522. Do you know another Joseph Watson?—No, I do not know him; he is no relative of mine.
63,523. You know there is such a man?—I know the man by sight, not to speak to him; he is living in Dock Street, I believe.
63,524. How came Mr. Rawson to apply to you?—I saw Rawson, and I asked him if he had two or three cards to spare to give my children to play with; he said, "Are you doing anything, because," he said, "if you will come up in the afternoon with me we will see Mr. Galloway, and put you into Stark's office."
63,525. That was in the streets?—Yes; in Bishop Lane.
63,526. Do you know what day of the week it was?—Upon the Tuesday morning.
63,527. The day after the members arrived?—Yes; the day after the members arrived.

J. M. Wildbore.

JOHN MORFITT WILDBORE sworn, and examined.

63,528. Where do you live?—In Porter Street.
63,529. Do you pay any rent?—Six guineas.
63,530. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
63,531. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1841.
63,532. Did you pay for it yourself?—No.
63,533. Which party paid for it?—Mr. Clay, I believe.
63,534. Were you in time to vote in 1841?—Yes.
63,535. Was it not when all the others were made freemen at the Mansion House?—Yes.
63,536. That would be 1839; now in 1841 did you vote in consequence of that for the orange party?—No; I voted for James and Hanmer.
63,537. When Clay's party paid for your freedom you knew that they did so because you would vote for them?—No.
63,538. You signed a paper to that effect?—I think Mr. Thistleton asked me if I had any objection, he said, "Come along with me," and I went, and I heard no more about it.

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63,539. What did you expect they did it for?—They would expect me to poll for them, no doubt.

63,540. They expected you to poll for them, and you accepted their bounty on that understanding, is that so?—Probably it might be.

63,541. You voted for Hanmer and James?—Yes.

63,542. Did you get any money for your vote?—No.

63,543. Were you paid nothing?—Not a farthing.

63,544. Were you employed at that election —No.

63,545. Was not your name set down as a messenger?—I do not know; not that I know of, it was not.

63,546. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.

63,547. Did you get any money then?—I got 15*s.*

63,548. Who paid it you?—A man of the name of May gave me half a sovereign, and I got 5*s.* in White Horse Yard; I do not know who paid it.

63,549. Where was the 10*s.* paid you?—At the Black Horse in Carr Lane.

63,550. Did you vote for Brown only?—Yes.

63,551. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

63,552. Did you get paid for that vote;—A sovereign.

63,553. Who paid it you?—Mr. Wells.

63,554. Of George Yard?—Yes.

63,555. Was that after you had voted?—Yes.

63,556. After signing the paper which you did, to vote for the orange party in 1839, how came you to vote against them at the very first possible opportunity you had?—I do not know that I signed any paper.

63,557. You put your name down here, upon the paper you signed?—Not to vote for the orange party, I think.

63,558. There it is, John Morfitt Wildbore?—Yes, that is my name.

Thomas Winter.

THOMAS WINTER sworn, and examined.

63,559. Where do you live?—George Street.

63,560. What rent do you pay?—Fourteen guineas.

63,561. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

63,562. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1839.

63,563. Which party paid for your freedom?—The orange party.

63,564. Did you vote for them in consequence in 1841?—Yes.

63,565. Did you get anything for your vote then?—Nothing at all.

63,566. You had no money from the blue candidates party?—No; I never asked for anything.

63,567. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Brown and Clay.

63,568. Did you get any money on that occasion?— A sovereign.

63,569. Who paid it you?—Doctor Twining.

63,570. Was that after you had voted?—No, before.

63,571. Where at?—At the Noah's Ark.

63,572. Is that all you got at that election?—Yes; that is all.

63,573. Now, at the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

63,574. Did you get paid for that?—No.

63,575. Did you get any money then?—No; not anything.

63,576. Were you living in Hull at the time?—Yes. I was born in Hull, and have never been out of it.

63,577. You did not come from any place to Hull to poll?—No.

63,578. You had no travelling expenses paid you?—Not anything.

63,579. Was your name set down as a runner?— No; I was never applied to, and never asked for anything.

63,580. Do you know a place called Potrington?—No; I never was there in my life.

Matthew Tait.

MATTHEW TAIT sworn, and examined.

63,581. Where do you live?—57, Great Passage Street.

63,582. What rent do you pay?—£18.

63,583. Are you a freeman?—No.

63,584. How long have you been entitled to vote?—I have not been entitled to vote these last ten or a dozen years; I did vote in 1832, 1835, and 1837, since that I have been off the register in consequence of being in arrear with my poor rates; I am a non-elector.

63,585. Did you canvass at the election in 1841?—I did, for Clay and Thompson.

63,586. Did you get names set down as runners?—I think there were some; I really do not recollect their names now; I took them to Mr. Thistleton.

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63,587. You put down their names?—Yes.

63,588. That was in order to secure their votes?—I believe it was.

63,589. Do you not recollect any of their names?—There was a man here to-day, I recollect him, William Kirby Baskell.

63,590. You took some others to be set down who you do not recollect?—Just at the present I do not.

63,591. Did you do anything else at that election?—No; I do not recollect that I did.

63,592. Did you pay any money yourself?—I had no money through my fingers, not a farthing.

63,593. Did you canvass in 1847?—I took no part in the 1847 election at all.

63,594. Did you canvass at the last election?—I did.

63,595. Did you take people to have their names set down this time?—There is my canvassing book (*producing a small book*). I see I am requested to bring it.

63,596. Does that show at all the parties who were to be set down?—I took some other parties besides those, perhaps half a dozen.

63,597. Which party did you canvass for?—For Clay and Goderich.

63,598. Will this book show which of those parties were to be paid money?—George Cuthbert canvassed with me, and he took a note,—it was some trouble to me as I cannot see very well to write without my spectacles,—and I took them down in ink afterwards; he took them down in pencil; and I think the book will be a correct analysis of what we did right away through.

63,599. You say you sent some other persons also to have their names set down at the last election?—I think there might be half a dozen I took to Wilde's room.

63,600. You took them to No. 21, Saville Street?—Yes.

63,601. Had you anything to do with the blue party?—Never; I have never had anything to do in that line at all, I never should have.

63,602. Did you do anything or hear anything that you can tell us about?—Just at the present I think there is nothing that strikes me particularly.

63,603. Did you pay any money?—I had no money through my hands.

63,604. Had you anything to do with Craig's party at the Manor House Tavern?—Nothing at all.

63,605. Did you offer a man of the name of Brown any money for his vote?—I offered to take him to be set down.

63,606. Did you offer a man any such sum as 3*l.* 10*s.* for his vote?—No.

63,607. Were you directed to attend at the central committee in consequence of somebody having said that you did offer a man money?—I was.

63,068. And did you attend before the committee?—I did.

63,609. And who was there, do you know, to charge you?—Mr. Craig was there, and I think he stated that George Hair had made a statement of that kind in his room the day before.

63,610. And you denied it?—It was not true.

63,611. Did you deny it?—I did.

63,612. How long was that before the election? before the polling day?—It might be a week or ten days, I do not recollect to a day or two, it would be a week I should think before the election.

63,613. Did you say you took a lot to Mr. Wilde's room before the committee?—Brown told me he was to have some money, as he had left his family without any means of getting bread. I said, "That is a pity, I will take you down to Mr. Wilde, and I will do all I can for you."

George West.

GEORGE WEST recalled, and examined.

63,614. You have some statement to make, what have you to say relating to the election?—Well, Mr. Charles Yeall said that I never polled orange but this last time, and that I should not have polled orange this time if it had not been for Lady Goderich's coming to visit me; I never saw Lady Goderich in my life, I never did, and I never made any application to Lady Goderich.

63,615. You never spoke to Lady Goderich at all, nor she to you?—No; that is what I have come here to contradict, because it was put in the public papers.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

FORTY-FOURTH DAY.—Thursday, 28th July 1853.

Mr. HENRY SMITH BRIGHT sworn, and examined.

Mr. H. S. Bright.

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63,616. What business or profession are you?—Merchant.
63,617. Carrying on business in Hull?—Yes.
63,618. Are you a voter for this borough?—I am.
63,619. Are you a freeman?—A freeman.
63,620. How long have you been free?—About fifteen years, I think.
63,621. Do you also occupy premises in this borough?—I do.
63,622. What is the value or rate?—As a householder, 40*l.*
63,623. Did you take any interest in the election in the year 1841?—No.
63,624. Did you vote?—I did not vote; I was not in England at the time.
63,625. In 1847, I believe, you took a considerable interest on behalf of Mr. Baines?—I did.
63,626. I voted for him?—I voted for him only.
63,627. When did Mr. Baines first become a candidate for the representation of the borough, as far as you are aware?—In, I think, May 1847.
63,628. Have you got any document to refer to?—Mr. Shaen has the whole of my documents and papers.
63,629. These are accounts?—Yes, accounts.
63,630. They only begin the 7th of July?—The requisition to Mr. Baines was dated July 3d, 1847.
63,631. Do you know who it was presented by?—It was presented by myself.
63,632. On that day or soon after?—A very few days after that.
63,633. Can you tell how many signatures there were to it?—I can hand in a copy of the requisition, but I have not counted them.
63,634. Has that paper got all the signatures?—I believe not the whole.
63,635, How many short of the whole, because it has been said that it contained a a clear majority of the whole constituency?—My impression is that it did; my decided impression is it contained a clear majority of the electors of the borough.
63,636. And that it was presented at all events you think prior to the 10th of July?—The address by Mr. Baines, acknowledging the requisition and adopting it, was dated on the 15th of July.
63,637. That was long before Mr. Brown was talked of?—A considerable time. A correspondence with Mr. Baines, prior to the date of this requisition, had been going on about a week, at least a week.
63,638. He had been recorder of the borough before?—He had for ten years, I believe.
63,639. Except professionally he had no connexion with it?—Except professionally he had no connexion.
63,640. We hear it stated that he was introduced by yourself; at least that you were the most active?—It was accidentally.
63,641. How soon was there a committee organized?—I think almost immediately upon the receipt of Mr. Baines' address.
63,642. Previously to that, was it not?—I am not quite sure.
63,643. How soon was Mr. Sidebottom retained?—Immediately, I think, upon the receipt of Mr. Baines' address in manuscript.
63,644. I observe that he charges from the 7th July, eight days before?—That would be between the time of the requisition being completed, and Mr. Baines' acceptance, I presume; but I have no distinct recollection of the date.
63,645. When did you say the committees were organized?—About the same time.
63,646. About the 15th?—Yes, if that date is correct; the 7th, I should say; about that time. I have not looked at those documents since that year; I cannot very well remember them.
63,647. The 7th of July is what Mr. Sidebottom states?—If Mr. Sidebottom states it so, I have no doubt the committee was formed about that time.
63,648. Was Mr. Sidebottom himself an active partizan of Mr. Baines previous to his being a candidate?—No; not to my knowledge.
63,649. Do you know who Mr. Sidebottom was retained by?—I believe by myself.
63,650. In anticipation then probably?—Yes, in anticipation.
63,651. You felt quite confident Mr. Baines would accept it from pour own knowledge of him?—Yes.
63,652. Mr. Stark stated in his evidence that he was engaged in some way on behalf of Mr. Baines; how was that?—I do not know in what way Mr. Stark was engaged.
63,653. And that he was paid. I have looked through the accounts, and can find no trace?—It must be a mistake. I have no recollection of it.
63,654. Have you any recollection that Mr. Stark was paid out of money required for Mr. Baines' purposes?—Not unless it is in these accounts.

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63,655. I have taken the greatest possible care, and cannot find it?—Then he has not been paid decidedly.

63,656. Who was engaged in preparing the street lists?—They would be prepared under the direction of Mr. Sidebottom without my knowing any of the details.

63,657. He says he set down names for Clay and Baines?—That might be gratuitously, unless there is some entry in the accounts I have handed to you; he was not paid by Mr. Baines.

63,658. You think it is an error?—I should think so. I have no recollection of its being paid,

63,659. You have no recollection of Mr. Stark being recognized in any way as an agent of Mr. Baines?—I have not.

63,660. And to the best of your belief he was not an agent?—To the best of my belief he was not.

63,661. And in anything he was doing or acting for Mr. Clay he was incidentally giving an advantage to Mr. Baines?—That is my impression.

63,662. How soon did Mr. Baines come into the town, do you recollect? how soon did he arrive here personally?—I forget the day of the election.

63,663. Thursday the 29th of July?—I think Mr. Baines came into Hull on the previous Friday.

63,664. The Friday before?—The Friday before the election; I think so.

63,665. The impression is Mr. Baines was here only a week?—Not more than six days.

63,666. Was the committee organized under your superintendence?—No; not exclusively.

63,667. Yours was the central committee?—Mine was the central committee.

63,668. Can you tell how many district committees there were?—No, I cannot, without I had the accounts; I think I could tell you. I have not looked at those accounts since.

63,669. I am relying on what has been said previously. Mr. Pearson stated that he was also on a committee which met at Wright's public house? do you remember that?—I do not. Mr. Pearson took an active part in the election for Mr. Baines, but I have no recollection of the name of Wright or any name of that kind.

63,670. At Wright's public house?—I do not know where it was.

63,671. He called it Wright's public house, as the name of the person. You do not remember the fact?—I do not remember the fact.

63,672. Is there no minute book in existence which would show what was the course of procedure by the committee?—None at all.

63,673. You are aware that it was rather a singular election; persons on all sides were anxious that Mr. Baines should be one of the members?—And, therefore, there was not the same order observed as would probably have been otherwise the case.

63,674. You think there was no third candidate in the field until the Sunday before the election, two days before Mr. Baines arrived?—Until that time there was no candidate in the field.

63,675. And owing to that would it be the case that the canvassing and other preliminaries were rather neglected?—The mere knowing there was a requisition signed by a majority of the electors, it was natural it should be so.

63,676. And then that your proceedings like the others were obliged to be of a very hurried character?—Yes.

63,677. Was there ever a minute book?—No, I believe not. I never saw one, and I should have done if there had been one.

63,678. Was there time formally to appoint district committees, or did you leave it to the different sections of the town to look after themselves?—It was left very much so.

63,679. There was no organized system of committees and sub-committees?—No; there was not.

63,680. Did that prevent your central committee from being fully aware of the proceedings elsewhere than in your own committee, or did the district committee parties attend once a day or oftener at the central committee?—Not with any regularity. Of course reports were made frequently to the central committee.

63,681. Other reports than the canvassing reports?—No; other reports that I was aware of.

63,682. I understood you to say you were chairman?—No.

63,683. Deputy chairman?—No; I was treasurer.

63,684. Who was chairman?—Mr. Richard Tottie, and Mr. Theophilus Carrick and Mr. Thomas Ward Gleadow were deputy chairmen.

63,685. Did Mr. Tottie attend?—Occasionally.

63,686. And you were treasurer?—I was.

63,687. And as treasurer, did the great majority of the financial arrangements pass through your hands?—They did.

63,688. How was the staff appointed; messengers, doorkeepers, and clerks; by yourself or by the committee?—The two professional clerks, Mr. Sidebottom and Mr. Ayre, were appointed, not by myself alone, but by the general committee.

63,689. Which Mr. Ayre?—Mr, William Ayre, the magistrate's clerk.

63,690. Who appointed the doorkeepers and messengers?—I do not think exclusively any one party.

63,691. As to the runners. What was the system adopted, as well as your memory will enable you?—There were some runners appointed certainly.

63,692. By whom?—By the committees.

63,693. Describe what was the mode adopted on that occasion; we have got lists. I want to know if you can favour us with your memory as to how they were appointed?—At a time like that a great number of persons were wanted, and must necessarily be employed for the conveyance of various messages, and so forth, and they were so employed by the central and other committees.

63,694. Were they appointed with reference to their being on the register of voters?—I do not apprehend any man who was not on the register would be appointed a runner.

63,695. Did they apply or did you look for them?—They applied undoubtedly.

63,696. You had no lack of applicants?—No lack whatever of applicants; a great many were refused

63,697. On what ground?—Because they were not wanted.

63,698. Is that so according to the custom of Hull, that persons not voters take it for granted almost they will not be appointed, and consequently do not apply? Do you consider that is an impression sufficiently strong to prevent many persons other than voters from applying?—I believe so.

63,699. Does that from your knowledge of Hull show that the system of setting down runners exclusively for a class of voters is very well known?—I have had no experience but in that one election.

63,700. From your experience of that election, should you draw that conclusion?—Certainly.

63,701. Had you any book in which their names were set down?—I had no book. I believe Mr. Sidebottom had.

63,702. For such a purpose as that it would be necessary to have a book, otherwise you would not be able to pay?—I believe that each committee would have a small book, and would put down the names of the parties employed.

63,703. Would it have a list of applicants?—No; I should think not.

63,704. Now be so good as to favour us with the mode in which you dealt with those you refused. Was it by refusing to put their names down on paper at all, or that you put them down and treated them as applicants to be employed at some time or other?—Certainly not the least; they were not treated as applicants to be employed. Mr. Baines' instructions were very precise; he placed himself entirely in my hands, with a strong injunction that no money should be paid for bribery or treating.

63,705. Those are very general words that would leave it entirely to anybody to construe the word bribery his own way?—I was going on to say, and consequently the number of runners was limited to parties who were really usefully employed to the best of my knowand belief.

63,706. But what I want to know is this: did Mr. Baines, when he became a candidate, leave it to you and his committee to interpret what was bribery, or did he put his own interpretation on it, and leave you to carry it out?—There was no interpretation; those were his general directions.

63,707. I should like to have the words, without leading you to them at all, as near as you can, the very words of Mr. Baines. I wish to have that in every case?—As nearly as I can remember he said this: "I place myself in your hands, in the full confidence "that you will sanction nothing which can endanger my election; and that I am re-"garded as a candidate brought forward by both political parties in the borough."

63,708. Is that all?—That is all.

63,709. I want to know whether those instructions were given before or after a contest became evident?—Before Mr. Brown's appearance, certainly, and repeated on several occasions.

63,710. That was before another candidate was anticipated?—Yes; and repeated subsequently as well.

63,711. Was that in writing, or by words?—By words.

63,712. I presume you are now alluding to the first occasion, because I want to go by steps. These are the first instructions he gave?—The first instructions he gave.

63,713. On that occasion was there any allusion made by himself, or by you, or by anybody present, to the system that had prevailed of runners?—No, I think not.

63,714. Or to a great number of persons being employed?—No, I think not.

63,715. Do you remember who was present at that interview?—No one but myself.

63,716. The system of runners was not alluded to, nor the system of employing a large number of persons; that is your recollection?—I believe not; I have no recollection of it.

63,717. On that occasion was there any allusion made to the expenses of the election, or its probable expense—any estimate?—Not at that time, I think.

63,718. Or at any time previous to that?—Yes; I think there was.

63,719. What was it?—Mr. Baines, as he had a right to be, was under the impression that he would be returned, as nearly free of expense as it would be possible for any candidate to be.

63,720. How did that impression arise; did you collect that from your communication with him?—Decidedly.

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63,721. Just state anything that he said to you which conveyed that impression, or that you said to him, to induce him to arrive at it?—A requisition, presented by so large a number of the voters, led to that impression; and the feeling of parties in the town with reference not only to him, but to the desire to avoid a contest in the borough; all parties were anxious for it.

63,722. The requisition would be treated by Mr. Baines, to a certain extent, as a guarantee against any large expense?—Certainly.

63,723. Inasmuch, as it would tend to render it very possible that a third candidate would not come?—Certainly so.

63,724. Also, it was a union of all parties?—Yes; and a general desire among the thinking classes of the town, that a contest was undesirable.

63,725. On what ground?—It was at a rather singular time, as regards the political interests of the country, entirely owing to the great changes in the Conservative party, and the free trade question.

63,726. Then it had no reference to a desire to put an end to the system of corruption that had existed?—No.

63,727. It had reference to political reasons?—Yes.

63,728. Then up to that time was any sum named by Mr. Baines?—No; I think no sum was ever named.

63,729. Never?—I do not think any specified sum was named.

63,730. Did he ever say that he would not be responsible beyond a certain sum?—No.

63,731. Are you aware that any of the parties said to him that they would undertake that he should not be put to a greater expense than a certain sum?—No; there was nothing of that kind; I should have known it if there had.

63,732. You think the limit of expenses was never named by either the one side or the other?—I feel certain it was not.

63,733. At any time?—I believe at no time.

63,734. This statement relating to placing himself in your hands was when a contest was not expected. Can you recollect any occasion when Mr. Baines made reference to the same subject?—When a contest was inevitable.

63,735. To begin with, how soon did you hear a contest was inevitable?—I heard so in the course of the Sunday.

63,736. On the Sunday the contest became inevitable?—Yes; on the Sunday I heard of it; on the Monday it became inevitable.

63,737. But on the Sunday you heard it was extremly probable?—I heard that Mr. Brown had consented to come forward.

63,738. You had nothing to do with Mr. Brown being here, and could know nothing of what the motives of his party were?—No, nothing at all.

63,739. We have been told the names of the six gentlemen who created that contest; do you remember who they were?—I remember the names.

63,740. Do you know whether any of them had joined in the requisition to Mr. Baines?—I do not. The requisition I have handed in. My impression is there were some. Mr. Digby was one who signed the requisition to Mr. Baines; and Mr. William Stephenson was one.

63,741. Can you account for how it was that the gentlemen had joined in the requisition to Mr. Baines, or must we ask them it ourselves?—You had better ask themselves. I do not know.

63,742. Perhaps you probably know how the contest came up?—By some gentleman going over to Mr. Brown, I believe.

63,743. We have heard that already; you know that three gentlemen of each party went over and brought Mr. Baines?—Yes, that was the case.

63,744. We know that fact, but we want to know how the contest became inevitable?—By Mr. Brown's coming forward.

63,745. By Mr. Baines having a clear majority, and Mr. Clay being the sitting member, neither of them would give way to the new man?—Neither. Mr. Brown did not come forward in opposition to Mr. Baines, but to Mr. Clay.

63,746. You considered him as an opponent to Mr. Clay?—Yes.

63,747. And not to Mr. Baines?—Not to Mr. Baines.

63,748. Did you understand from those gentlemen, or was there any understanding that Mr. Brown was not to endanger Mr. Baines' seat?—I had no communication with those gentlemen at all.

63,749. Did any of those six gentlemen, as far as you know, who brought Mr. Brown here, communicate with you or Mr. Baines's friends, previous to bringing Mr. Brown here?—Certainly not.

63,750. Did they intimate, after they had brought Mr. Brown, that the opposition was to be directed exclusively against Mr. Clay?—Not officially; there was no communication made.

63,751. No communication at all?—Not until the day of the election.

63,752. I am coming to that; a communication was made while the polling was going on, I believe?—Yes.

63,753. Did the parties who brought Mr. Brown make no explanation to you on the

subject, and give no explanation until some time during the polling was going on?—On the Thursday, or the previous day; the day of nomination; I forget which.

63,754. We have heard of a particular communication, which is in evidence, and took place during the course of the polling?—There was a particular communication made during the time of the polling.

63,755. I merely want to know if they communicated with you previously?—There certainly was no, what I would call for distinction, official communication made, prior to the day of polling; but it was a matter of general remark, by friends of Mr. Baines, who were on Mr. Baines' committee, that he was not brought forward to endanger Mr. Baines' election.

63,756. Were those gentlemen who were members of Mr. Brown's committee, also members of Mr. Baines'?—No, I believe not.

63,757. But the other way?—No, nor the other way.

63,758. Were there members of Mr. Baines' committee, who afterwards joined Mr. Brown's?—My impression is, there were not.

63,759. The communication to which you allude was merely several of Mr. Brown's committee came in to yours, of which they were not members?—I mean this, that persons, members of Mr. Baines' committee, and honestly anxious to carry out his requisition, might have their own feeling in favour of Mr. Brown or Mr. Clay, and such members as were favourable to Mr. Brown certainly did give us to understand he was not brought forward to oppose Mr. Baines.

63,760. Do you understand it to come as far as this, that they would not vote for Mr. Brown, if it endangered Mr. Baines' seat?—Yes, I do, certainly.

63,761. They never did join committees, I believe?—Never.

63,762. Some of Mr. Clay's friends were members of Mr. Baines' committee?—Some of Mr. Clay's friends, certainly, and also Mr. Brown's.

63,763. By friends I mean supporters?—And supporters also, but not on the committee; I draw that distinction. I think, to the best of my recollection, there was no person a member of Mr. Baines' committee who was also a member of any other committee.

63,764. The committees were quite separate?—Quite separate.

63,765. As to individuals?—As to individuals.

63,766. You have told us already what Mr. Baines said before the contest became inevitable: do you remember the next time that the subject of expense of any sort or kind was alluded to by Mr. Baines, or in his presence?—The same general remark was repeated to me by Mr. Baines.

63,767. Will you have the goodness to state the words as nearly as can be?—I cannot remember precisely the words at this distance of time.

63,768. As near as you can recollect?—As near as I can recollect, it was the same as he employed on the previous occasion.

63,769. Was there anything more; at that time there was something more imminent; after the contest he used the same words; but was there anything more; was the word runner or employment used?—I have no recollection of that.

63,770. Was the expense ever alluded to?—Mr. Baines' time was employed in addressing the electors, remaining for deputations, and so forth.

63,771. Was the mode by which the election was to be carried on, ever alluded to?—I fully believe not.

63,772. Was there no understanding come to with Mr. Baines about the expenses of the election?—Certainly not. I believe, indeed I have no doubt,—of course these questions lead me to remember things,—I have no doubt I told Mr. Baines that the election was going to cost a great deal more than it would have done, but for Mr. Brown coming.

63,773. Do you remember Mr. Baines' answer?—I believe also Mr. Baines' reply was, "I leave myself in your hands." No sum or calculation was ever entered into, as to the amount of the cost by me.

63,774. That was a self-evident proposition?—Quite so.

63,775. Was there any mention of what the character of the expenses would be?—No, there was not.

63,776. If there had been no contest you would not have had to pay sheriff's expenses?—Yes.

63,777. But a mere trifle?—Yes.

63,778. It must cost more?—Yes.

63,779. And his answer, "I will place myself in your hands"?—Yes.

63,780. Do you think during the course of your communications with Mr. Baines that he was aware of the practice of runners, of paying or employing a large number of runners?—No; I do not think that he was.

63,781. Do you think one way or the other that he was or was not; did you draw any conclusion in your own mind?—Not exactly in the way of runners. I think Mr. Baines' impression was, that it was customary in Hull to pay a certain sum per head for persons who voted, whether they were runners or not; and that he refused to do.

63,782. When was it that you gathered that he had that impression, and how soon?—At the time you are nearly coming to, when the election was beginning to be warm.

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63,783. Mr. Baines' impression was, that money was paid per head?—Yes; head money.

63,784. When did you collect from Mr. Baines that that was his impression?—Between the Monday and the Thursday.

63,785. Do you remember what words he made use of that conveyed that to your mind?—No, I do not, I am sure.

63,786. Or what was the cause of it?—No; I was constantly to and fro with Mr. Baines, and I cannot remember the conversations.

63,787. Do you mean it was a casual remark of his, or something drawn from him on consideration from the state of the contest?—From the state of the contest.

63,788. I should like to have the conversation as accurately as you can favour us with it. Try your memory as far as you can?—It would be a conversation that would arise immediately after its coming to Mr. Baines' knowledge that Mr. Brown was coming forward.

63,789. As near as you can tell me, what was the conversation, and who began it?—I cannot remember that.

63,790. Can you give us a general sketch of what took place on the subject?—It would arise I apprehend from my making a remark, as I mentioned before, that the election would cost him more, and his reply was, that he placed himself in my hands; and then conversations would arise as to elections in Hull.

63,791. Then it is from the general result of the conversation you collected, that was Mr. Baines' impression?—I was going to tell you that conversation would follow on the general practice in Hull at elections.

63,792. Did he ask you what the practice was, or did he seem to be aware of it?—We both of us knew it very well.

63,793. Now, what was said?—I think that some remark was made, that the usual payment was 2*l*. I think it was something of that kind.

63,794. The remark was made either by you or him?—By me, I imagine.

63,795. In what form did you put that remark; you could not say, "The usual custom is 2*l*.," and nothing more?—I do not suppose I could; but it is impossible at this length of time to say in what way I put it. It was a matter of remark, and I remember Mr. Baines saying to me, "I will be no party to anything of that kind."

63,796. Did you say, in order to secure the election, there was to be 2*l*. paid, or what?—That it was a customary thing for the canvasser to pay the voter.

63,797. And he said he would have nothing to do with that?—I remember on one occasion, but it is impossible to fix the precise day or hour when the remark was made, but I remember his statement to me was, "I will rather lose my election than sanction such practices." But I should apprehend that was at a later time in the election; but I gather that you wish to go chronologically.

63,798. He said he would be no party to that, what did you say then?—Of course I assented.

63,799. Did you point out to him the probable consequences?—No; because I did not apprehend them.

63,800. Tell us what you did say, what answer you made?—I assented to it. I do not remember any particular answer.

63,801. Do you mean that you acquiesced in it immediately?—Yes.

63,802. Tell us all you can recollect: was anything said about the subject on that occasion, with reference to employment of runners?—No; certainly not.

63,803. If I understood an answer you previously gave, there was no impression on Mr. Baines' mind on the subject of runners, that there was such a thing in existence?—I do not think he had such an impression.

63,804. It never was referred to?—No.

63,805. His impression was a different one, namely, as to head money?—Yes; it was to that he directed the remarks I have just made. It was to the subject of paying voters what you call head money, that he made the remark, "I would rather lose my election."

63,806. Is that all you recollect upon that occasion?—Yes.

63,807. I should wish to know whether anything was said about the expenses of the election generally?—No.

63,808. Was the question of the probable expenses of the election ever raised as far as you remember, from the beginning to the end?—I believe firmly that it was not. I have no recollection of its being so.

63,809. When, according to your recollection, was the subject of payments of such a description as you have already alluded to again mentioned; go by steps?—By me to Mr. Baines?

63,810. Or by Mr. Baines to you, or by anybody in your presence?—I believe that it was never again mentioned, either by me to Mr. Baines or by Mr. Baines to me.

63,811. I think you have already said it was by Mr. Baines?—I have told you the last time it was said, at which there was any conversation between Mr. Baines and myself, when he made use of the remark, "I will not sanction any such practice."

63,812. You also went on to say, on some other occasion he made the answer he would rather lose the election?—That was the same occasion.

63,813. Tell us the words that he said; he said he would rather lose his election than what?—Than sanction any such practice.

63,814. Were you yourself aware at that time that the practice had prevailed upon former occasions of setting down as it is called persons as runners?—I was quite ignorant of the mode in which elections were conducted, except by report.

63,815. Even from report?—No; I was not aware of that precise mode.

63,816. Were you aware of any other mode of securing an election by money, other than that of payment of what we have called head money?—No; I have not.

63,817. Not even by report?—No; not to any mode of payment.

63,818. Than payment of head money; I mean such payments as you have now described?—No; I have not heard of any other one.

63,819. For instance, the system has been alluded to of taking rooms from voters for the purpose of influencing their votes. Have you ever heard of that?—No; I have not heard of that.

63,820. And had you heard of the practice of persons setting down their names not employed, and being paid afterwards?—No; I had not heard of that.

63,821. Never upon any occasion at all?—No. You are speaking of prior to the election of 1847?

63,822. Yes.—I had nothing to do with elections in Hull previously.

63,823. Still you might have heard it?—I never troubled myself about it at all.

63,824. Had you ever heard of Mr. Thistleton?—Yes; I had heard of him.

63,825. Did you never hear of his system?—No.

63,826. What had you heard of him; I mean of him as connected with elections?—I do not know that I heard anything of him connected with elections. He had some office under the corporation.

63,827. You had heard of the exertions he had made for Mr. Clay?—No, I had not.

63,828. And the mode in which he carried them out?—No, I had not.

63,829. Was there a book at your committee room in which the names of the runners were set down?—I believe Mr. Sidebottom had it.

63,830. Other than the minute book?—There was no minute book.

63,831. The papers which have been sent in contain different lists of persons who were paid various sums, from 5*s.* up to three guineas, and the amount is 81*l.* 4*s.*;—can you tell us from what that list was made; can you throw any light upon it (*list marked* D.)?—This is a list prepared by Mr. Sidebottom.

63,832. After the election was over, was it not?—After the election was over.

63,833. From what would it be prepared?—I do not know anything beyond his own knowledge of the names of parties that would be employed.

63,834. Can you throw any light upon the mode in which they were employed?——Merely from looking at the names, some few of which are familiar to me. They are parties who were employed at the poll booths, as far as the 1*l.* goes; and the others would be runners, I should apprehend.

63,835. Can you tell us whether those are runners at the central room or not?—I do not know it from their names.

63,836. There is nothing in it that leads you to a conclusion one way or the other?—There is not.

63,837. Is there anything that leads you to tell what way they were employed?—I do not see anything. You see how it is endorsed, "Agents, poll clerks, and messengers."

63,838. Is it your belief that that paper refers exclusively to the booths?—I believe so.

63,839. The whole paper?—The whole paper.

63,840. You draw a conclusion from the endorsement?—Yes; and from the number and the amounts.

63,841. You do not limit it to the people who got the 5*s.*?—I see this in the endorsement, the word "messengers;" and I suppose the 5*s.* men are all messengers.

63,842. Would those be employed on any day but the polling day?—I should think not.

63,843. Here is another (*marked* C), 119*l.* 6*s.*, "messengers and colourmen"?—This is endorsed "List of messengers, colourmen, &c."

63,844. Are those the persons who are employed out of doors?—Yes.

63,845. By whose authority were those employed?—By the authority of different members of the committee.

63,846. Do not answer hastily until I put the case before it into your hand (*handing paper marked* B). Look first at C, and then at B, and then attend to the question I am about to put, and look at the endorsement. Does C relate to the central committee, or is it exclusively confined to persons not of the central committee?—I think that this, marked C, would refer to the whole of the committee rooms, not the central committee room only. I do recognize some names here, C, that were employed at the central committee room for many days.

63,847. Now look at B. Were those persons employed exclusively at the central committee; what is the heading of B?—List of clerks at central committee, 48*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*, and 32*l.* 2*s.* 10*d.*

63,848. Who are they?—I believe that they were clerks.

63,849. Only clerks?—48*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* was for clerks. I believe those were clerks employed at the central committee during the whole time of the election.

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63,850. Go on, and look at the next item?—These appear to be small payments that do not appear to come under any particular head. There is the bill sticker, and a man for getting the requisition signed, postage stamps, town clerk for registers.

63,851. Are any of those runners?—No; I believe not. None of those are runners.

63,852. Besides that, can you throw any light upon how those persons were employed; any of those in B, C, or D; was there any book or any record kept of what services they were called upon for?—No; not to my knowledge. The first one you have called my attention to is for the polling day: the list of agents, poll clerks, and messengers.

63,853. The first is exclusively for the polling day?—Yes.

63,854. When you say poll clerks, you mean check clerks?—Yes.

63,855. Check clerks and check messengers?—Yes.

63,856. Check clerks, and messengers who bring the check sheets?—Yes.

63,857. Now look at C?—These appear to be messengers employed at all the districts.

63,858. Can you throw any light on the system adopted for procuring those messengers; to put it plainly, was it not understood, in employing those people, their votes were expected to go with them?—Certainly it was; but I believe that all the parties whose names were put down did some service.

63,859. Still I repeat my question distinctly. It was expected on this, as on all other occasions, that the persons employed were to vote with their employers?—Certainly.

63,860. The voters consider it as much a part of the bargain as the service?—Yes.

63,861. Does that answer apply to the clerks?—No; I speak exclusively of the messengers in the list of 119*l.*

63,862. Are the clerks in the list B voters?—I do not know at all. I do not apprehend, in that case, it would be as you put the question to me at all.

63,863. Why not?—They are generally young men in solicitors' offices, I think, who have been employed for that purpose.

63,864. Is the duty that they are called upon to perform such as to render it necessary to be mindful of other considerations besides the vote?—No; but I make that remark by Mr. Baines being the recorder of this borough and having a large professional practice from it also; and, being very popular with the profession, there was a great anxiety on the part of the profession to aid him generally; that made me make the remark. It was quite apart from anything connected with the vote.

63,865. You think the solicitors' clerks were anxious to assist him?—Yes; it was quite foreign to anything connected with the vote.

63,866. There is a document marked E, signed by people; read the heading?—"Received from Mr. Godfrey Richard Park the sum of 10*s.* each for services rendered by us at the Hull election, July 1847."

63,867. Head money, is it not?—No; I apprehend not.

63,868. What is the whole number paid?—These are merely signatures of parties who acknowledge the receipts of 10*s.* each.

63,869. How many are there?—Twenty-five.

63,870. Who are the persons, do you know?—These are the Hedon voters.

63,871. Exclusively?—Exclusively; this is exclusively Hedon; the whole of these documents are Hedon; these are the vouchers for the solicitor's general account here.

63,872. You find among those papers, do you not, that independent of that 10*s.* all their expenses were paid; Mr. Park was the agent at Hedon for Mr. Baines?—Yes.

63,873. Is he an attorney?—Yes.

63,874. Just look at them carefully and see whether those documents do not, independently of that paper, show the whole of the expenses of the Hedon voters are paid?—The 12*l.* 10*s.* is for the twenty-five persons whose names are mentioned here for two days' employment at 5*s* a day.

63,875. Why should you bring strangers into the town?—They are voters.

63,876. What is the whole amount of Mr. Park's bill with respect to the Hedon voters?—The whole of the bill is 41*l.* 8*s.* 10*d.*

63,877. Is that all with respect to the Hedon voters?—Yes.

63,878. In respect of those twenty-five?—Yes.

63,879. How was the difference between 12*l.* 10*s.* and the 41*l.* expended upon them?—The details are here, printing: expenses of carriages from Hedon to Hull and Hull to Hedon.

63,880. And refreshments?—Yes.

63,881. I think you will see the whole almost of the expenses there of these Hedon voters are shared by Mr. Brown; you see the sums are divided in two?—I do not see it here; I see some pencil marks.

63,882. The breakfasts and carriages are divided?—I think not. I see there are some pencil marks—conveying voters from Hedon to Hull, some one has written, "Half of twelve guineas," in pencil, I do not know who.

63,883. The expenses, I think, of bringing the voters, is not that divided?—Printing is 11*s.* 6*d.*, that is not shared, and pink calico, that is not shared.

63,884. Look at the item of breakfasts and carriages?—I find that the breakfasts for the voters were divided.

63,885. The expense of bringing them here and taking them back again?—"£6 each, hire, being Mr. Baines' share, according to agreement."

63,886. Look at this document relating to Mr. Brown, compared with the one you have in your hand (*marked* A). That is Mr. Brown's version of the same day: twenty-five Hedon voters 10*s.* each, except one, to whom the specific remark of "a plumper" is put, and he got 1*l.* instead of 10*s.*?—Twenty-five single voters, 12*l.* 10*s.*

63,887. One plumper 1*l.*; they are the same men, are they not; Mr. Brown puts it boldly twenty-five single at 10*s.* each, and one plumper a pound, whereas you put it down as services rendered; that is the only distinction?—That is the solicitor's doing.

63,888. Now I put the question to you again; that is head money, is it not?—I can only deal with the facts as they are there. I do not know what you call it. I am sure the men were taken from their work, and it is a usual thing.

63,889. Loss of time?—Yes; loss of time.

63,890. Services?—Yes; services rendered.

63,891. Do you know the number of the different committees?—No; I do not remember the number at the present time.

63,892. Did you make the payments that took place afterwards, or were they made by Mr. Sidebottom?—By Mr. Sidebottom, I believe.

63,893. How were the payments made, both during and after the election; first of all, during the election were there any made?—I believe there were no payments made during the election at all.

63,894. A large number of the accounts were paid by Mr. Sidebottom himself, were they not?—Yes, they were; I should give him the money.

63,895. He is a gentleman, we hear, whose health prevents him from favouring us with his attendance, but he is a gentleman whose signature you would place implicit confidence in?—Certainly.

63,896. And looking at these papers which are handed in you would place implicit confidence in him, and pay them to him; you have no reason to entertain a different opinion now?—No.

63,897. You would pay him money upon his producing those vouchers?—Yes; I paid him money upon account of the expenses; I paid him 150*l.* at a time.

63,898. You prepaid this account?—I did not do it myself; I placed it in the hands of an accountant to do it.

63,899. It was prepared upon the vouchers rendered to you principally by Mr. Sidebottom?—By Mr. Sidebottom.

63,900. Mr. Sidebottom was a gentleman in whom you had great confidence and have still?—Yes; I have no reason to doubt it.

63,901. The whole amount appears to be 1,825*l.* 14*s.* 1*d.*, as Mr. Baines' expenses?—Yes.

63,902. That is the whole of the money that is expended, as far as you know?—Yes.

63,903. With the exception of a small specific bill here?—Yes; some small items which were subsequently paid.

63,904. Did you pay any of the bills yourself, do you remember, or were they paid by Mr. Sidebottom under your direction?—Part would be paid by myself, no doubt.

63,905. I have no doubt you would consider all this as correct?—Yes, certainly.

63,906. They speak for themselves?—Yes.

63,907. Here is an item I wish to draw your attention to, which is the law expenses?—If you will allow me, you made a remark before, and asked me a question early in the examination, if there was a committee room of the name of Wright. I see there was one.

63,908. Stuart's was another?—Yes.

63,909. He has been called as a witness, and the sum surprised us rather that he got ten guineas for the use of his room for two days?—Here is a voucher for Stuart, 11*l.* 5*s.*

63,910. He charged ten guineas, but it appears he was only paid 9*l.*; the stamp receipt is for 9*l.*?—Yes; he has charged ten guineas, and he took 9*l.* I see there is a remark upon the voucher that the South Myton committee room is only 2*l.*

63,911. Do you know anything about Stuart?—I do not.

63,912. Or about the taking of his room?—No; I never was in the place, I believe. I was never in any committee room but the central.

63,913. The district committees were not formed by the general committee, were they?—They were not, they were formed by gentlemen residing in the neighbourhood.

63,914. Can you throw any light upon them; look at the bills; you see there is a considerable amount expended in eating and drinking?—A great deal. I have no remark to make about them.

63,915. Can you give us any information about this, whether the houses were open for the use generally of Mr. Baines' supporters; look at these papers (Nos. 3 and 4), and say whether they were not houses open for the purpose of giving refreshment to Mr. Baines' supporters, as it is called?—The only two houses that were recognized were the George Inn and the Vittoria Hotel.

63,916. And the Paragon?—The Paragon might chance to be a committee room.

63,917. There is a bill for refreshments there?—I do not know the name. I have a recollection of the bill after the election.

63,918. You know nothing beyond that?—Nothing beyond that.

63,919. A person of the name of Jubb has been very often mentioned to us as a

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person employed on behalf of Mr. Baines; can you tell us in what character he was employed?—No; I cannot.

63,920. Who was he?—I believe he was the deputy chairman of the Drypool district, Holderness ward.

63,921. His name has been mentioned as a person who made some payments, and as a person who engaged runners, is not that so?—He was the deputy chairman of that ward; Mr. Harris was the chairman. I know nothing of their proceedings.

63,922. The witnesses have said so, and you have no reason to doubt the accuracy of those persons?—I do not know who the persons are who told you.

63,923. What was Jubb?—Deputy chairman of the Holderness ward.

63,924. What rank of life was he in?—I believe he kept a public house in the garrison, or the immediate neighbourhood. He kept the canteen in the garrison.

63,925. He is dead, is he?—Yes; he had the public house at the time of the election in the neighbourhood of the garrison.

63,926. Look at that bill?—Here are his expenses, 2*l.*

63,927. For what expenses?—Expenses at the election, 2*l.*

63,928. That is all?—Yes.

63,929. What expenses could the deputy chairman be at other than the general committee expenses?—I do not know, I am sure.

63,930. It is something very like what has been called a sham committee?—I think not.

63,931. Or for the payment for the vote; the vote looks very much as if it had been thrown into the bargain?—I think not; I have no reason to believe it. I never saw Mr. Jubb before.

63,932. I want to know if you can throw any light upon the deputy chairman of the district sending in a claim in that very ambiguous form, "Payment of expenses," without any allusion to what they were?—No; I do not know.

63,933. He as deputy chairman of the Holderness ward committee debits the whole committee, and give them no explanation for it?—I see it.

63,934. Who is Mr. Robert Brown?—He is a clerk.

63,935. He charged 5*l.*?—Yes; 5*l.*, according to the vouchers. He received 2*l.* at one ime, and 3*l.* afterwards.

63,936. What were those services?—He was employed as a clerk.

63,937. Where was he employed as a clerk?—He was employed in communication between different parties.

63,938. How long?—Seven days, according to this note.

63,939. Five pounds was rather a strong charge for seven days' employment for a clerk?—It is including two journeys to Barton, and other incidental expenses.

63,940. That is what I wish you to explain, if you can; if you can throw no light upon it we will take the paper as we find it?—I can throw no light upon it.

63,941. There is another, Charles Wilkinson, 2*l.*?—Yes.

63,942. Charles Wilkinson charged you 2*l.*?—Not for his vote certainly.

63,943. Can you tell what it was for?—He was on the committee of the ward, and was an active man, and appears to have been at some small expenses of his own.

63,944. It does not say so?—I should say that was the case. It is hardly possible for a person to be actually engaged for a week without having some expenses.

63,945. Is that Mr. Charles Wilkinson the share broker?—Yes.

63,946. Here is one, can you throw any light upon it; we cannot tell who it is, it has no name to it. It merely says he is a deputy chairman. What deputy chairman is there that charges 2*l.*?—Mr. Theophilus Carrick; he was of the South Myton ward. It has no connexion with the vote, certainly.

63,947. Now the law expenses by Mr. Sidebottom. I will just show you that, and you can tell me whether that includes the whole 208*l.*, and with a supplemental bill of 18*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.*, and there is another of Mr. Ayre for 57*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.*?—Yes; and Ayre would have that payment.

63,948. Is that the whole of the law expenses; are they all comprised in those three sums?—That I cannot say. You have the schedule.

63,949. There are one or two lumping charges in it?—If I had the schedule before me I could tell, but I have not seen the accounts since 1847.

63,950. There is the schedule (*marked* A.)?—Yes; those three sums comprised the whole.

63,951. How much are they together?—£295 0*s.* 1*d.*

63,952. That includes expenses?—Those are the law charges.

63,953. It includes part of it as expenses; for instance, look at the bill of 18*l.* I do not know whether you include that?—Yes; law and solicitors' charges: Mr. Sidebottom, 208*l.* 19*s.*; ditto, William Ayre, jun., 57*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.*

63,954. That is fifty guineas for himself and 1*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.* for getting signatures?—Yes; and ditto 28*l.* 19*s.* 10*d.*

63,955. I do not see that you charge anything for music; yesterday we had 120*l.* for music, and you charge only 8*l.*?—£8.

63,956. When it was ascertained that a contest was inevitable on Monday, how was the canvass conducted after that?—More actively.

63,957. How, I ask you; what was the course adopted; did you get street lists, or what?—The town was divided into committees. Gentlemen favourable to the cause residing in those districts formed themselves into committees and undertook the canvass.

63,958. Were a good many district committees necessary?—It would be left entirely to the committee of each ward.

63,959. Would not any committee for each ward be previously appointed?—I think not.

63,960. Had you had but one committee before?—One committee; in fact, as I said before, no contest was expected.

63,961. Then you immediately commenced appointing district committees?—Yes.

63,962. How many, do you remember, were appointed; about the number?—I do not remember, but I apprehend, I believe, in each ward there would be one, and in some cases, where the ward was large, two.

63,963. And would those district committees have the exclusive charge of the district?—They would.

63,964. Were street lists prepared for their use?—You mean canvassing books?

63,965. Yes; of some kind, either in the shape of lists or books?—Yes; canvassing books.

63,966. Were those canvassing books and their results returned to the central committee?—The results were reported to the central committee; the books remained with the district committees.

63,967. Eventually?—They were not returned to me. I believe they were returned to Mr. Sidebottom.

33,968. Were they sheets or books?—To the best of my recollection they were books.

63,969. Were all the persons canvassed inserted in those books?—I do not know.

63,970. I mean the results of the promises, or I should say, rather, the persons who promised?—I apprehend they would be, but I do not know it from my own knowledge.

63,971. The doubtful, I suppose?—Yes.

63,972. Those that applied for employment, would they also be put down upon a list in the district where they made the application?—Yes; I believe so.

63,973. The canvass, of course, was obliged to be very active?—Very; so short a time remaining.

63,974. Did Mr. Baines canvass personally much?—No.

63,975. Not at all?—I believe not at all.

63,976. He had been in the town before Mr. Brown was announced?—I have already said I think he came here upon the Friday prior to the election.

63,977. Prior to the Sunday?—Yes, prior to the Sunday. The election was on the Thursday, and I think Mr. Baines arrived here on the Friday; on the Saturday he left to stay with Mr. Tottie.

63,978. Where did Mr. Tottie reside?—About five miles from Hull.

63,979. I believe he was the nominal chairman?—Yes.

63,980. During the time that the active canvass was necessary, did Mr. Baines attend the central committee room?—I think I am correct in saying that Mr. Baines never was in a committee room.

63,981. Never in any committee?—Never in any committee room; I will not be quite sure, but I think so, unless it might be in this way: he addressed the electors in different parts of the town, in the evening, and he might in that time upon some occasions address them from the windows of the committee rooms; he did not as a general rule come to the committee rooms.

63,982. What did he do during the three days?—He was at the Vittoria.

63,983. Where he stayed?—Yes.

63,984. Did you communicate with him frequently upon the progress of the canvass?—Yes; from time to time.

63,985. I suppose if he was at the Vittoria he would be in communication with his principal supporters, as to the progress they were making upon the emergency?—Yes.

63,986. And was the progress reported to him from time to time by those most active?—Yes; not methodically at all, but it was reported.

63,987. At the Vittoria?—Yes.

63,988. I understood you to say that the requisition was signed by a majority of the whole electors?—My impression is that it was.

63,989. It does not contain above 500 and odd names, the requisition you have handed in, and the electors amount to 4,000 or 5,000?—The printed requisition that I have handed in does not contain the whole of the names that signed the requisition to Mr. Baines.

63,990. I thought it was printed from it?—No; it was printed during the course of it.

63,991. According to what we have heard, to make a majority of the electors you would have to add nearly a couple of thousand to those names?—It was generally understood that the majority of the electors were in favour of Mr. Baines.

63,992. You were the treasurer, I think you said?—I was.

63,993. Did you receive any money from Mr. Baines?—Yes.

63,994 When did you receive it?—Almost immediately after the election.

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63,995. Did you receive none in the progress of it?—No, none.

63,996. Was that by arrangement, or had you not occasion to ask for it?—I had no occasion to ask for it.

63,997. I think you said you were making payments occasionally during the progress of the election?—No; after the election.

63,998. You said for instance you paid money on account to Mr. Sidebottom?—That was after the election.

63,999. When did you receive money from Mr. Baines, after the election?—Mr. Baines left for town immediately after the election, and I should say within three or four days certainly I received money.

64,000. Was that after you had transmitted to him the prepared accounts?—No; they were not transmitted for some time.

64,001. In what shape was the application made for money; was that made on account?—Mr. Baines remitted me money on account.

64,002. You applied to him, I suppose?—I suppose so; it was quite clear that money was required.

64,003. You stated that after the contest became inevitable, in some conversation something like this passed: you said that the election would cost more; that was the substance; I am not repeating your very words to Mr. Baines?—Yes; in consequence of the contest.

64,004. I want to ask you, when it was said that the election would cost more, whether the heads of expense were not at all alluded to?—No.

64,005. Did not Mr. Baines say, "In what respect, what will be the greater cost?"—No; there was no lengthened conversation upon it.

64,006. Were not the heads of expense adverted to?—No; they were not.

64,007. Was any total sum mentioned as likely to be wanted?—Never.

64,008. When you say Mr. Baines said he would place himself in your hands, did you think you had liberty to spend 50,000*l.* if you liked?—No, certainly not.

64,009. Then I ask if some limit or sum was not mentioned beyond which he would not go?—I have already said that no sum was mentioned.

64,010. Then to what extent did you think yourself at liberty to go with Mr. Baines' money?—To the fair cost of the election.

64,011. What do you mean by the words "fair cost"?—I do not know.

64,012. Do you mean what was necessary to win it?—Yes; to win it fairly.

64,013. You mean by a fair competition with your adversary?—Yes; and leaving out what has been called head money.

64,014. If your adversaries were employing runners and standing head money, you would not include an expenditure upon that account, in the permission that you had to spend money?—Certainly not; I refused to do that.

64,015. Do you think that the 1,825*l.* was entirely expended in fair expenses?—No portion of it was expended in paying individuals what you call head money.

64,016. Do you think that 1,825*l.* was spent in the fair matters of the election?—That is a matter of opinion entirely.

64,017. I only ask you what do you say?—In what way do you mean fair?

64,018. It is your own word; necessary, I should construe it, necessary expenses for a perfectly pure election?—The sum of 1,825*l.* was necessary to win Mr. Baines' election, without paying head money.

64,019. What do you think of it without paying runners and messengers?—The amount of runners and messengers is not a large item.

64,020. Not very large, but it comes to 119*l.* 6*s.* in one case?—That is all, I think, for runners.

64,021. And agents and others 80*l.* more?—That is not for runners; there is only 119*l.* for runners, I think.

64,022. You may put the 81*l.* for check clerks and messengers?—That is not for runners.

64,023. I understand you to think that the runners are but few?—I think so.

64,024. Do you think they might be less upon a pure and fair election?—They would have been less without any contest.

64,025. Do you think they would be less upon a totally pure election, with no money unnecessarily spent on either side?—Yes; less by the whole 119*l.* perhaps.

64,026. When the circumstance was alluded to of head money, which Mr. Baines entirely forbade, and said he would be no party to any such payment, did you think he would lose his election if no money was spent either in head money, runners, or messengers?—You limited your question to head money. I did not think he would lose election.

64,027. If no money was paid as head money?—No; but there were those who did.

64,028. Some did think so?—Yes; certainly.

64,029. Did you ever know an election in Hull when money was not either paid as head money or for runners?—I have had no experience in elections but that one.

64,030. In the course of the rumoured reports of elections in Hull have you heard it?—I have had nothing to do with elections nor troubled myself with them.

64,031. You knew of the existence of head money?—Yes; it was a matter of report.

64,032. I understand the term of "head money" is not the usual term?—No.

64,033. What is the name?—Paying so much for their votes.

64,034. Did you pass those accounts; did you have vouchers for them?—Yes; I think there were vouchers for all.

64,035. Laid before you?—Yes.

64,036. And then the accounts were ultimately made up by an accountant?—Yes; made up by an accountant.

64,037. But the vouchers of the total were before you?—When the schedules were made out, but not prior to their being paid; not all of them.

64,038. Do you mean you made some payments without seeing what they related to, without vouchers?—As I said before, I gave Mr. Sidebottom even sums of money for payment of expenses, which he was more acquainted with than myself, and he afterwards rendered me an account.

64,039. Of how he disbursed the money?—Yes.

64,040. But the bills which you have been good enough to furnish us with, were, if I may say so, made up by yourself or passed by yourself, the accounts?—Yes; I saw them, and the balance sheets were drawn up under my direction.

64,041. And some time or other you saw the vouchers relating to them?—Yes; I did not scrutinise them very particularly.

64,042. I draw your attention once more to letter D, and see if the circumstance that I draw your attention to, throws any light upon that; on analysing D carefully, an exactly equal number were paid a sovereign and 5*s*., namely, thirty-six, and precisely the six paid three guineas, and as nearly as can be exactly half paid a guinea and a half, thus as if it had relation to some system?—I do not think that has been so.

64,043. You think that is accidental?—I think it is quite accidental.

64,044. This paper C, do you know the total number of names upon it; they are not added up?—No; I have not added them up.

64,045. How was the paper made out, from what?—That paper, I have already said, was made out by Mr. Sidebottom. I believe that is his writing; if not his writing, it is that of a clerk in his office.

64,046. I observe that in the names that are set down, they go through the alphabet from A to the end of it, and then they begin with the alphabet again, and then go to the end of it; and then begin again, and again go to the end of it?—The same parties?

64,047. No, totally different; there are three alphabetical commencements in the list. I want to know if you can explain how those lists are made out? Can you explain those three lists that are upon the face of that account?—No, I cannot. I do not know what it means at all, unless it has been taken from returns from different committee rooms, from different wards.

64,048. You said that there were district committees in every ward?—I believe there were in every ward.

64,049. How many would that amount to?—I do not know the number of wards in Hull.

64,050. Eight wards, and there would be a district committee for each ward?—Yes.

64,051. And you said just now that the applications would be made in the ward in which they were?—Yes.

64,052. And a general report made from time to time, to the central committee?—Yes; of the results.

64,053. I do not know whether you paid any attention to this fact, whether the names upon those lists are voters or not?—I have not.

64,054. You do not know the fact one way or the other?—I do not indeed.

64,055. Were you at the George Inn on the day of the polling?—Yes.

64,056. Is that where you attended?—Yes.

64,057. At the George Inn, Mr. Baines' committee room?—Yes.

64,058. Do you remember on the afternoon of the polling day any communication coming to your committee room from Mr. Baines' committee, about one or two o'clock?—Yes; Mr. Brown called to retire from the contest.

64,059. Called himself?—Yes.

64,060. Were you present?—I was.

64,061. About what time was it that he called?—I think about half-past two o'clock.

64,062. Will you state, as well as you remember, what Mr. Brown said when he called to retire?—I was there and went into the room with Mr. Brown; to the best of my recollection, he said something of this kind: "Well, Baines, I find it is no use persevering, unless I endanger your election." I think those were his words.

64,063. I ask you whether, before that, you remember any communication was made to your committee from Mr. Brown through Mr. Wells, before Mr. Brown himself came there; Mr. Wells, the solicitor?—No.

64,064. Do you remember Mr. Wells being sent to your committee room, before Mr. Brown came?—No; I do not.

64,065. You remember Mr. Brown coming?—Yes.

64,066. And he stated what you say?—Yes.

64,067. And I ask you, whether, at that time, in the course of what Mr. Brown stated, any allusion was made to a certain number of freemen, through whom the election might

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be secured?—I heard nothing of the kind; nor do I believe it to have been stated to Mr. Baines, or at that time.

64,068. I did not ask whether it was stated to Mr. Baines?—I say, not stated to Mr. Baines, nor stated at the time.

64,069. Do you remember whether it was stated at any time either to Mr. Brown's party, or from his party, that there were a certain number of freemen through whom the election might be secured, or something to that effect?—I have heard, in the course of this inquiry, that it was so stated, but it was not so stated by any member of Mr. Brown's committee to myself, nor officially communicated to the committee; to the best of my knowledge, it was a matter which I knew of.

64,070. At that time, that there were a certain number of freemen?—Voters; I do not know what they were.

64,071. Who might be secured by the payment of money?—Yes.

64,072. And would secure the election?—Yes.

64,073. Do you remember whether any communication with reference to that party was made at any time to your committee upon that day?—Any communication made by Mr. Brown's party?

64,074. Whether any reference relating to that party of voters was made from the other party to you upon the nomination day or polling day?—I have already stated that no communication of that kind was made to me, nor do I believe it was made.

64,075. Did you hear that any such communication had been made at all to any of your committee?—Never, until during the course of this inquiry.

64,076. Did you ever hear it stated that Mr. Brown was prepared, or would have paid his share of that number of voters?—No.

64,077. How long did Mr. Brown stay when he came to the committee room?—Some three or four minutes I think would be the outside.

64,078. And stated, I think you said, that his continuance would endanger Mr. Baines' election?—Yes.

64,079. Or something to that effect?—Yes; or something to that effect.

64,080. Did he say what he should do in consequence?—That he would resign.

64,081. Did he say that he had resigned, or that he would resign?—I am pretty sure that he said he had resigned; he came direct from his committee room, having previously consulted with his committee, that is my impression; and he came immediately to Mr. Baines to communicate the fact to him.

64,082. Was Mr. Baines at the George at the time?—Yes.

64,083. In the committee room?—No.

64,084. He saw him in your presence?—Yes.

64,085. Did he state how his perseverance would endanger Mr. Baines' return?—No; not in my hearing, nor do I believe he did.

64,086. Did you understand how it would endanger Mr. Baines' return?—Yes.

64,087. How was it?—That Mr. Baines would not pay, and Mr. Brown would.

64,088. Who was present upon this occasion, when Mr. Brown saw Mr. Baines, besides yourself, at the George?—I really do not remember; I think that Mr. Brown was accompanied by Mr. Fewster Wilkinson.

64,089. Anybody else?—I think also by his brother-in-law, the Honourable Mr. Scarlet.

64,090. And you were there?—I drove up in a cab at the very same moment Mr. Brown arrived, and went into the room where they were; it was the first time I had left the room all day. I went to poll.

64,091. Was anybody else there?—I do not recollect; there would be one or two persons; I think Mr. Tottie was there.

64,092. Upon this being announced, did some others come in?—No; I think nothing but a general cheer.

64,093. You said you understood the reason was, that Mr. Brown would pay and Mr. Baines would not?—I said I understood the reason, but not from Mr. Brown.

64,094. That you understood that that was the meaning of it at the time?—Yes; that Mr. Brown would have paid; I do not mean, understood it from him; I particularly guard myself as to that.

64,095. Was such an opinion at all rife during the morning of the election as to those people that it might turn upon, whether they were bought or not?—Yes, decidedly.

64,096. What was about the number of them?—Speaking from memory, I was told about 220 or 230, who were then waiting.

64,097. Hanging back?—Yes.

64,098. Were there any particularly who were endeavouring to treat for them?—I do not know.

64,099. When they were hanging back in this way, and getting towards four o'clock, I suppose they had some means of making their wishes known through some person or other?—Yes.

64,100. Who were the principals?—I was told of there being voters to about that amount, who were ready to poll for Mr. Baines on being promised the payment of 50*s.* each.

64,101. Who communicated that to you?—It was some working man, but I do not know his name.

64,102. How did you get that impression upon your mind, that Mr. Brown would have paid?—Because I was told repeatedly during the course of the day, that if I did not sanction payment, Mr. Baines would lose his election.

64,103. Who did you have that pressure, if I may so call it, put upon you by?—It was general; I do not remember any particular person; it was repeatedly stated, and said also that unless I consented to a coalition upon the part of Mr. Baines with one of the other candidates, that he would lose his election.

64,104. Either with reference to Mr. Clay or to Mr. Brown?—Yes; and it was with reference to that point that a deputation waited from Mr. Brown's committee, not with reference to payment.

64,105. Did you have any communication in substance, such as that you have been alluding to, from Mr. Brown's committee during the day?—As regards payment, do you mean?

64,106. With regard to losing the election, if those parties were not bought?—No; not from the committee.

64,107. Not from any of the committees?—Not from the committee.

64,108. I said not from any of the committees. Then who was it from, if not from the committee as a body?—I have drawn a distinction throughout as to official communications.

64,109. From whom did it come individually, or from whom did you hear it?—I do not remember at the present moment any individual who named it; it was frequently named in the course of the election day.

64,110. Though not from the committee, was it made from persons individually interested in Mr. Brown?—Yes; I should say that it was.

64,111. Did you know that those persons were upon his committee, although it did not come from his committee?—I did not, with one exception.

64,112. Who is that that you would except?—I think it was Mr. Joseph Walker Pease; I think he was upon Mr. Brown's committee, I am not quite certain.

64,113. Do you think you had a communication of that kind from him?—When you use the word "communication," I do not mean an authorised communication, but a remark was made.

64,114. A mention of the fact?—Yes; a mention of it.

64,115. You think it came from him among others?—I think so; but I wish to be careful to avoid mentioning names if I am not certain about them.

64,116. But we must ask you for them, and when we ask you, we hope you will consider that a sufficient reason for your giving them?—Quite so.

64,117. Do you think any communication of that kind from Mr. Pease, would have been on the nomination day or the election day?—The remark, or the mention of it, would be on the polling day.

64,118. Do you remember where that remark was made?—It would be at the George Inn; I was at the George Inn the whole two days.

64,119. You think you saw Mr. Joseph Walker Pease there?—Yes, I saw him there; he was very anxious, and so were others, that there should be a coalition between Mr. Brown and Mr. Baines.

64,120. I think you said you thought a coalition with either might secure Mr. Baines' return?—Yes; both the other candidates were anxious to coalesce with Mr. Baines.

64,121. Either Mr. Clay or Mr. Brown?—Yes.

64,122. There was the same general wish remaining, that Mr. Baines should be one of the members?—Quite so, on both sides.

64,123. Was there any proposal at any time of a coalition with Mr. Clay?—There was with Mr. Brown.

64,124. But with Mr. Clay?—I think not; but there was a formal communication made from Mr. Brown's committee to coalesce.

64,125. When was that?—About noon, I think, of the polling day.

64,126. Who did that come from?—Mr. Fewster Wilkinson and the Honourable Mr. Scarlet were the persons that called, and I think some other gentleman; I do not remember the name.

64,127. In the situation in which you were with regard to the requisition and your party, you would seem to be placed almost beyond the possibility of a coalition. Your requisition was signed by some of all parties, and a coalition with either would therefore have dissatisfied many?—I was very anxious about the election, certainly—about the result of it; but I felt that anything of that kind would be a departure from the instructions that Mr. Baines had given me.

64,128. This communication, or mention, or remark, whatever it was, that was made by Mr. Pease. Do you remember whether an allusion to pay half these freemen was mentioned?—No; I believe it was never mentioned.

64,129. But the fact of there being such persons, and that the securing them would turn the election?—No; the conversation was not with reference to that specific matter of freemen; it was to the general practice.

64,130. Had it not also reference to these persons that were known to be hanging back?—No; I feel quite clear about that, that there was no mention made to me by any parties connected with either of the committees.

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64,131. But with reference to the general practices at elections, there was mention of some persons, the securing of whom might turn the election?—With reference to the general practice it was; but that I was too niggardly, that was the expression used.

64,132. You seem to have understood a little more about elections than I thought you did?—I did not understand much.

64,133. You said at the commencement, you did not know of the means of influencing votes by employing parties?—No, I did not.

64,134. Was that method brought to your attention during the election?—Do you mean the runners?

64,135. The influencing parties by employing them?—Yes.

64,136. How early in the election was that brought to your notice?—Almost immediately, I should think.

64,137. Did you sanction it then?—There was no payment made for votes, excepting to runners, as I have mentioned before.

64,138. The exception has now become a principle with you. Did you sanction the system of influencing people by giving them employment?—I sanctioned the principle of putting down runners, certainly.

64,139. Why did you not carry it to a greater amount, if there were parties standing out?—Because I apprehended that the committees would follow the instructions of the general committee, not to employ more men than were needful.

64,140. Did you give those instructions?—It was quite an understood thing from the first, quite so.

64,141. Still you have said, that for the purpose of carrying on a fair contest, the whole of this might have been cast away. You have said that there was no occasion for any of them?—The question was, whether under a fair contest there would be any occasion for such means; it was not with reference to that election.

64,142. The question put to you was, whether, supposing neither party to desire to influence the voters by pecuniary motives, it would be necessary to have so large a staff of runners as required the payment of 119*l.*?—And my answer was, that it would not have been needful.

64,143. Then at this election, when you did employ them, it was for the purpose of influencing their vote, was it not?—We were not very particular as to the amount of work which we got out of the men for a day's pay.

64,144. Then I ask if any instructions were given not to carry it beyond a certain amount?—Yes, I think so.

64,145. Why?—Because it would have been glaringly doing that which there was no necessity for; all these persons were employed more or less.

64,146. It would have been too glaring, was that your reason?—Yes.

64,147. Was any reason given at the time, why another candidate was introduced; that is, why Mr. Brown was brought?—I had no reason given to me at all.

64,148. We have been told, that although he was invited partly from political motives, yet he was, in a great measure, invited by persons who always insisted on having a contest; do you agree in that?—I have heard so, but I do not know it of my own knowledge.

64,149. Did you hear so during the election?—Yes, I did.

64,150. You have said that this item for runners would be wholly unnecessary, and I suppose you would say the same of an item of 118*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.* for colours and calico flags?—Most decidedly.

64,151. And that an item divided among nineteen tradesmen; you say that is wholly unnecessary?—Yes, I should think so.

64,152. Would you say, for the purpose of coming to a fair decision by the constituency, that it was necessary for you to incur an expense of 324*l.* for printing?—No; not absolutely necessary.

64,153. Almost the whole of that would be unnecessary, would it not?—Yes.

64,154. And that is divided among twenty different persons?—Yes.

64,155. Would you say, that the item for cab hire and bringing voters up in carriages, amounting to 137*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*, is wholly unnecessary?—It was not wholly unnecessary at that election; it would be unnecessary under the pure system which you are anticipating, certainly.

64,156. I think, perhaps, you will say the same of that large item for legal advice?—Yes, certainly.

64,157. That is an item of 290*l.*?—Yes.

64,158. That would be wholly unnecessary?—Yes.

64,159. Then I presume you agree with other gentlemen who have been here, that for the purpose of coming to a fair decision by the constituency of Hull, the expenses of two candidates would not amount to a sum above 800*l.*?—Certainly.

64,160. Then all the expenses in that case, the difference between the 400*l.* and the 1,825*l.*, were wholly unnecessary for any fair election?—That would be so.

64,161. For what purpose did you, who were conducting this election, incur expenses to the amount of the difference between 400*l.* and 1,800*l.*?—For the purpose of securing it.

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64,162. For the purpose of influencing the constituency?—For the purpose of securing the election.

64,163. Is not that by means of influencing the constituency?—Indirectly it is.

64,164. By indirectly do you mean corruptly?—No.

64,165. Take that in your hand, the register for 1847; look at the first twelve names in that list, and compare them with the register of the year 1847, which you have before you, and you will see, that of nine out of the twelve, there are not even any persons of the same name upon the register (*referring to document* C.)?—I do not find the three first names upon the poll book.

64,166. How do you account for that, assuming that as a fair instance: were there any pains taken for that?—I am quite unable to account for that perfectly.

64,167. Assuming that to be the same throughout the list, can you account for it in any way?—I cannot account for it at all.

64,168. You gave an answer some time ago, which is not quite consistent with that paper, as far as I understand it, because you said some runners were appointed by the committees; a good many were wanted, and non-voters would not be appointed; that seems to contain a good many who are not?—This is perfectly inexplicable to me.

64,169. Then, when you gave that answer to me in the first instance, were you applying that to the general practice rather than the particular practice?—Yes; apprehending the particular practice accorded with it.

64,170. You assumed that the occasion was in accordance with the general practice?—I did.

64,171. Looking at that, you see it is not?—Or, to put it more clearly, I assumed the names in the list were voters.

64,172. Your answer was based upon that supposition?—It was.

64,173. When Mr. Brown came to Mr. Baines' committee on that day, was there anything said about Mr. Brown's resignation?—No; it was a simple communication of the fact.

64,174. Can you account for Mr. Brown stating that it was likely to endanger Mr. Baines' election, assuming the fact to be as it has been stated by many witnesses, that at that time Mr. Baines was at the head of the poll?—Yes.

64,175. It might have endangered Mr. Clay's situation; I do not see how it could have endangered Mr. Baines, because at that time the contest lay between Mr. Baines and Mr. Clay?—It would endanger Mr. Baines' election, if there were a certain number of voters ready to be paid, if Mr. Baines did not pay them and Mr. Brown did.

64,176. Did you consider that there was at that time so large a number of the venal voters still remaining unpolled, as to be able to remove Mr. Baines from the top to the bottom of the poll, if Mr. Brown had persevered in it?—Yes, I did.

64,177. It seems to me that quite explains it, because Mr. Brown was friendly to Mr. Baines?—Yes; and therefore retired.

64,178. Although he might have paid the voters, might he not canvass their second vote for Mr. Baines?—Yes; he might do so, but I had no knowledge of that.

64,179. Being so friendly to Mr. Baines, that he was ready to resign in his favour, why could he not have canvassed for the second vote for Mr. Baines?—He might have done so.

64,180. When you say canvass, you mean paid, I suppose?—If you put it in that way.

64,181. Did you hear at all during the election, that the freemen were so incensed against Mr. Baines, upon the rumours that he would not pay, that they refused to vote for him when they were canvassed by Mr. Brown's canvassers?—No; I do not remember that particularly.

64,182. Are you aware of this fact, that has been stated by many of the witnesses in evidence, that after Mr. Brown resigned, and after the resignation was known, notwithstanding that he polled more votes afterwards than Mr. Baines?—I think I have heard that.

64,183. Can you explain that?—No; I do not understand it.

64,184. Was it not because they wanted money?—I do not know, I am sure.

64,185. Do you think that is the explanation?—It might be.

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MR. THEOPHILUS CARRICK sworn, and examined.

64,186. Are you in any business?—I am the official assignee of the Court of Bankruptcy for the Leeds district, resident in Hull.

64,187. Where do you reside in Hull?—No. 55, Lister Street.

64,188. Do you pay rent?—£40 a year.

64,189. Are you also a freeman?—I am a freeman, but I have never taken up my freedom.

64,190. You are not a burgess?—I have never voted as a freeman.

64,191. How long have you been entitled to vote for the borough?—Since the passing of the Reform Bill.

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64,192. You have taken a considerable amount of interest in the elections for members of Parliament?—I have, till the last one. I took no part in the last election, beyond recording my vote for Moore and Butler.

64,193. In the year 1837, I believe, you took a good deal of interest on behalf of the blue candidates?—It is so long ago that I cannot remember I took an active part. I voted for the two blue candidates in 1837. I dare say I should be chairman of the district of South Myton at that election.

64,194. There is but one name like yours in the report. You are the person mentioned in the report before me?—I dare say it would be, in reference to that election.

64,195. In the scrutiny of 1847?—I was not aware of it.

64,196. In 1841 who did you vote for?—In 1841 I took a great interest in the election for Hanmer and James.

64,197. And voted for them?—I should vote for them.

64,198. What position did you occupy then?—I was chairman for the South Myton district, and I seconded the nomination of Sir Walter James on the hustings.

64,199. Do you know anything of how Sir John Hanmer became a candidate?—I do not.

64,200. From your knowledge as chairman were you aware that the practice of setting down names, as it is called, of runners, prevailed at that time?—To a limited extent, it did.

64,201. To some extent?—To a limited extent.

64,202. How many do you think there were in the South Myton district?—I think not more than twenty of them, and, in my knowledge, not one that was not actively engaged.

64,203. They were set down?—I think about twenty. There were others engaged as colour men and waiting men, waiting at the committee.

64,204. Was the system adopted of giving employment if possible to the greatest possible number of freemen?—Yes, it was to some extent, but not to the same extent that prevailed at the last election.

64,205. On that occasion it did prevail, and some little ingenuity was resorted to to find employment?—It was.

64,206. You agree with most of the other witnesses, that the most valuable part of the services performed was the vote?—No doubt of it.

64,207. Who was the paymaster of your district?—I believe I was.

64,208. You were not the gentleman behind the hole in the door?—No.

64,209. And the payments were made openly?— ——.

64,210. Where were they made?—I think the whole amount of money that passed throug my hands did not exceed 25*l.*

64,211. There must have been some other paymaster to pay these twenty men?—I dare say there might. £25 only passed through my hands.

64,212. Who else paid in your district?—Mr. George Milner was my deputy chairman. He left the town, and has since died.

64,213. Did you know at the time, or have you learned since, how much you disbursed?—I have not. I have not any knowledge of any amount beyond the 25*l.*

64,214. Did you supply him with money?—I did not.

64,215. Did he you?—No.

64,216. Who supplied you with money?—Mr. Clifford Pease, the chairman of the central committee.

64,217. Was it the custom at that election, amongst your party, for the chairman and deputy chairman to meet of a morning?—We met in the committee room every morning; in fact, all the day.

64,218. Were all the district chairmen members of the general committee?—Yes, and occasionally received summonses to attend daily.

64,219. Does that enable you to give us any information as to the extent of runners who were employed?—No.

64,220. The amount to be paid?—No; we had no instructions.

64,221. You might have heard it talked of in the committee?—No, I did not.

64,222. Did you hear how much was the amount of money available at the election?—I did not.

64,223. Not within any limits at all?—I was not aware at all of the nature of the engagement that was entered into with the candidates, as to the amount they ought to pay.

64,224. You were aware that an arrangement was entered into?—I have heard that there was.

64,225. Did you not also hear to what extent that engagement went?—No.

64,226. It has been variously stated to us that 6,000*l.*, 7,000*l.*, 8,000*l.* is the amount spent by the blue party on that occasion?—I have no means of judging as to the correctness of that amount at all.

64,227. Either from your own knowledge, or anything that transpired at the time by your party?—Exactly so.

64,228. Did the candidates frequent the committee room occasionally?—Occasionally they came. They called when they canvassed in the separate districts.

64,229. Were you yourself much at the committee room?—I was not, at that election.

64,230. What became of your books and papers after the election terminated?—I believe they were principally left with my deputy chairman. I thought I had some in my possession, but I could not find them. Mr. George Milner had them. I think still I have some of them in my possession; if I find them you shall have them. I do not think they will give you any information beyond what I have given viva voce.

64,231. Do they give the names of the parties?—I do not think they would. I do not think those documents came through my hands. Possibly they might show how the 25*l.* I myself paid was appropriated, but not beyond that, certainly.

64,232. Had you a minute book belonging to your committee?—I think we had not. There was the chairman's book, that contained a list of all the voters from the district. They were regularly posted up.

64,233. And the canvass book?—I think that book I have somewhere.

64,234. Do you know the names of the parties employed as runners?—I have not any of those papers.

64,235. Where would they be?—I think Mr. George Milner, my deputy chairman, would have had them.

64,236. When did he die?—About twelve months ago.

64,237. In this town?—No; he left the town some years before.

64,238. Can you answer this question,—as a person familiar with what took place in 1837,—can you tell in what way the conduct of the election of 1841 differed from that in 1837?—I think a very essential difference. I think there was not so much money spent in 1847 as in 1841.

64,239. No, in 1837?—I do not know the circumstances of the election of 1837.

64,240. You do not remember it?—I do not think I took so active a part as in the subsequent election.

64,241. You have not a sufficient knowledge of what took place in 1837, to be able to distinguish that from the two others: I think that is your answer?—I have not.

64,242. How long was the committee in existence?—Prior to the election?

64,243. Prior to the election?—I should think a fortnight or three weeks.

64,244. Was there much money, as far as you know or have heard, paid after the election was over?—I have no knowledge of any money at all being paid afterwards; in fact, as soon as the election was over, I ceased to take any further interest in it. I never attended the committee room afterwards; I left it to my deputy chairman.

64,245. What was your practice when, in the course of your canvass, you found people who said they wanted to be runners?—My belief was, they were paid a certain amount after the election.

64,246. Were there regular pay sheets kept of those who were employed previous to the election?—I should say not.

64,247. These twenty?—I think those who were actively employed were paid at the time.

64,248. Were the pay sheets transmitted to the central committee?—Yes; I think all the payments would be sent to the central committee.

64,249. £25 by no means would cover that?—No; not merely the expenses to which I became personally responsible for.

64,250. What were they?—Paying the men I had engaged.

64,251. How?—As runners, who were actually engaged.

64,252. If there were regular pay sheets I do not understand, unless you can favour us with some explanation, how it is you should pay any money at all?—These men were engaged as weekly servants, and they expected to be paid weekly, as I promised them they should.

64,253. The 25*l.* would by no means cover the twenty. I do not understand why you became liable to pay them the whole, or why you became liable to any part?—I was liable to the persons I personally engaged. I promised them they should be paid, and I paid them.

64,254. Why were they not set down in the pay sheet?—I cannot tell you; it was the system adopted in my committee room.

64,255. Did each member of the committee who employed runners pay separately from the rest?—No; I do not think they did.

64,256. I do not understand how you came to pay them and others not?—I engaged those men and promised them they should be paid. I paid them prior to my getting the 25*l.*

64,257. Was it at an early period of the election?—It was before the election.

64,258. At the very early period before the pay sheets were made out?—Yes.

64,259. Quite at the early period you expended the 25*l.*, and the pay sheets were resorted to afterwards?—Yes, it was. I had nothing to do with paying after the election.

64,260. What I want to know is this: before the committee were completely organised, and the pay sheets were used, you paid out of your own pocket?—I paid out of my own pocket.

64,261. And afterwards referred the men, by means of the pay sheets, to who?—The cashier or treasurer it might be, or to the general committee, I cannot say which.

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64,262. Is there no other information you can give respecting the election of 1841?—No, I am not aware that I can give you any that you have not already in my notes.

64,263. Was there a person named John Lusby?—I know the man.

64,264. It is stated he was paid by you?—He was an active man in our committee room.

64,265. You heard a man of the name of Lyson examined a few days ago?—I knew him also; he was a man engaged in our committee room.

64,266. Lyson is one of the men it was stated was paid through a hole?—I think he was a kind of confidential doorkeeper.

64,267. What is the meaning of that?—A man we could put trust in.

64,268. He was doing the duties that a confidential doorkeeper would have to perform?—He differed from a person we might suspect to be a kind of spy in the camp. We knew he was a thorough-going blue—blue to the back bone.

64,269. Did you hear anything of the system of paying through doors?—Not a syllable.

64,270. This Lyson stated that he was paid?—If he were so, I was no party to it.

64,271. Assuming it to be so, did you not pay him?—I do not know it, and I do not believe it to be so.

64,272. So many people have said that it was in some places, that we must take it it was so?—It was not so in the South Myton district,

64,273. Where were they paid in the South Myton district?—I do not know.

64,274. Where did your district committee hold its meetings?—I had never any place at all where the payments were made.

64,275. Where did the district committee meet?—There were two, one in Osborne Street, and the other in Cockburn Street.

64,276. Which did you attend?—The one in Cockburn Street.

64,277. Now, in 1847, how did you vote?—In 1847 I voted for Mr. Baines only.

64,278. Were you a member of his committee?—I was the deputy chairman of one of them; there were two.

64,279. Where?—At the George Inn.

64,280. At the general committee?—At the central committee. Mr. Tottie was the chairman.

64,281. Can you inform us how the district committees were appointed?—I think the whole of the gentlemen who had formerly served as members of the committee were summoned to the central committee room, and the district committees were formed to the best of my recollection,

64,282. Explain what was done with reference to the setting down names there?—I am not aware that a single name was set down.

64,283. What means did you resort to for the purpose of carrying on the ordinary business of the election?—The appointing the district committees.

64,284. I want to know what the mode of doing it was. The district committee men could not stand at the door, or carry messages. How did you understand votes were to be secured at the election?—That I cannot tell you. I had nothing to do with those arrangements for the election.

64,285. How were the people to be employed; what arrangements did you make for carrying on the ordinary intercourse of the committees?—There was a deputy chairman to the committee. I had nothing to do with the arrangements; my part was principally to go about with Mr. Baines to the different districts. I took no active part at all in the arrangements.

64,286. Cannot you give us any information as to the mode in which those runners were selected?—I cannot.

64,287. Now, what steps were taken for the selection?—I cannot tell. I believe the whole of the arrangements were made with the gentleman who has been just under examination.

64,288, My reason for asking was, that you had more experience?—Mr. Baines was not one of our party, and, being a blue man, I did not take that interest in it that I should have done.

64,289. Did you feel an anxiety for the return of Mr. Baines, with a view to avoid a contest?—Mr. Baines had been our recorder and was a gentleman highly respected, and I signed the requisition asking him to put himself in nomination.

64,290. Was it personal rather than political?—It was personal rather than political. If there had been a blue candidate I should not have voted for Mr. Baines. I might have divided my vote if there had been.

64,291. Do you know anything of the address to him to be present; had you anything to do with getting it up?—I cannot tell you. It was numerously signed—1,400 or 1,500 I think.

64,292. Do you remember, at any time during the election, the subject of how the expenses were to be met?—They were never canvassed in my presence at all.

64,293. Do you remember hearing on the morning of the election there were a considerable number of votes to be disposed of?—I did not.

64,294. Did you never hear of it in the course of the day?—No, I did not.

64,295. How soon did you hear of Mr. Brown's resignation?—I was in the central

committee room when Mr. Brown came to say that he had resigned, at about three o'clock in the afternoon.

64,296. Just tell us what your recollection is?—My impression is, that Mr. Brown gave up under the impression that he could not win the election; or, that if he did win it, he would endanger the return of Mr. Baines, which he was anxious to avoid.

46,297. How could that be, according to your judgment, seeing that at the time when Mr. Brown resigned Mr. Baines was a long way ahead?—I thought it was too late for any possibility for Mr. Brown to be returned at that time, considering the state of the poll.

64,298. Are you not aware that Mr. Brown polled more one hour after he resigned than he did in the seven hours before?—I am aware of that; the fact is, they continued polling for Mr. Brown long after he resigned.

64,299. They polled for Brown and Baines; can you give us any explanation of that?—It is assumed that these men were purchased at a late hour, and came to poll.

64,300. Not purchased for Mr. Brown; this was after Mr. Brown had resigned?—I believe they were for Mr. Brown after he had resigned, only Mr. Brown did not know that to be the case.

64,301. Did you hear anything of any of the parties who were standing out for money on that day?—I did not.

64,302. Did you hear it said that money was scarce on Mr. Baines' side at all, or there was more on Mr. Brown's?—I did not.

64,303. You said you were paymaster at the 1841 election?—No; I only paid 25*l.*

64,304. I suppose, when you were paymaster, it was to your own ward only?—To my own ward.

64,305. Who was the general paymaster?—The chairman of the general committee, Mr. Clifford Pease.

64,306. £25 is quite a drop in the ocean, is it not?—I believe much more money went through the hands of my deputy chairman than mine.

64,307. Out of the 25*l.*?—No; besides that.

64,308. But the general paymaster was Mr. Clifford Pease?—Yes.

64,309. If money was wanted for the election of 1841, was he the person who would be applied to?—Certainly.

64,310. Were payments made from time to time by the committee while the election was proceeding?—I think there were.

64,311. And he would be the source to look for the money?—Most assuredly.

64,312. Was this 25*l.* you paid entirely devoted to the persons whom you had engaged and employed?—It was, or nearly so; there might be some small expense beside.

64,313. Those were persons you had interested yourself in?—Yes.

64,314. Could you not give us the names?—I think the names have been already mentioned.

64,315. Lusby and Lyson?—There was another man.

64,316. John Rutherford?—Yes; I do not know him. I know him by name, but I do not know the man.

64,317. Samuel Brown, do you remember him in 1841?—I do not.

64,318. I ask you, because it is stated you in the presence of Samuel Brown paid Rutherford some money?—Very possibly; I might if he was a man actively engaged.

64,319. You do not remember his name?—No, I do not.

64,320. Mr. Brown is a gentleman now in London?—I do not know.

64,321. Mr. Brown, he was the agent for the registration, Samuel Brown?—I never paid him any money. I remember the man now very well; I never paid him any money to the best of my belief.

64,322. The statement made of what Samuel Brown did is, that he said you in his company paid some money to Rutherford?—I do not remember. I remember the name very well; but I do not remember the man. He might receive money if he was engaged upon my committee.

64,323. Was Brown one of the committee?—I think not.

64,324. He had been active on the registration?—He had.

64,325. He had been a useful man?—He had.

64,326. Do you know whether he was on the committee?—I do not think he was on any committee.

64,327. Do you remember that he was secretary?—I knew he was actively engaged, but I do not know on what committee, or in what capacity.

64,328. I am sorry I have no more names to put to you?—Now you call Rutherford by name, I remember him very well; Brown was the gentleman's name.

64,329. Did you act on any committee in 1852?—I did not; I took no part beyond recording my vote.

64,330. Did you canvass?—No, I did not,

44,331. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

64,332. How came you not to assist them more actively; did you not canvass?—No; I received an official appointment, but I did not think it proper that I should interfere at all in the election.

64,333. You were not on any committee?—I was not.

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64,334. Are you in any business?—Not any.

64,335. You occupy premises in this town?—Yes.

64,336. At what rate?—£50 a year.

64,337. Are you a freeman also?—No, I am not.

64,338. How long have you been entitled to vote?—Since the Reform Bill.

64,339. You were formerly in the bank here?—I was.

64,340. Did you take any interest in the election of 1841?—Yes; very actively. I canvassed for Sir Walter James and Sir John Hanmer. I was on one of the committees.

64,341. Do you recollect which committee?—I think it was the committee in Saville Street, of which Mr. Cattley was the chairman.

64,342. Perhaps you can throw some light through the keyhole of the door there?—I never heard of it till after this inquiry, and I do not believe there was anything of the sort.

64,343. You did not hear of it?—No; I never heard of it.

64,344. Who was the chairman?—I think Mr. Farthing was the chairman at that election.

64,345. Did the practice prevail then of setting down persons' names for the purpose of their votes?—I am sure I do not recollect at all. I do not think I was at all conversant with it if there was anything of the sort. I do not recollect whether there was anything or not.

64,346. Did you hear of the subject alluded to occasionally?—I do not recollect now. I did not know it even at the time.

64,347. How did you carry on business; you had runners and messengers, I presume?—I believe there were. I was only one of the committee, and my principal occupation was canvassing among the voters.

64,348. What did you do with the doubtful people when they gave you information that they would like a little something in return; what did you do with them when you were canvassing; did you not meet a good many such?—I dare say there were, but I do not recollect any particulars.

64,349. Do you recollect meeting persons who intimated that they wanted some consideration?—I have no doubt there were persons who expected to be paid for their votes.

64,350. What did you do with those people; refer them to the general committee?—No; they were sent to the chairman or deputy chairman; how they were dealt with I do not know.

64,351. You sent them to the chairman or deputy chairman?—Yes.

64,352. How many do you think you may have sent to the chairman or deputy chairman?—I am sure it is impossible to recollect. I dare say there may have been a good many apply in that way.

64,353. What is a good many; how many would that be?—It might be twenty or thirty, or forty, in that election perhaps. I do not know; it was rather a large district, Sculcoates.

64,354. Did you have many of the kind yourself?—There might have been many sent in that way to the committee. I do not think I did.

64,355. How many do you think you yourself sent?—There might be ten or twelve .I do not say how many.

64,356. Did you pay any yourself?—No; I had nothing to do with it prior to that time.

64,357. Where was the account kept, if any, of the expenses?—I do not know; I suppose at the central committee. I think Mr. Clifford Pease was the chairman of the committee.

64,358. Did you apply to him when you wanted money?—I had nothing to do with the money. No money passed through my hands at all.

64,359. Did you not pay any of the runners, or other persons?—No; I never had any money at all,—I never paid any one. I never had any money at all in my hands.

64,360. In 1847, I believe you interested yourself for Mr. Brown?—I did.

64,361. As deputy chairman, I think?—No; I was chairman.

64,362. Did you vote for Mr. Brown only?—I voted for Brown and Baines.

64,363. I believe you were one of the party that went to see Mr. Brown?—I was.

64,364. And you had an interview with him, at which the other members of the deputation were not present?—Yes, I had.

64,365. What took place between you and Mr. Brown?—I went with a letter of introduction from Mr. Tottie. I made known the business that we had come upon, and that there was a deputation waiting to call upon him to request that he would become a candidate for Hull. He had been here previously; before that he had been with Mr. Tottie and some other parties, but they had thought it better for him not to stand in opposition to Mr. Baines. I am not certain whether he had been here, but there was some idea of his coming as a candidate before

64,366. What further took place between you and Mr. Brown?—After I had been with him a short time, he requested the deputation to come in.

64,367. Before the deputation came in, I want to know what it was took place which the deputation were not permitted to hear?—I merely told my object and my views. He asked me if there was any one else here. I said, "Yes; a deputation is waiting to be introduced to you." He sent his servant for them, and they joined us.

64,368. I want to know what took place between you and Mr. Brown, and which the deputation were not permitted to hear?—I stated to him the object of my visit; scarcely anything else passed.

64,369. Why did you not all go together?—It was thought more adviseable for me to go by myself first.

64,370. Why?—I do not know why; but the others wished me to go and take my letter of introduction.

64,371. What was said with regard to the expense?—He asked me if it would be an expensive election. I told him I thought not, as the time was short, I did not suppose it would be very expensive.

64,372. What else?—We then had the deputation in.

64,373. Was nothing more said as to the expense?—No, nothing at all at that time.

64,374. Was nothing said as to the mode in which the money would be expended?—No, nothing.

64,375. Some of these gentlemen were very old electioneerers; did any of them tell Mr. Brown?—No.

64,376. The others came in?—The others came in, and then there was a general conversation, and the probability of success was canvassed. He gave us some luncheon, and said he would retire for a short time, and he would then give us an answer whether he would come over.

64,377. Before the deputation was there, was not something said about the expenses?—No; nothing in the presence of the other parties at all.

64,378. Was anything more said before they came in?—No; he merely asked me what the expense would be. I told him I did not know, but I thought it could not be very expensive, as the time was very short. I do not think that money seemed to be of much object to him; he did not seem to care much about it.

64,379. Did he not ask how much it might cost?—No, he did not.

64,380. No estimate of any kind?—Not at all.

64,381. What age was Mr. Brown at the time?—I should think about thirty or thirty-five.

64,382. Scarcely as much, was he?—I do not know; he was a young man,—he might not be as much.

64,383. A man of large fortune?—Yes.

64,384. Which he had recently succeeded to?—Yes, he had.

64,385. Was he told what number of runners, colourmen, and so on, it would be necessary to employ?—Oh no; not at all.

64,386. Was there no information given him to enable him to form a judgment of the cost?—No; there was nothing mentioned as to the mode, or anything of the sort, or what was the cost of carrying on the election.

64,387. Was there anything said about who was to have the care of the money during the election?—No; he said, after he came back in about three-quarters of an hour, on consideration he would put himself in our hands, and he would come on the Monday morning.

64,388. You were on that occasion his treasurer?—I was.

64,389. When was it first proposed that you should be the treasurer?—I had no idea at all of being his chairman, or taking any active part after he had come; however, it was in a state of confusion when he arrived,—it was necessary for some one to take an active part, and become chairman,—and I was appointed.

64,390. But the treasurer?—Why, there was no one but me who was treasurer or chairman. I was treasurer and chairman also; at least I paid the money for him,—I advanced the money in fact.

64,391. Did it not naturally fall to your lot, that being his chairman and being a banker, you should be his treasurer?—I was his treasurer, and I advanced the money before I received anything from him.

64,392. How much did you advance before you received any money from him?—I think about 1,200*l.*

64,393. When did you receive the first money from him?—I do not recollect. I gave Mr. Shaen the memorandums and two letters also from Mr. Brown, and the dates of the two checks which he sent to me.

64,394. Altogether 3,000*l.*?—£3,000.

64,395. How much was there, not more than 1,200*l.*, disbursed by you before you got the first 1,000*l.*?—I think not; somewhere about 1,200*l.*

64,396. You disbursed that out of your own funds?—I did.

64,397. How was the committee organised?—I scarcely know; it was in such a state of confusion that it was scarcely organised at all.

64,398. Did everybody act for themselves?—No; there was a sort of committee formed, but it was not a very organised one, and we wrote to a number of gentlemen we

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thought were interested in Mr. Brown's election, to form committees in the districts, and we got them very badly formed.

64,399. Was there any arrangement made between you and your committee, or anybody representing Mr. Brown, with Mr. Baines?—Not any.

64,400. Or Mr. Clay?—Not any.

64,401. Was it understood that the object merely was for Mr. Brown to get in, careless of who was turned out?—Mr. Brown told me in the first instance when I went, if there was any danger of Mr. Baines losing his election, he would not come to Hull; that he knew Mr. Baines, and had great respect for him, and he would not endanger his election.

64,402. Was it understood that the attack was to be made on Mr. Clay?—Mr. Clay was the object of it.

64,403. If that was so, how came it to be that Mr. Brown's committee clubbed with Mr. Clay's committee to buy eighty voters right away in a lot?—We did not club with Mr. Clay's committee. There were a great number of Mr. Clay's supporters that proposed to support Mr. Brown, but I do not know how they did vote.

64,404. It has been stated, and how do you account for this: that an agreement was made between Mr. Brown's supporters and Mr. Clay's for the purchase of voters wholesale?—Yes; there were a number of persons,—a Mr. Mitchell, since dead, he was a very leading man among the radicals.

64,405. Who do you call radicals?—The orange; and also a Mr. Walker, who has been here, and some others, Mr. Beeton; they were dissatisfied with Mr. Baines being re-elected, and he wished to support a third candidate, if they could.

64,406. Then your committee was not unanimous in their determination to keep friends with Mr. Baines?—No; certainly it was not.

64,407. Do you know how that transaction was arranged, the purchase of eighty voters at the Baltic Tavern; how that purchase was effected; eighty we have been told by several witnesses; how the purchase of eighty voters was effected by 1*l.* for Mr. Clay, and 19*s.* on account of Mr. Brown, or vicè versa?—I do not know how it was effected.

64,408. How soon did you hear of it?—I do not think I heard of it during the election at all, I am not sure that I did.

64,409. You supplied the money?—I supplied the money, but I gave it to Mr. Burstall, who was my deputy, to disburse the money among the chairmen of the different committees.

64,410. Is Mr. Burstall the gentleman who conducted that little operation among the eighty voters?—I do not know whether he did or not, I am not sure; except Mr. Mitchell, I think he was the only person I paid the money to.

64,411. How much may you have paid to Mr. Mitchell, on or before the polling day?—I should think several hundreds.

64,412. You could have very little doubt to what purpose it would be applied?—No; I had no doubt of it.

64,413. And Mr. Burstall, had he also some hundreds of pounds?—Yes, several hundreds; a considerable sum of money, which he divided among the chairmen and deputy chairmen.

64,414. He had it from you?—Yes.

64,415. How much passed through your hands on or before the polling day?—I am sure I cannot say; perhaps I should think 1,000*l.*

64,416. Do you think the whole of the 1,200*l.*?—Perhaps 1,200*l.*; I think it was about 1,000*l.* I advanced, and perhaps the whole of it.

64,417. Was it out of the 1,200*l.* that the various payments were made by Mr. Bannister and the others?—Yes, it was to the deputy chairman.

64,418. Did you pay Mr. Bannister money?—No, I did not; I think I did not pay any to Mr. Bannister, it all went through Mr. Burstall's hands.

64,419. How were Mr. Mitchell's payments distinguished from Mr. Burstall's?—He applied to me, he would not go to Mr. Burstall; he would not apply to Mr. Burstall for money, and he came to me himself.

64,420. Was he the chairman of a district?—He was; he was very much interested for Mr. Clay; I believe he divided his vote between Mr. Brown and Mr. Clay, and induced others to do the same.

64,421. Some of your chairmen exercised their influence on behalf of Mr. Clay?—They did.

64,422. And some on behalf of Mr. Baines?—They did.

64,423. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Burstall were opposed in politics?—Yes; very much.

64,424. That was the reason Mr. Mitchell objected to go to Mr. Burstall?—I believe it was.

64,425. Do you consider that the whole of the 1,200*l.* was expended in the purchase of votes?—I dare say it was.

64,426. It must be something more, because, altogether, 2,000*l.* had been expended?—Yes, it had.

64,427. How much, according to your judgment, was spent; 2,000*l.* out of the 3,000*l.* most likely?—Yes.

64,428. In the purchase of votes?—No; I think not so much as that; the different tradesmen's bills amounted to a very large sum.

64,429. How much did the bills come to, according to your account?—Printers' bills were very large; we were not at all careful, at least we were very liberal in printing, cards, and carriages and music; we paid pretty handsomely for music, and flags and colours.

64,430. It has been mentioned one of the proceedings at the commencement of the tactics was to buy up all the pink ribbons in the whole town?—Yes; I believe it was.

64,431. Can you tell me about the printing?—No; I have not any account of that, and whether there is any in that account I am not sure.

64,432. You have no recollection upon the subject at all?—No, I have not; I know it was to a very large extent; the printing was very large.

64,433. The advertisements and newspapers you had nothing at all to do with?—No.

64,434. Would there not be a newspaper account?—There was no newspaper account.

64,435. What did the printing consist of?—Cards, to a certain extent, and a great many placards.

64,436. How much do you think it would come to?—I cannot say at all.

64,437. Would it amount to 500*l.* or 600*l.*?—No, not so much as that; I should think 300*l.*

64,438. The colours, how much do you think they would make?—As to colours, we had one bill of nearly 300*l.*, that was reduced considerably; to one person it was nearly 300*l.*

64,439. How much do you think was actually paid for colours?—I think, perhaps, 350*l.* for colours; I should think there would be that.

64,440. Carriages?—I am sure I cannot tell; we got all the carriages we could in the town.

64,441. About?—I cannot tell; perhaps about 120*l.*; I really cannot say, it is merely a guess.

64,442. Was there any agreement made as to any of these items with either of the candidates or their friends; for carriages, for instance?—No; there was no agreement made.

64,443. Music?—As to music, I made an agreement.

64,444. How much was it?—I made an agreement to pay 120*l.*; and they took me afterwards into the county court to pay it before I would; Mr. Beeton took me there.

64,445. How much for the lawyers' expenses?—When we were forming, Mr. Wells was engaged.

64,446. Who was he engaged by?—By the committee.

64,447. How much do you think Mr. Wells had?—I cannot tell.

64,448. How much had the lawyers altogether?—I do not know.

64,449. Was there anybody besides Mr. Wells?—No; he engaged others as the agents; I think Mr. Thorney; I am not sure, but I think Mr. Thorney and some others were engaged by Mr. Wells.

64,450. What is your memory of the law expenses?—I am sure I cannot tell you.

64,451. How much do you think?—I really should be very sorry to say what; I do not know; perhaps it might be 400*l.* or 500*l.*

64,452. Do you know whether Mr. Wells prepared an abstract of the Bribery Act on that occasion?—No; I do not think he did.

64,453. The law expenses you think were between 400*l.* and 500*l.*?—I think, perhaps, they might be.

64,454. £450 you think?—I think, perhaps, the bill was as much as that; I am not sure whether in that is included the sheriff's account or not, I do not know.

64,455. Can you tell how the agreement was carried out, relating to the Hedon voters (*handing a paper to the witness*)?—No; I do not know anything about it; this was all under the management of Mr. Wells.

64,456. Under the directions, I presume, of the committee?—Under the directions of the committee.

64,457. Mr. Wells is a gentleman on whom you would not cast the slightest doubt of it being correct; it being furnished by Mr. Wells, there is not the slightest doubt it is correct?—I have no doubt it is correct.

64,458. He is a gentleman of great respectability in this town?—Yes; I really did not, and have no reason to doubt it now, not the slightest.

64,459. Therefore when you see there were twenty-five voters who were bought at 10*s.* a vote, you have not the least reason to doubt that it is correct?—I have no doubt it is correct.

64,460. Do you know anything of Mr. Park, the gentleman who appears to have been the means of carrying out this negotiation?—No; I do not.

64,461. Was he in any way an agent for Mr. Brown?—I think not; I never heard of his name before to-day; I did not know he was engaged at all, I thought it was Mr. Wilson that had the arrangement of it.

64,462. You had an agent there?—I think there was a Mr. Wilson.

64,463. Probably the purchase mentioned in that paper was concluded between Mr. Park

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on the one side, for Mr. Baines, and Mr. Wilson on the other, on the part of Mr. Brown?—I think it very likely.

64,464. Were there any other outlying voters; Cottingham and Barton voters; do you know how they were dealt with?—I do not know at all.

64,465. You made no individual payments, no small sums?—No, not any; I did not pay any of the small sums after the election; we had all the bills checked as far as we could, before their payment; I gave the money to pay those bills to Mr. Steeple, and the others I paid to Mr. Wells.

64,466. Did you know that Steeple was also engaged by Mr. Baines; were you aware of that?—I did not know that.

64,467. He is returned to us as one of Mr. Baines' agents?—He was at our central committee room the whole time of the election.

64,468. He succeeded in getting payment out of Mr. Baines?—The four days we had him.

64,469. What was Mr. Steeple's occupation?—He was occupied at the central committee purposely to answer any voters who came.

64,470. Is he considered a person who would be a fit person to entrust generally with the more confidential department of the election?—Yes, rather.

64,471. A person considered familiar with the freemen and the general practices?—He has been an old electioneerer.

64,472. Was he a person qualified to deal with the corrupt part of the electors?—I think he was.

64,473. I want to know what in Hull, at a Hull election, is the difference if any between a messenger and a runner?—I am sure I cannot say.

64,474. Do you understand any difference?—No; I do not.

64,475. Do you think they are convertible terms?—Yes; I should apply them the same.

64,476. We have heard both names frequently mentioned, you would not make any difference?—No; not at all.

64,477. You said when you went to Mr. Brown, he asked if it would be an expensive election?—Yes; he did.

64,478. I do not quite understand the reason of the answer you gave; I understand you told him the time was so short that you thought it would not be so expensive?—Yes.

64,479. But if Mr. Brown acceded to the requisition, there was a contest immediately?—Yes.

64,480. And a very short time to conduct it in?—Yes.

64,481. Only three days?—Three or four days.

64,482. You were there on the Sunday and the election was on the Thursday?—Yes; but there were no expenses incurred till the Monday morning.

64,483. Would not the very fact of the shortness of time between the date of the requisition and the polling day, in your judgment, create a considerable expense in a Hull election?—No doubt it would.

64,484. Do you not think that even in three days, having recourse to the usual means that we have heard of as generally prevailing at a Hull election, there was plenty of time to spend a great deal of money?—No doubt there was; but I was not so old an electioneerer as to know what the expenses were; mine was a very indefinite term, "not expensive;" I do not really know what I meant by not expensive; I did not consider that that it would cost so much money as it did.

64,485. When you stated from the shortness of time you thought it would not be a very expensive election, did not Mr. Brown ask what such an answer as that would mean?—No; he did not make any remark.

64,486. I understand you to say that he put no limit at all on you, he placed himself in your hands?—No, he did not make any limit at all; he said he placed himself in our hands, and he would come on the next day.

64,487. No doubt it must have been represented, that, from the shortness of time, a great deal of activity would be requisite?—No doubt it would be.

64,488. There were a good many persons employed from the shortness of time, in order to get the matter into a proper state?—Yes.

64,489. Should you not think that the shortness of time would be an ingredient in increasing the expense?—I do not think it would be very different whether it was a fortnight or four days; I did not suppose we should expend the same money in four days as we should in a fortnight.

64,490. Supposing, for the sake merely of giving the figures, that there were 1,500 persons who did not vote, except for money, do you mean that they might as well be looked up in three days as in thirty?—Yes.

64,491. They would be pretty well known?—I dare say they would to those who understood the general matters of the election.

64,492. They might be got pretty well as soon?—Yes.

64,493. You said, I think, that Mr. Mitchell had a good deal of money from you, several hundreds, as you expressed it?—Yes, he had.

64,494. And that you had no doubt of the purpose to which he applied it; do you

recollect if he stated the purpose?—He wanted to pay the men that had tickets; Mr. Walker gave the tickets to the men and he wanted to pay them.

64,495. He stated that?—He did.

64,496. Are you aware that a good many 5*s.* tickets were issued by Mr. John Walker? — A great many.

64,497. Can you state about the amount in point of number?—No, I cannot; they came very thick.

64,498. As many as 500?—I dare say; I have no doubt there was.

64,499. Each of those tickets was a voucher for 5*s.*?—For 5*s.*

64,500. And Mr. Mitchell's money you understood was to be applied in that way?—Yes.

64,501. On what day, as far as you remember, were those tickets issued?—I think, perhaps, a day or two before the election; I am not sure.

64,502. Mr. Walker said he issued a thousand tickets, do you consider that is the number?—I think very likely.

64,503. You have no reason to distrust him on that point?—No; I think it very likely.

64,504. Do you know if the same person got more than one, sometimes?—There were some represented to us.

64,505. Some thought 5*s.* little enough; what was the 5*s.* supposed to go to, what purpose?—It has been said it was to get their votes; I have no doubt it was to obtain their votes.

64,506. I see the general form is, "wages ticket, 5*s.*, J. W."; those would be Mr. Walker's initials?—Yes.

64,507. And the name of the recipient endorsed?—I saw some of them, not many; Mr. Mitchell produced them to me.

64,508. You had several committee rooms?—Yes, we had.

64,509. Just look at that book, and tell me if you remember seeing that book at your committee room (B.)?—Yes; I have seen this book before.

64,510. Be kind enough to look; you see various marks and initials in red ink, do you recognise the writing?—I think some of them are Mr. Lockwood's.

64,511. In what capacity was Mr. Lockwood?—He was actively employed at the central committee.

64,512. In what capacity?—I must call him deputy chairman, almost; he was very actively employed.

64,513. He had gone with you as one of the deputation?—Yes, he went with me.

64,514. Do you think the red marks are in his writing?—I think a good many are.

64,515. I observe the marks of several are the chairman's of the committee?—Yes, they are.

64,516. Do you know what that means; I see the name of "chairman" carried out against the name?—I think it most likely those men were referred to the chairman of the committee, when they applied to be paid.

64,517. As far as your recollection goes, would that be a book of applications that were made at the central committee room?—Yes, it would.

64,518. Do you know that they would be referred to the district rooms?—I think so.

64,519. And for that purpose the chairman's name of the district seems to have been affixed?—Yes; I see there is Mr. Bannister, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Stephenson, Mr. Twining, and Mr. Collison.

64,520. All these, we understand, were chairmen of the different districts?—And deputy chairmen, according to the list I have.

64,521. Is Mr. Mitchell dead?—Yes, he is.

64,522. I believe all the money for the election passed through your hands?—It did, the 3,000*l.*

64,523. I believe, at one time, you had a good many vouchers connected with it?—I had.

64,524. Were they destroyed?—They were, about when I left the bank; I took them home to my house; I believe six or eight months after, when I removed to the house I am now in, they were old dirty papers, and I destroyed them; that is three years ago.

64,525. Could you tell me what the other marks denote, the ticks at the side?—No, I do not know.

64,526. Is Mr. Lockwood alive?—Yes.

64,527. And in the town?—No; he lives at Bradford.

64,528. Do you know what the side marks would mean?—No; only to show that they had done with them, and then pass them on.

64,529. I think there is an occasional allusion to colourmen; of course there would be a considerable expenditure under that head?—There was.

64,530. There I see "messengers—central room," with some eight or ten names following; after that comes other messengers. You understand them to be messengers and runners?—Yes; general messengers.

64,531. Then "colour bearers," who would they be?—I suppose men that went about the streets with the colours; we had a great many of those.

64,532. Were they voters?—Yes, they were.

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64,533. You would rather select voters as a means of giving a colourable employment? —Yes, exactly.

64,534. "Room clerks;" I see also, "committee room;" are you aware of some rooms being taken besides the rooms to which I advert?—Yes, I believe there were some not used; some taken merely to get votes.

64,535. Look at the page headed "committee room," and tell me whether, in your judgment, that runs on into the next page also?—I think not, in the next page; I think these are men that offered as messengers or runners.

64,536. Just turn back; probably they would apply to those rooms?—Probably they would.

64,537. Those are not the lists of the general committee; those are different?—I think, very likely, taken for the object of securing persons to vote, for the purpose of influencing them.

64,538. Did you see Mr. Brown during the election?—He stayed at my house during the election, principally.

64,539. Had you been sanguine of the result of your exertions for him and his success? —We thought we should be successful. I believe we might have been, but he would not endanger Mr. Baines' election. I believe that was his object in giving up; it was said there were plenty of voters to have turned the election about one or two o'clock.

64,540. The plenty of voters who would have turned the election would have to be paid for it?—No doubt of it.

64,541. Did they ask 10*l.* a piece?—No, they did not.

64,542. Did you ever hear the reason given that Mr. Brown left because they began to ask 10*l.* a piece?—No, I never heard that.

64,543. Just look at that book again a little onward, and say whether the names that are mentioned there, are messengers or runners, in your judgment?—Yes; I think these would be applicants to be paid as runners and messengers.

64,544. Is there anything to decide, in your judgment, whether any had been paid, any striking out in pencil or otherwise?—I do not see anything.

64,545. I think all those seem to be struck out in pencil, except those who have got the name of the chairman opposite to them?—Yes, they are so.

64,546. Do you know what that would denote?—I do not know what they are.

64,547. It would seem, according to your explanation, those who have that name, were referred to the particular district; does that enable you to say whether the others have been paid as belonging to the central room?—No; I cannot tell what the pencil mark at all is for; I think very few were paid at the central, but I am not sure.

64,548. Were a good many paid after the election, the runners?—Not a great many; I thinkt here were some made application, who were paid after the election, a day or two after the election.

64,549. Who was the principal paymaster; each chairman would pay?—Each chairman would pay.

64,550. Do you know whether, when it was known at Mr. Baines' room that Mr. Brown had resigned, that they dropped going on for Baines?—It was sent round to the different committees. I went with Mr. Brown to Mr. Baines' when he resigned, and as soon as he had made up his mind to do so, we sent messengers to the different committee rooms, to say he had resigned. I believe there were a great number polled afterwards, I suppose in the hope of being remunerated.

64,551. Do you know also whether Mr. Baines' voters would stay on that intimation from going to the poll?—I do not know.

64,552. Because if they polled on Mr. Brown's account, or for the purpose of getting paid, that would account for the greater number that seemed to have polled for Mr. Brown? —I do not know that at all.

64,553. This is one mode in which it has been accounted for by a witness on the other side, that the men whose names were set down, polled after Mr. Brown's resignation, in order to get their money?—I dare say they did. I have no doubt they did.

64,554. Now, would not the effect of such an election that took place in 1847, tend to render it very difficult for many years afterwards to ascertain which party preponderated after the expenditure of that large sum of money?—I think money would win the election.

64,555. My question is, whether the expenditure of that large sum of money would not have had the effect of rendering it extremely doubtful which party, the orange or the blue, preponderated?—I think it would.

64,556. So as to render any estimate that might be prepared, extremely doubtful?—I think it would.

64,557. And very little reliance could be placed upon it?—I think, with a constituency so divided, it would render it very doubtful.

64,558. I am talking of the circumstance of the large expenditure: would it not have the effect of rendering it difficult to ascertain for many years afterwards, what the state of parties was?—Yes; I think it would.

64,559. Did you take any part in the election of 1852?—No, I did not; I voted for Moore and Butler, but I took no active part; I did occasionally go into the committee room, but I took no active part.

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64,560. Are you a solicitor?—I am.

64,561. You were formerly clerk to Mr. Sidebottom, a solicitor of this town?—I was.

64,562. Are you a voter?—I am.

64,563. As a householder?—Yes; and also as a freeman.

64,564. What rent do you pay as a householder?—£25.

64,565. How long have you voted at the election?—1841 or 1842.

64,566. Some time previous to the election of 1847?—Yes; I think it was in 1841.

64,567. You were not qualified to vote in 1841?—I was not.

64,568. You were clerk to Mr. Sidebottom at the period of Mr. Baines' election?—I was.

64,569. And you were clerk to Mr. Sidebottom, although not a voter, in 1841?—Certainly, in 1841.

64,570. Mr. Sidebottom was professionally engaged in the election of Hanmer and James?—He was.

64,571. Can you tell us how long before the election his retainer commenced?—I should think two or three weeks before, if I remember right; I think about that time.

64,572. Did you attend at the committee room?—Not till the last of the election; I think I was the last clerk who left the office; there was another clerk before me. I think I remained at the general business till a very short time before the election.

64,573. The general business of the committee?—No, I attended to the general business of the office.

64,574. Mr. Sidebottom's general business?—I attended to Mr. Sidebottom's general business until within a day or two of the election.

64,575. You only attended at the committee about a day or two before the polling day? I should be engaged there on the election day.

64,576. In what way were your services given?—In getting up the voting papers, and doing the clericle part of the election. I was acting under Mr. Sidebottom in that respect.

64,577. Had you anything to do with the financial department?—I had nothing to do with it on any occasion, except at Mr. Baines' election.

64,578. On this occasion you had nothing to do with it?—I had nothing to do with money matters on this occasion.

64,579. Mr. Sidebottom himself had?—Very probably.

64,580. That you would know as his clerk, that he had to do with it?—I should know, as his clerk, that he was very much engaged in all departments at the election.

64,581. To what extent was he engaged in the financial department?—That I do not know; I cannot say.

64,582. Do you know what the amount of his own bill of costs was?—No, I do not remember. I do not think I ever knew.

64,583. Did you pay any money yourself after the election was over?—Not in 1841. I think I made no payment in 1841.

64,584. It is suggested to me that you paid the runners and the colourmen in 1841, in the Land of Green Ginger?—No; the Land of Green Ginger would be in connexion with Mr. Baines' first election, in 1847.

64,585. At Mr. Abbey's rooms?—Yes, in 1847.

64,586. In 1847 Mr. Sidebottom was engaged on the part of Mr. Baines?—He was.

64,587. You voted for him?—I voted for him and Mr. Brown.

64,588. I dare say you are aware if the accounts handed in to us are accurate?—Some of them would be prepared by me.

64,589. Have you seen the accounts produced to-day?—I was in court when you examined Mr. Bright, and I saw those accounts.

64,590. Will you see if you have seen these before (*handing a bundle of papers to the witness*). You have very likely assisted in making them out. They are Mr. Sidebottom's accounts, all except the top one. You say you are aware that Mr. Sidebottom paid the greater portion of the claims against Mr. Baines?—I think he did. I have no doubt of it.

64,591. Look at them, and see if they are endorsed with Mr. Sidebottom's handwriting?—I do not recognise it as his handwriting.

64,592. Is that paper D his handwriting?—This endorsement is not his writing, the contents of it may be.

64,593. Just look at the contents?—Yes, this is his writing, but not the endorsement.

64,594. They are either endorsed by Mr. Sidebottom or some gentleman connected with him?—The endorsement of that I do not know. I do not recognise it at all.

64,595. Have the goodness to turn to papers B C and D, those are the only three I wish you to look at?—I have them.

64,596. You paid at the Land of Green Ginger?—No, I did not pay anything with the exception of the agents and the check clerks, and I think the booth runners.

64,597. Look at that one, the amount is 81*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* (*referring to the paper marked D.*)?—That I should pay, no doubt.

64,598. Does that relate to the booths; did you pay that; do you know anything

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about it?—From memory I know most of these men, and I could state what machinery or position they would hold in the election.

64,599. Let me draw your attention to the items,—it contains thirty-six names, at 1*l.* each; exactly the same number at 5*s.* each; one-sixth of that number at three guineas each, about; and seventeen at a guinea and a half each?—Yes.

64,600. It would look like some systematic payment?—Yes, it was so, no doubt.

64,601. Having called your attention to that particularity, perhaps you can tell us more readily to what it relates?—I am speaking of this paper D. Those gentlemen who are marked as receiving three guineas, were the agents for Mr. Baines, at the several booths, and they were professional men. Each of those I can give you the names of, if need be.

64,602. You need not read the names; those six had three guineas?—Those six had three guineas; they would be attending professionally at each booth, and they would be professional men. All those marked 1*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* were likewise agents at the booths, and they were retained in consequence of the great number of professional men that were engaged. There were not sufficient left to constitute all the agents, and they were only paid half the amount; they were somewhat experienced clerks in solicitors', offices, those 1*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* men.

64,603. What is the number of them?—I think either seventeen or eighteen. I have no doubt they would give the precise number of the booths.

64,604. Then there are thirty-six at a sovereign?—Yes; that would be thirty-six clerks; two check clerks to each booth; each of those took an account of how the election was going on.

64,605. What, were they voters?—No, not exactly; some of them were quite young men,—men of seventeen, eighteen, or nineteen years of age. I can pick out several that I know would not be of age at that time.

64,606. The thirty-six at 5*s.* comprise the runners?—They were the booth runners, to take the slips from the check clerks,—one to the central committee, and the other to the district committee.

64,607. That would be two to each booth?—That would be two to each booth.

64,608. Were they all voters?—No, they were not. I appointed them myself the night before; at least I selected a good many of them. Some of them were voters, no doubt, but some, I am certain, were not.

64,609. Now, then, go to paper C, that contains 220 names, and a small number of them received a sovereign each?—Yes.

64,610. I think about nineteen or twenty, what are they?—I cannot speak so certain about those, but I think those would be the runners employed at all the committee rooms throughout the town, and it is in connexion with this I remember something that occurred in the Land of Green Ginger, at Mr. Abbey's place.

64,611. The highest sum there paid to anybody is George Steeple?—It is 3*l.*

64,612. Did you pay any of them?—No, I did not pay any of those.

64,613. You selected them, did you not?—No.

64,614. Who would pay them?—I do not know who would pay them; it is in connexion with the setting down of those names that I remember a circumstance I should be glad to detail.

64,615. State it if you please?—It would be a night or two after the election, I understood all the runners from the various booths were to come to the central committee room in the Land of Green Ginger, to give in their names, and to specify how long they had been running, and where they had been employed.

64,616. That was a pre-existing arrangement?—With the pre-existing arrangement I had nothing to do, but I remember the arrangement for this particular night, when they were to come there.

64,617. You understood that there had been an arrangement made to that effect, that they were to come there?—I did.

64,618. They were to come there to give an account of their employment, and where they were employed?—Yes; and accordingly, at about seven o'clock in the evening, a great host of men presented themselves.

64,619. What do you mean by a host of men?—I mean a very considerable number; perhaps two or three hundred people. Mr. Sidebottom was not at that time in the room, and myself and Mr. Brown commenced taking down the names of those men.

64,620. Robert Brown?—Robert Brown; and we took down, perhaps, two or three dozen names; I do not know how many exactly. Then Mr. Sidebottom came in, and when Mr. Sidebottom perceived that we had not distinguished accurately how many days they had been employed, and to what committee rooms they had been attached, he said all that we had done would go for nothing; that he must begin again himself, and take down all the information.

64,621. You had not discriminated the number of days?—We had not discriminated the number of days they were employed. There was a crowd there, and we were doing it in a hurry, but we had not done it to Mr. Sidebottom's satisfaction, and he commenced afresh entirely, and made each man give an account of how many days he had been employed, and at what committee room, and he refused to put down those who could not give that account of themselves; and the dissatisfaction evinced by those men whose names were not taken down by Mr. Sidebottom was such, that there was quite a riot,

and I escaped from one of the back windows, and fetched a body of policemen to protect our books and papers.

64,622. Was that the pay day?—That was not the pay day, according to my recollection; there was nothing at all paid at that time.

64,623. Had you no mode of checking them, otherwise than by taking their own word?—It was intended to check them by the lists of each district committee; that is the reason they were to distinguish the districts.

64,624. Was it part of the arrangement that they were to be paid then, or on a day to be fixed for payment?—I do not know. I know they were simply to come to have their names put down.

64,625. You are satisfied that was not to be the pay day?—I am certain that was not to be the pay day.

64,626. You did not pay those that you had put down by mistake?—No, not a farthing.

64,627. Is that paper the result?—I can only suppose this is the result. I do not know. There are one or two names I know——

64,628. I do not trouble you to go through it.—I cannot explain it further.

64,629. Whose handwriting is it in?—It is in Mr. Sidebottom's handwriting.

64,630. You think it is the list that he would make at that time?—I think it is the list that would be made at that time, and perhaps there might be additions made afterwards. I do not think he would get through so many that night.

64,631. It was not all written that night?—It might be written in a book at the time, and taken out of that book.

64,632. Casting your eye over the names, do you see the twenty or thirty that you set down?—I do not remember that I set down any. All that we had done was simply thrown aside when Mr. Sidebottom came.

64,633. Is there anything in that paper to lead you to believe it contains a list of the persons so made out; is it made out in the way that Mr. Sidebottom wished you to make out yours?—He merely took their names down, and distinguished such as belonged to Sculcoates and to Myton.

64,634. That would rather appear to be the result?—It would not be a copy of the book.

64,635. Had you nothing to do with setting down the names previous to the election?—I had nothing to do with it, more than in this way: I remember I attended the committee room for two or three days, and when persons came we should take down the names at the time, if they said they actually wanted employment, and perhaps, in the long run, we might fix upon runners from the list we had taken down. No doubt there would be a list kept of those who wanted to be runners.

64,636, An application book?—An application book. I should think it would be at the end of a book. They would not be very numerous. I have a certain recollection there were persons entered as wanting employment as runners.

64,637. I dare say your experience of Hull is quite sufficient to enable you to know what that means?—On this occasion of Mr. Baines?

64,638. That is the common form of expressing it?—Yes. I have no doubt many that came would expect to be paid. I speak particularly with reference to what occurred at the Land of Green Ginger, by showing that Mr. Sidebottom's intention was to select those from this list only that had been employed, and it is the result of that attempt on his part to do so.

64,639 Do you think that throws any light on the intention existing beforehand?—I think it does.

64,640. Did you pay anybody afterwards, or assist in paying anybody?—I believe I paid none except the list D; I think I should pay the entire of those.

64,641. Now look at B?—I should pay some of the list B.

64,642. What is that?—It is a list of clerks at the central committee room.

64,643. Did you pay them?—I should not pay them all, I think; I have no recollection of settling with Robert Brown. I think I paid Ferraby.

64,644. Robert Brown was engaged in making payments himself?—Yes; he was Mr. Sidebottom's clerk, for the purposes of the election, the same as myself.

64,645. Was it not his duty to make payments?—Well, I do not know whether he made payments or not; he was with me, I am satisfied, when we made the mistake in setting down the names.

64,646. Did you never hear, during your conversations with reference to that election, how the runners were paid, and by whose hand?—No; I do not remember hearing how they were paid.

64,647. Or by whose hand they were paid?—Or by whose hand at all; I do not remember that with respect to the runners.

64,648. Did you hear who selected the runners?—I should think they would be selected by the chairmen of the several districts, a great portion of them; some at the central committee room.

64,649. Do you know what instructions were given, as to how they were to be selected?—No, I do not.

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64,650. Do you know what was the principle acted on at the central committee room?—If a man came, and we wanted a runner, we should select a voter.

64,651. Are you speaking of the usual practice at elections, or the particular practice on that occasion?—I had more to do with that occasion than any other.

64,652. You are speaking with more confidence as to that occasion?—Yes.

64,653. You voted in 1852?—I was deputy sheriff then.

64,654. But you voted?—Yes; we are allowed to do so here.

64,655. Most people are allowed to vote here?—The sheriff went round and liberated all his under sheriffs, for the purpose of going to vote.

64,656. And you voted?—I voted.

64,657. Who for, on the last occasion?—Bramley Moore and Butler.

64,658. Did you take any other part at that election, except that of deputy sheriff?—Not to any extent; I went occasionally to the committee room, in Lowgate.

64,659. Were you paid for any duties?—No, nothing but that of under sheriff.

64,660. Now, about this understanding in setting down the names: did you think all were to come to Abbey's rooms who had been set down as runners, without reference to whether they had been employed or not?—No.

64,661. What was the misunderstanding?—The misunderstanding was this: that none of us at Abbey's were fully instructed. I have no doubt it was Mr. Sidebottom's intention to have been present at seven o'clock, but he had been detained. The people were around the door, and thronging upon us, before he arrived.

64,662. When you set down the names, what did you say to the people: "Have you voted?"—No; we asked where the man was employed, and for how many days. We asked that, but the rush was so great that persons would be into the room before we got it answered, and we set their names down ultimately, so as to get them passed through the room.

64,663. You began according to the way that Mr. Sidebottom meant it to be done?—Mr. Brown may have known it, but I have no distinct recollection of having those definite instructions.

64,664. I want to understand what you thought the instructions were: to set down all who had voted for Mr. Baines?—I have no definite recollection of any instructions.

64,665. You would not set down every man who came in out of the street?—We ultimately did; they crowded in upon us so much, that we were glad to set a man's name down, and pass him through the room.

64,666. Whether he voted for the orange party or for the blue?—Quite irrespective of everything; it came to that at last.

64,667. That would take you a long time?—It would have done so, but we were soon interfered with.

64,668. You put them down to get rid of them?—It came to that, that if a man came, we took his name down.

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JOHN RICHARDSON DUNCAN sworn, and examined.

64,669. Are you in any business?—I am managing clerk to Messrs. Gee and Co.

64,670. Where do you live?—No. 73, Lister Street.

64,671. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.

64,672. What rent do you pay?—£35.

64,673. You are not a freeman, I presume?—No.

64,674. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—I did.

64,675. Clay, Thompson, Hanmer, and James were the candidates; who did you choose to vote for?—Hanmer and James.

64,676. Were you on any of the committees at that election?—I think not; I do not remember that I was.

64,677. Did you take any interest in it, more than as a canvasser?—Only occasionally so.

64,678. Where did you make your canvass?—I took no direct canvass from any committee room whatever; I merely made a general application to such voters as I knew.

64,679. Did you report the result to any committee?—I think I should occasionally send in a list of their names.

64,680. To what committee?—I am sure I do not remember.

64,681. In the course of your canvass, did persons make applications to you to be set down as runners?—No, not to me.

64,682. Did you see any of that sort upon your canvass?—Not at that election.

64,683. I mean persons who expected to be paid for their votes?—I cannot distinctly remember any individual.

64,684. There are a large class of them in Hull. I thought a person could hardly go canvassing without meeting with them?—I have no doubt I might send some there for the purpose of getting their names set down.

64,685. If a person applied to you, that would be the result?—Certainly.

64,686. You would not turn your back on such an applicant?—By no means.

64,687. You think it better to have him still, by sending him to some committee room—Yes.

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64,688. How long did your canvass occupy you at that election?—My general practice has been never to associate myself with any committee room, in consequence of my business being so great. I merely occasionally popped into the committee rooms, and gave in the name of any voter whom I might occasionally meet.

64,689. Your time is a good deal occupied in your business?—Yes.

64,690. Your principals are supporters of the blue party, are they not?—Yes.

64,691. I mean the Messrs. Gee?—Yes.

64,692. They are general supporters of the blue party?—Yes.

64,693. It was with their knowledge and sanction, the extent to which you did canvass, that you did so?—I never received any instructions from either of the partners; I was left entirely to my own discretion.

64,694. In addition to the canvass that you made, did you make any payments at that election; did any money pass through your hands?—None whatever.

64,695. For Hanmer and James?—None whatever.

64,696. Who did you vote for at the election in 1847?—I voted for Mr. Baines. I think it was a plumper. I do not recollect whether I divided my vote. I voted rather late in the day.

64,697. Were you on any one of his committees?—No.

64,698. There was a good deal of haste at that election, from the recent arrival of Mr. Brown. Did you take any active part in canvassing at that election?—I rendered all the assistance I could.

64,699. I see you polled for Mr. Baines and Mr. Brown?—I think that is correct.

64,700. Did you act upon any committee for Mr. Baines?—I rendered Mr. Baines all the influence I could, by sending him voters, such as I could influence by argument, and others I sent to the central committee room, in the Land of Green Ginger.

64,701. If your argument was not persuasive, you sent them to some place to see if they could persuade them?—I left them to go there if they liked.

64,702. To the central committee room?—Yes.

64,703. During the three days after Mr. Brown became a candidate, did you canvass extensively?—No, I did not

64,704. That was the time it would commence, because there was no contest expected before that?—No.

64,705. Did you put down some freemen, and send in their names at that election; did you make a list of them?—I think I gave in the names of some freemen to the committee room.

64,706. How many do you think?—I kept no copy of them; it might be, perhaps, a dozen.

64,707. Did you put them on a paper?—Yes; I put them on a paper, and sent them in to the committee room.

64,708. Those were people who were paid, I believe, for their vote?—Not the whole of them; there were two or three men who did expect to be paid as runners or messengers, and would be put down, I have no doubt.

64,709. And what were the others?—The others were freemen over whom I had some degree of influence, and of course they gave in their names as voters for Mr. Baines.

64,710. Who did not receive any payment?—I should think not. I do not know they did. From their character I should think they would not expect to be paid.

64,711. Did you report them, from day to day, to the central committee?—No.

64,712. Did you attend there?—No, I did not.

64,713. Who did you send your list in by?—I generally took a list in myself, and sometimes I sent them by a messenger in my employ.

64,714. I ask you if you attended the room, and you said no?—I think one of the person's names was William Job.

64,715. I asked you if you attended there yourself, and I understood you to say that you did not?—I did sometimes, personally.

64,716. Do you not think the number of freemen that you secured at that election amounted to more than ten or twelve?—Yes, I should think it would.

64,717. How many altogether?—Perhaps twenty-five; from that to thirty.

64,718. Not more than that, you think?—I think not.

64,719. How many of them do you think would be applicants for employment, in the sense I have been using the term, as far as you can judge and remember?—I should think about a dozen of them.

64,720. I suppose you sent all of that kind that you could meet with, that you thought you had any influence over?—Of course.

64,721. Did you attend at the committee room at all after the election?—Yes, I was at the committee room after the election.

64,722. Did you assist at all in winding up the affairs of Mr. Baines' election?—No.

64,723. Did you assist in making any of the payments?—Not in the least.

64,724. As regarded those you had sent, or any others?—No.

64,725. Did persons apply to you occasionally, for their rooms to be taken as committee rooms?—No.

64,726. Not in any instance?—No.

64,727. Did you offer to take any rooms for committee rooms?—No.

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64,728. Not in any instance?—No.

64,729. Can you tell us anything further about that election of Mr. Baines, as affecting him, Mr. Brown, or Mr. Clay?—No; I cannot suggest anything. I should be happy to communicate any information which the court may desire, but I do not remember anything particular, any further than that our exertions were very great for the short time we had.

64,730. I suppose you were obliged to have recourse to the ordinary people, namely, those who vote for money, as we understand, who get their names set down and are paid?—That is the general practice.

64,731. And it was not departed from then?—No; I think not.

64,732. Did you vote in 1852, the last election?—Yes.

64,733. Who did you choose then?—Mr. Bramley Moore.

64,734. A plumper?—Yes.

64,735. Were you upon any committee then?—I believe my name was down in Mr. Davis's committee room at the Shakspeare.

64,736. And were you able to attend?—I attended there occasionally, just in the same way. I would take no system of canvassing or a canvassing book; I merely popped in occasionally during the day.

64,737. You gave in some of your old friends?—Yes.

64,738. Did you canvass the people that you mentioned before in the same way?—Yes, I did.

64,739. And sent the applications to the committee room in the same way?—I did.

64,740. Did you then take any part in the pecuniary department?—I did not.

64,741. You did not make any payment?—I made no payment whatever.

64,742. Did you engage any rooms?—No.

64,743. Did you have any applications made to you of that nature?—No.

64,744. I mean sham committee rooms?—No, I had not.

64,745. Those persons whom you said required pyament, did they ask you to have their names set down?—Yes.

64,746. And did you undertake that it should be done?—I told them I would do the best I could for them; that if employment could be provided for them they should be employed.

64,747. You gave them to understand that their request was granted, as far as it could be?—Yes; and in some instances, when I was certain their names had been put down, of course I told them so.

64,748. Although you have not a recollection of any particular person in 1841, have you sufficient recollection to say that you did send in names in that way?—That was James and Hanmer's election?

64,749. Yes?—I think I should. Indeed I have no doubt I should.

64,750. There were two or three mentioned as having been employed in the 1847 election, with the expectation to be paid. Have the goodness to look at that list (*marked C*), and see if you can find the names of those two or three?—I will.

64,751. You can examine it while we proceed with the next witness, and tell us presently?—I will do so.

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Mr. Robert Collison sworn, and examined.

64,752. Where do you live?—No. 3, Albert Terrace, Anlaby Road.

64,753. What is your business?—A coal merchant and ship broker.

64,754. Are you a freeman?—No.

64,755. How long have you been entitled to vote at the elections in Hull?—Since 1838, I think.

64,756. What rent do you pay?—£19. My houses and places of business are rated to the poor at about 80*l*.

64,757. Have you always lived in Hull?—Yes.

64,758. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.

64,759. For Hanmer and James?—Yes.

64,760. Did you take any part in that election besides voting?—Yes.

64,761. Were you on any committee?—I attended at the Lowgate ward committee.

64,762. Were you a member of it?—I am not sure whether my name was set down, but I attended pretty regularly in the evening.

64,763. For the blues?—Yes.

64,764. Did you canvass during the election?—No.

64,765. What were your duties at the committee?—I generally took down the names from the canvassing book, and put them into the chairman's book, if he was not present.

64,766. Did you see whether there were any applications from persons to be set down as runners?—That was the case generally.

64,767. The names that you put into the chairman's book were all persons who had promised?—They were promises to vote, and they were applications from persons personally to be put down as runners.

64,768. Did you take their names down occasionally?—I have taken names down.

64,769. How many such applications were there at your committee room at that election?—Perhaps forty or fifty.

64,770. And all their names were set down?—I should think that would be about the number. Every man coming to have his name set down says he has promised. He is therefore a friend, and it is taken down.

64,771. Were they employed?—Some of them were; some of them were employed for a few days, and then exchanged for others.

64,772. They were all paid?—They were all paid ultimately, I believe.

64,773. Did you take any part in the payment?—I do not think I did; if I did it might be a few afterwards. I am not sure whether I did or did not. I think I might, by Mr. Cracknell, the solicitor's, desire.

64,774. You were a person who had sufficient authority in your committee to set the names down?—Any of the committee took them down when asked to do so by the men applying.

64,775. And you did take them down?—Yes.

64,776. In order to secure their vote?—They had promised before, many of them.

64,777. But that was to secure them?—Yes; if they required to be secured, but the promise of a man ought to be binding.

64,778. Were there any applications made to your committee rooms?—I do not know if there were.

64,779. You do not recollect any, then?—There were very few at that election.

64,780. Did you take any part in the payments to the persons set down?—I might, a few of them.

64,781. Do you know who was the general paymaster for that election?—Mr. Cracknell, the solicitor.

64,782. Do you know where it was paid?—I do not. There were some that could not be found by him. I had been in that part of the town for a number of years, and I knew most of the burgesses in that district from having had to do with the elections of 1832, 1835, 1837, and 1841.

64,783. And you paid those?—I paid those, a few that he could not find. He came to me to ask me to do so.

64,784. The course of business was to send them to Mr. Cracknell?—They had notice in some way or other in certain districts to meet in a certain place and on a certain night. I think they were paid in High Street for that district.

64,785. At the election of 1847, did you take a part in that?—Yes.

64,786. For whom?—For Mr. Brown.

64,787. Were you on a committee then?—I was.

64,788. Upon whose committee?—Mr. Brown's committee. I was chairman of the Black Horse committee in Carr Lane.

64,789. Did you vote for Mr. Brown only?—For Brown and Baines. I signed the requisition to Mr. Baines. I voted about three o'clock in the afternoon.

64,790. Who was your deputy chairman?—I never had one.

64,791. That was the South Myton committee?—One of the South Myton committees. It was the most peculiar election that ever took place in Hull.

64,792. Who was the active man on your committee?—John Caswell.

64,793. Did you have a graet many applications to be set down?—There were a good many.

64,794. How many?—I should think forty. The South Myton was divided into two districts.

64,795. Did you put their names down or not?—I put down all of them as they came.

64,796. Did you pay them at once?—No; I was obliged to employ a good many I know to take out the voting and soliciting cards, as I had no one on the committee to assist me.

64,797. You employed all those who came to be employed?—As many as I could.

64,798. You took the names down?—As burgesses who asked to be put down.

64,799 When were those parties paid?—There were a few of them paid by myself on the night oefore the election. They were employed for the two days. A message came down to me that evening that I was to pay those that I employed for two days.

64,800. How many were there?—Ten probably.

64,801. At what rate of payment?—At 5*s.* a day for the two days.

64,802. After the election were the other parties paid also?—I fancy those that got paid were paid afterwards by Mr. Wells. I expect so.

64,803. Did you pay any afterwards?—No; I did not.

64,804. Were all the people you paid at the Black Horse in Carr Lane the ten you paid on the nomination night?—I am not sure whether the whole amounted to ten or more. There is a list you will have from Mr. Wells of mine that was given in to him.

64,805. What did you do with the list of names you set down?—It was given to Mr. Wells.

64,806. Do you know whether the payments at that election were made in the same way as before; that is, that a place was appointed in the district, where a person

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came to pay the voters?—I think they were all paid afterwards at the central committee in Market Place. I never troubled myself about it after the election was over. The different chairmen met there and compared lists.

64,807. Which Mr. Wells are you speaking of?—Mr. Robert Wells, the solicitor.

64,808. Were there any applications made to you for committee rooms to be taken?—No, not to me. I think that is worse than paying a premium for the loss of time; it is a direct case of bribery, and a disgrace to the man who applies.

64,809. You know of the system?—Yes; I have heard of it, more particularly at the last election, in consequence of this inquiry.

64,810. Was Charles Hewitt one of the persons that you paid?—Yes.

64,811. Was he paid on the nomination night?—He lived in the Anlaby Road, and I remember him coming on the election day to me; he had lost his voting card, and he got a fresh one.

64,812. Did you also pay parties on that day?—I did some on that day.

64,813. Do you recollect Mr. Kay?—He is a carpenter.

64,814. Did you pay him?—I did.

64,815. George Johnson?—I do not know him; it is a district I know very few in.

64,816. Do you know Matthew Kirby?—I do not remember him; there are very few of the men I know. I have been in Lowgate before.

64,817. Who did you get the money from?—From Mr. William Burstall.

64,818. Was the amount about 15*l.*?—I think it was 15*l.* exactly, in half sovereigns.

64,819. You told Burstall for what you wanted the money?—No, I did not; I remonstrated against the payment. I said I thought it was a folly to do anything of the kind before the election was over.

64,820. Mr. Burstall told you to pay them?—He brought the message from the central committee with the money; that was the first intimation I had of it.

64,821. It would not have surprised you to find that a good many had voted against you?—I said so at the time that it might be the means of their voting against us the next day.

64,822. You objected to it upon that ground?—Yes; I thought it would be the means of their going to the opposite party the next day, if they got what was due to them from us.

64,823. At the last election in 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

64,824. Did you take any part in that election?—No.

64,825. Why not?—In consequence of being nearly blind. My name was upon the committee but I took no active part. I was there a few times. In the election of 1847, I think the principal cause of the opposition was the dissatisfaction of the town at half a dozen of each party having been the means of bringing down Mr. Baines. Many of the Conservatives were disappointed, and it was not so much for the sake of a third man, but their not liking a party to rule the town in their own way. That was the cause of the amalgamation of the two parties; they were both dissatisfied with the way in which they had been treated by half a dozen men in bringing Mr. Baines forward.

64,826. Did you hear from many parties among the blues, that they did exert themselves to get a blue candidate of great respectability, and that they did not succeed?—That is the reason why Mr. Brown was so far astern; if he had been a blue candidate he would have got on much better.

64,827. One gentleman has stated to us a section of the blue party wrote to Sir Robert Inglis, who is one of the most excellent of the members of the blue party?—I believe that was the case; I only heard of that on the Friday evening, the day before the gentlemen went to Leeds. I was at a meeting where it was stated; that was the first of my knowing it. They had written, instead of going up as a deputation to look for a man, and in that way it was they had no blue candidate.

64,828. I see your name in this book frequently set against names; are you able to look at it?—No; I cannot see. I have not been able to read these two years.

64,829. I see your name is set in red ink against them?—Is it a book from the central committee?

64,830. Yes; with names in it, and your name is set in red ink against the names that have been mentioned to you?—Hewitt and McKay, I know.

64,831. I see your name put against those two?—I fancy where the marks are put against the names in that way; they had probably got their names put down also; and when we compared tests by the chairman of those we paid, those marks were put against the party, so that they would not have to be paid afterwards, as they had already been paid.

64,832. That view would appear to receive confirmation from this fact, that on the face of this book, with the exception of the names to which I have adverted, you have some chairman's name put against them; and all the others are struck through as if paid at the central room?—I think that is the way. The 5*s.* wages ticket had no reference to freemen, but only to colourmen, and men with boards, who were employed during the four days.

64,833. I see for instance, as regards Matthew Kirby, and also McKay, that the pencil is not carried through them, but your initial is set against the end of the name?—That is

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in consequence of their having been paid, so that they would not have to be paid at the central room afterwards. Some got paid twice by the chairmen diverting from their orders, and paying some who did not belong to their own district. Some of them got paid at two different places in consequence of that.

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64,834. Do you find any of the names of the persons whom you referred to the central committee in that list?—I have no recollection of any of these names.

Mr. EDWARD TWINING sworn, and examined.

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64,834. What is your business?—A surgeon.
64,836. Do you occupy premises in this borough?—Yes.
64,837. At what rent?—£35 at present.
64,838. Are you a freeman?—No.
64,839. How long have you been qualified to vote?—Since 1843.
64,840. Where do you live?—No. 33, George Street, Hull.
64,841. Who did you vote for in 1847?—Mr. Baines and Mr. Brown.
64,842. I believe you were deputy chairman of the Holderness ward for Mr. Brown?—I was.
64,843. Mr. Burstall was the chairman?—No; I believe I was the chairman.
64,844. Did you attend much?—I was there continually for two days; the day of the election and the day before.
64,845. There was a good deal of money spent on those last two days?—Yes; a good deal.
64,846. We understand you paid away some part of it?—I paid a large proportion.
64,847. How much did you pay?—I paid at that committee room about 90*l.*
64,848. Was that to the 10*s.* men?—We began with giving them 5*s.* a day; there were only four days, and I think we got at last to giving them 10*s.* for a half vote, and a pound for a whole one.
64,849. How many men did that 90*l.* cover?—I cannot tell that.
64,850. Had you not a book?—There was a book at the time; all the names were taken down at the time.
64,851. Varying from 5*s.* to 20*s.*; it would come to about 150 persons, that is a rough average; do you remember the number?—No.
64,852. It says here, "Paid runners as per book, 84*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*" and then you add some more which makes a total of 95*l.* 3*s.* You had a book then?—I had a book at that time, of all the names put down as runners.
64,853. Then it says "Paid out 95*l.* 3*s.*, received of Mr. Burstall, 90*l.*"?—Yes.
64,854. So that there is 5*l.* 3*s.* due to you?—Yes.
64,855. Then it says "Perhaps you will look over my book and see if it is correct." It would be more correct to say that you received 90*l.*, and had disbursed 95*l.*?—Yes; I was out of pocket.
64,856. How many were paid at your own room?—I do not know.
64,857. Taking 5*s.* as the minimum, and 20*s.* as the maximum?—No man was paid as little as 5*s.*, perhaps he would have 5*s.* a day for four days, and then he would get a pound, those men who worked four days would get a pound.
64,858. Take it at 10*s.* each, that would be about 180?—Yes.
64,859. Here is a note addressed by you to Mr. Wells: "My dear Sir,—You will see my book amounts to 84*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*, in sums paid for runners, in addition to which I paid the men of the name of Wood, referred by you to me, 5*s.* each, and one man named Stringer, 5*s.* I also advanced Jubb 4*l.* 10*s.* by cash, and paid him, as you will see by bills, the sums of 1*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* and 15*s.* 6*d.* respectively; and on account of the Noah's Ark committee room, three guineas, of which you have the several receipts."—Yes; that is mine.
64,860. Then you sum up in this way: "Paid runners as per book, 84*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*" Then John Howse 10*s.*, Stringer 5*s.*, and those other people we have mentioned. Jubb, by cash, 4*l.* 10*s.*, two bills of 1*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* and 15*s.* 6*d.*, making the total of the payments that you charge yourself with in this paper 95*l.* 3*s.* Then you carry it thus: "Paid out 95*l.* 3*s.*, received from Mr. Burstall 90*l.*, balance due to me, 5*l.* 3*s.* Perhaps you will look over my book and see if it is correct." Did you send your book with this note?—Yes; I have no doubt I did to the central committee room.
64,861. It is not addressed, but you have no doubt you sent it to Mr. Wells?—It would go to Mr. Wells at the central committee room.
64,862. Can you at all recollect how many men you paid?—No, I do not know; they crowded into the room and I was glad to get rid of them.
64,863. Were there a hundred?—I should think so.
64,864. 150?—No; not so many as that. I think some of those men who were paid

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did a good deal of work, and perhaps they were paid more; some of the men may have got more because they worked for four days; the voters were the worst workers.

64,865. Where did you pay them?—At the Noah's Ark.

64,866. Was that the committee room?—It was the committee room.

64,867. Did you make any payments besides those?—I made no other payments but what are mentioned in that note.

64,868. When was that, before or after the election?—All the runners were paid on the day of the election; and the others, the small sum to Jubb, and perhaps for the committee room, were paid afterwards.

64,869. Were they paid before or after the election?—After the election.

64,870. After they had polled on the same day?—No; most of the runners were paid before they were polled; no doubt it was a very bad system, but my instructions were to pay the men, or else I should not have had the money.

64,871. Do you know who managed the buying of lots; it was stated in the evidence taken before us some months ago, that Mr. Burstall assisted in a negotiation relating to eighty votes; do you know how that was?—I do not know. I went myself to the Baltic tavern with Mr. Mitchell, the son of the Mr. Mitchell whose name has been mentioned, the late Mr. Mitchell.

64,872. Is that Mr. Edward Mitchell?—I do not know his Christian name.

64,873. Is it Mitchell in the Market Place?—Yes; I went to see the men at the Baltic tavern, and I forget the sum they asked now, but I think it was 3*l.* a head, and I refused to give it them.

64,874. Did you agree with them?—No.

64,875. Do you know who did?—No; I do not know what became of them; I always understood that Mr. Clay's party had bought them up. I know I did not come to any agreement with them; it was the night before the election that I saw them.

64,876. The purchase, I suppose, was not completed until the next morning?—Probably not.

64,877. Did you see their leader?—I dare say I did; I do not recollect him by name.

64,878. Who was the man that you treated with?—I went into a room full of these fellows.

64,879. Do you remember whether Nicholson was one of them?—I do not recollect the name of any one of them.

64,880. You were not at the final close of the bargain?—I heard no more of them myself.

64,881. Did you not hear from Mr. Burstall what became of them?—No, I did not; I went into the Drypool district, which is removed from that, and I heard no more of them.

64,882. Did you make any payments after the election?—I do not think I paid anything after the election.

64,883. You paid nothing but this 95*l.*?—That is all, and I got that over before the election.

64,884. Did you have any money except from Mr. Burstall?—Not any.

64,885. Did you take some share in the election also in 1852?—No; I had no vote at the last election; I had left Hull.

64,886. You might have given your assistance in other ways?—I went once or twice into a comittee room, and I think I canvassed a few people.

64,887. Nothing beyond that?—I did not do anything beyond that.

64,888. You were not a member of any committee?—I was not.

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HENRY HUDSON sworn, and examined.

64,889. Where do you live?—In the Beverley Road.

64,890. Are you in business?—I am a publican.

64,891. What rent do you pay for your house?—£18.

64,892. Are you also a freeman?—No.

64,893. Were you entitled to vote at the election of 1841?—No.

64,894. Were you landlord of that tavern in 1841?—No; my father-in-law was.

64,895. Were you landlord of some other tavern in 1841?—No.

64,896. You were not a publican in 1841?—No.

64,897. Did not your father-in-law carry on the public house at that time?—Yes.

64,898. You were living with him?—Yes.

64,899. The Zoological Tavern it is called?—Yes.

64,900. Did you take any part in the election of James and Hanmer?—No.

64,901. What is your father-in-law's name?—John Black.

64,902. In what capacity were you living with him then?—I was living in the house with him; I married his daughter, and she kept his house.

64,903. Were you married at that time?—Yes.

64,904. And lived with your father-in-law?—Yes.

64,905. I believe after that election, some voters were paid at your father-in-law's, at the Zoological Tavern?—Not that I am aware of.

64,906. Do you not remember Mr. Anthony Bannister being there?—Yes, very well.

64,907. And a man named Farthing?—Yes.

64,908. When were they there?—They were often there during the election; they were treating the voters at different times.

64,909. How did they treat them, with money?—No; with drink and provisions, and all sorts, ham and beef.

64,910. And drink?—Plenty of drink.

64,911. I suppose your father-in-law's bill was a large one?—It was a good bill.

64,912. How many figures?—He never made out a bill; he got his money every night almost; they would not have any bill at that time, neither Farthing nor Bannister.

64,913. Why not?—Because they did not want them; they paid ready money.

64,914. Did Mr. Farthing and Mr. Bannister bring the men in?—Yes.

64,915. And they were guarantees for the payment?—Yes.

64,916. You looked to them for it?—Yes; and got it.

64,917. The party who ate and drank did not pay anything?—No.

64,918. I suppose they were kept well engaged in that way, in eating and drinking?—Yes; they did very well then.

64,919. How many voters do you think Farthing and Bannister brought there?—I cannot tell.

64,920. 500?—Not so many as that.

64,921. What do you say to 100?—Not so many as that; perhaps fifty or sixty during the election.

64,922. How many days before the election did they begin to come?—A fortnight.

64,923. And ate and drank regularly at your house?—More or less.

64,924. Whenever they were hungry or thirsty?—Yes.

64,925. Were they freemen?—They were all freemen that came there, either freemen or ratepayers; they were voters.

64,926. Then, after the election, did they not pay them in another way?—Not that I am aware of.

64,927. Bannister and the other gentleman?—Not that I am aware of.

64,928. There was a room at your house where the people came to after, to settle the accounts?—No; we had no committee room at all.

64,929. Was there not a room where Mr. Bannister and Mr. Farthing met after the election?—They used to meet during the election upstairs in the front room, but after the election was over they never came any more.

64,930. Do you remember John Hall being there?—No, I do not.

64,931. Do you remember the man?—Yes; I remember him.

64,932. Is he dead?—Not that I am aware of.

64,933. Did you pay him 20*s.*?—Yes, I did.

64,934. What was that for?—To vote for Mr. Brown in 1847.

64,935. Who told you to do that?—Mr. Bannister, and he gave me the money to pay him to vote for Mr. Brown.

64,936. Where does John Hall live?—At the Robin Hood beershop in Passage Street.

64,937. You said you did not see anybody paid in 1841; did you hand him the money without seeing it; we are told the voter never saw the man who paid him?—I say I never saw any money paid there; I saw Mr. Farthing pay my father-in-law Black several times, but I never paid any money to anybody.

64,938. Did you see Mr. Farthing or Mr. Bannister pay the men?—No; there was no money paid to the men at our house at all.

64,939. Will you undertake to say that?—Yes, I can.

64,940. Did Mr. Bannister say so?—I was there all the time.

64,941. You were not in the room all the time?—Generally I was; I used to wait on the company there.

64,942. Can you tell us any more about the 1841 election?—No.

64,943. Anything against the other party?—No.

64,944. Nothing at all?—Nothing.

64,945. You can tell us a little about the orange party, I suppose?—I had nothing to do with the orange party then.

64,946. Had they any room at your place?—No.

64,947. How much did your father-in-law get for his room?—Nothing at all.

64,948. He was paid in eating and drinking?—Yes.

64,949. When was it paid?—They used to pay every morning or night.

64,950. How much did it come to?—Sometimes 5*l.* or 6*l.*, and sometimes 7*l.* or 8*l.*

64,951. It would run into a matter of 50*l.*?—It would be that during the election.

64,952. Was your father-in-law a voter?—Yes; a freeman and a householder too.

64,953. And voted, I suppose, for Hanmer and James?—Yes.

64,954. Did they set down names at your place?—No.

64,955. It was in 1847 you paid this 20*s.*?—Yes.

64,956. Which you got from Mr. Bannister?—Yes.

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64,957. I did not hear you say what it was for?—It was to vote for Mr. Brown a plumper.

64,958. Did you pay anybody else?—Yes.

64,959. By Mr. Bannister's direction?—Yes.

64,960. Who else?—I paid four more a pound each.

64,961. He gave you the money?—Yes, at the Blue Bell, in Prospect Street.

64,962. On the polling day?—On the polling day.

64,963. Who were they?—They called one George Holmes, James Shipham, Edward Ellerker, and a man of the name of Mason.

64,964. Do you know where Mason lives?—No; I see them about sometimes. I know them all.

64,965. They are not dead?—No, none of them are dead.

64,966. Did you have that particular money to pay 1*l.* each with?—There were five of them.

64,967. He gave you 5*l.* to pay them with?—Yes.

64,968. I thought you paid Hall at your place?—No, I paid him at the time.

64,969. How did they happen to come there to be paid by you?—On the polling morning I was going into the town; Mr. Bannister was getting out of a cab, and he says, "You know some of the coopers who are burgesses?" I said, "Yes." He said, "If you see any of them who will vote for Mr. Brown, tell them I will give them a pound for a plumper, and 10*s.* for a split vote." I said, "Very well;" and when I got to the Junction Bridge I saw five men talking together, and they asked me if I knew where they could get an allowance, and I said, "If you go to Mr. Bannister you can get a pound apiece for voting for Mr. Brown."

64,970. And when you got back you found Mr. Bannister?—Yes.

64,971. And you got the money?—Yes. They said they would not vote without getting the money first. He said he would give me the money; I was to see them vote and then give it them.

64,972. You kept your part of the engagement, I suppose?—No, I did not.

64,973. Did they vote?—Yes, for Mr. Brown.

64,974. Did you pay them before they voted?—Yes, before they went out of the house.

64,975. You could trust the coopers?—Yes.

64,976. He gave you a large order, if you met anybody in this way to bring them to him?—Any burgesses who wanted a sovereign for voting for Mr. Brown, I was to send them or bring them.

64,977. Did you not get a good many more on that day?—No.

64,978. Only five coopers?—They were not all coopers.

64,979. Did you fall in with any others?—No.

64,980. Did you make any other payments?—No; that is all I paid.

64,981. In 1852 did you vote?—Yes.

64,982. Who did you support then?—Clay and Goderich.

64,983. What can you tell us about that?—I have nothing to tell you about that.

64,984. You paid somebody, did you not?—No.

64,985. Did you get any names set down?—No.

64,986. What were you doing all the election time?—Like the rest, I was running about.

64,987. When you say running about, you do not mean that you were a runner?—No; I was not engaged as a runner.

64,988. Or as a messenger?—No.

64,989. Or as a clerk?—No.

64,990. You had no claim upon them?—No.

64,991. You were not upon any committee?—No.

64,992. Did you send in a bill to the orange committee?—No.

64,993. Not at all?——No; I had no claim upon them.

64,994. You did not have any money at all?—No, not a farthing.

64,995. How came you to desert the blues?—I never had a vote before this last election.

64,996. You had been friendly to the blues through Mr. Bannister?—Yes, I knew him well.

64,997. You know nothing about the 1852 election?—No.

64,998. Are you sure you did not canvass for the orange party; would not Mr. Wilde employ an active man like you; did you not exchange visits with Mr. Wilde?—He called to see me frequently, but there was nothing said about the election.

64,999. Did he not call to ask you how you were going on with your canvass?—No, nothing particular. I think Mr. Wilde knows that I was not engaged in any way during this last election.

65,000. He did not give you anything for being neutral, did he?—What, Mr. Wilde?

65,001. Yes.—I do not think he is so liberal as that.

65,002. You said that he knew you did nothing?—He came to my house daily.

WILLIAM WEST sworn, and examined.

William West.

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65,003. Where do you live?—In the Anlaby Road.

65,004. What is your business?—Stock and share broker.

65,005. Are you a voter?—Yes.

65,006. As a 10*l.* householder or as a freeman?—As a householder.

65,007. How long have you had a vote?—About eleven or twelve years.

65,008. What is the rent of your premises?—I think I am rated from 40*l.* to 50*l.*

65,009. Did you take part in the election of 1841?—No.

65,010. Were you then a voter?—No.

65,011. You know nothing about that election?—Nothing at all.

65,012. In 1847, did you take a part in that election?—I took some little part, but I was not a voter in 1847. I had removed, and I lost my qualification.

65,013. What was the part you took?—I assisted Mr. Twining in the Holderness district. I simply canvassed a few voters; that is all I did.

65,014. Were you upon any committee?—No; we had not a committee at that time, I believe.

65,015. You assisted Mr. Twining to canvass?—I did.

65,016. While you were assisting him, did you get the names of any parties set down as runners?—Yes; I took them to Mr. Twining, and he set them down.

65,017. Those were parties who applied to have their names set down?—Yes.

65,018. And you undertook that their names should be set down?—I took them there and left them. I had done my duty, and I went to look after some more.

65,019. Had you not authority from Mr. Twining to do that?—Yes; I believe I had authority to bring all those voters to him.

65,020. Having authority to do that, you took them there to get them set down?—Yes; as many as I could.

65,021. Did you assist him in paying?—No; I saw him pay a great many, but I never paid any myself.

65,022. Were you not there to help him?—No; I used to take them into the room. I took them on the polling day up to the poll, and then to him. He said, "Have these men voted?" I said, "Yes;" and some he gave half a sovereign, and some more,—I did not see which.

65,023. You brought them back, in order to vouch for their having voted before payment?—Of course.

65,024. How many do you think you so took up?—I cannot say. I canvassed a day previous to the election and on the election day. I brought as many as I could find and took them to the poll, but I cannot say how many.

65,025. Did you take persons to anybody but Mr. Twining?—No; I confined myself entirely to that district.

65,026. How many do you think you did take?—I think I should poll thirty or forty. I with Mr. Twining were the only two persons there,—there was no one to assist us.

65,027. All those were paid?—All those were paid.

65,028. Did you keep any list or account of them?—No; I had a canvass book which contained the names.

65,029. What have you done with your book?—When I came away in the afternoon, I left it with Mr. Twining; of course I have never seen it since.

65,030. You have no means now of giving us the names?—No; not the slightest.

65,031. How much money was paid them, do you know?—I understood about 80*l.* or 90*l.* was spent at that committee room. There were other committee rooms in the same district. Our committee room was at the Noah's Ark, and I confined my services entirely to that place. There were several other committee rooms in the same district.

65,032. Do you know if parties were paid at those rooms?—No; I cannot say.

65,033. You were not at those rooms?—No; I confined my services entirely there.

65,034. Was that all you had to do with that election?—That was all I had to do with that election.

65,035. That is all you can tell us about it?—Yes; I can tell you no more.

65,036. Did you take any part at the last election?—Well, I can scarcely say that I did. I was not in town at the time. I do not think I bestowed above two hours in the service.

65,037. Did you vote?—Yes.

65,038. Who for?—Moore and Butler.

65,039. Did you canvass anybody this time?—I think I canvassed about five or six people.

65,040. Were those persons who wanted employment?—No; respectable householders in my own neighbourhood.

65,041. You had nothing to do with it?—No; I never got a man's name set down.

65,042. You have no means of learning anything about the election?—I never was at a committee room, except once.

65,043. You know nothing about it?—No; I know nothing about it.

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65,044. Had you a partner of the name of Scholefield?—I had a partner of that name, but he is on the London Stock Exchange now.

65,045. Did he assist in canvassing with you?—No; he has left here this eighteen months.

65,046. Did he not at Brown's election?—No, he did not. I think he rendered some service or assistance to Mr. Stephenson in his district, Bowl Alley Lane; he was very active there no doubt.

65,047. He did not take people to the poll as you did?—I do not know what he did. I never saw him during the whole day.

65,048. Did he tell you he had set them down?—No; he never mentioned a syllable to me.

65,049. Do you know a man of the name of Grundrill?—Yes, I do.

65,050. Did you pay him any money?—I believe the money passed through my hands; it was after the election, I remember now; about a week or ten days after he called at my office, and stated that he wanted 20*s.* or 22*s.*, for money that he had expended or laid out, and I told him to go to Mr. Twining. He went to Mr. Twining, and Mr. Twining refused to pay him without I gave him a voucher; and I could not do that without inquiring more into detail; and I think he furnished a small account, but whether I paid it or not I do not know,—if I did, I got it from Mr. Twining, and handed it over to him.

65,051. What was it for?—For refreshments to different voters.

65,052. At a public?—At a public, on the day of the election and also the day previous, which he said he had expended out of his own pocket.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at 10 o'clock.

FORTY-FIFTH DAY.—Friday, 29th July, 1853.

Thomas Rowley.

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THOMAS ROWLEY sworn, and examined.

65,053. What business are you?—I am a clerk.

65,054. In whose employ?—Messrs. Barkworth and Spaldin.

65,055. Are you a voter for the borough?—No.

65,056. Never was?—No, never.

65,057. Do you occupy any premises of your own?—No, I am not a resident in Hull.

65,058. In 1852, I believe you had something to do with the election of that year?—Yes; I think I had a little.

65,059. Some money passed through your hands?—It did.

65,060. Tell us shortly the circumstances, and your recollection of it,—a few days before the election day, was it not?—No, perhaps the day before, Mr. Barkworth wished me to look up some out-voters, I think they are called.

65,061. Was that Mr. Henry Barkworth?—Yes; some men at Grimsby.

65,062. What do you mean by looking up?—To see which way they were inclined to vote.

65,063. To canvass them you mean?—I suppose so.

65,064. Did he tell you where the out-voters were?—At Grimsby.

65,065. Had you a list of them?—Yes.

65,066. Have you got that list now?—No, I have no papers now connected with it; I gave them all to him directly afterwards.

65,067. You had a list?—Yes; with the names of those men on.

65,068. Did you go to Grimsby?—Yes.

65,069. Were you provided with funds?—I had funds; but I had none previously from him.

65,070. What were your instructions?—To look for those voters that would vote for our party; to bring them down to vote.

65,071. How were they to be paid their expenses for loss of time?—Mr. Barkworth knew that I had some money.

65,072. What arrangements had you to make?—I had no instructions except that I was to bring these men with me; I had no arrangements at all to make with them.

65,073. What should you do, supposing they had said, "We want our expenses paid"?—I should have said, "Come along to the Railway."

65,074. Supposing they had said that they would not without being paid first?—I made no decisive arrangement with them at all.

65,075. Supposing that the first man you came to, to whom you said "Who do you mean to vote for"—had said, "I shall not vote without my expenses," what should you have done?—I should have decided what I should have done.

65,076. Had you instructions?—No.

65,077. Had you a carte blanche?—Yes, exactly.

65,078. Suppose the man said, "I will not go without my expenses and 10*s.* for loss of time"—would it have fallen within your instructions to have complied with that?—I had no instructions.

65,079. Were you to bring them upon any terms?—Yes; I should have done as I thought fit.

65,080. Suppose a man had said, "I will not go unless my fare is paid beforehand, and 10*s.* for loss of time," what should you have done?—I had no instructions—no intimation.

65,081. Would it have been within the scope of what you considered your duty to have done so?—I think I should have done it in that case.

65,082. I do not suppose that you had special instructions applicable to that; but I want to know whether you had some instructions, because you said you had some instructions to go to Grimsby?—Yes; I was sent to Grimsby to see which way the men were inclined to vote, and anybody who felt inclined to vote for the blues I was to bring up with me.

65,083. A voter is not like a sack that you can take away with you; he has a will of his own?—Yes, exactly; in that case I should tell him I should pay his carriage down.

65,084. Supposing he had said, "No; I will not go unless I have 10*s.* for my loss of time"?—Then I should not have said anything at all about it; nor did I.

65,085. Supposing the man had said so, should you have left him behind?—I should have tried to make some arrangement; I should not have left him.

65,086. I come at once to the point, what should you have done?—I should have got him down; I should have made him no promise of money, but I should have got him down.

65,087. My hypothesis is this, that the man says positively, and is ready to swear it if you like, that nothing upon the face of the earth shall induce him to go unless he is paid his 10*s.* and his fare; notwithstanding all your eloquence and favour towards him, would you have left him behind?—The fact was not so, because no one did say so.

65,088. Take my hypothesis?—I should have left him behind.

65,089. If a man had refused to come unless he was paid his expenses and loss of time, would you have paid the loss of time and the expenses?—I would have left him behind.

65,090. You would have left him?—Yes; decidedly. I would not pay him any money previously, and he would not take my promise because he knew that I was not connected with Hull.

65,091. Supposing all your words had failed to persuade him?—I would not have put my hand in my pocket to give him any money; I should not have thought Mr. Barkworth would have allowed me to do that, or have paid me again.

65,092. Supposing he had gone on and said this, "If there is any money expended, will you promise that I shall be paid for my loss of time"—what would you have done then?—I should have promised him immediately.

65,093. Would you have considered in so doing that you were acting under the general authority you had from Mr. Barkworth?—I had no general authority whatever, and therefore I could only use my own judgment.

65,094. It was by somebody's authority that you went there?—I was told to go.

65,095. You began by saying that you had authority, and were authorised to go by Mr. Barkworth?—I merely wish to state the fact, but I had no authority; I cannot say that I had.

65,096. Did you go without Mr. Barkworth's knowledge?—I went with his knowledge, but I had no authority to go.

65,097. I want to see what view you put upon the extent of your own instructions—you were instructed to go to Grimsby?—Yes.

65,098. You got as far as that?—Yes.

65,099. Now tell us what the words were that Mr. Barkworth used?—I cannot recollect that.

65,100. Did he tell you generally to bring the voters?—No, he did not say that; he gave me a list. I do not think I was with him three minutes; he said, "Here, Rowley, there are voters at Grimsby; see if they will vote for us, and bring them down to-morrow morning"; that is the extent of what was said. I do not think that there was another word passed at the time,—not a single word whatever.

65,101. Did he furnish you with any money?—None at all.

65,102. Then, if I understand you, if you had even paid their expenses for coming, it would have been entirely beyond the scope of your duty?—I should not have deemed it so, as a servant of Mr. Barkworth.

65,103. Your duty would have been, unless they chose to come at their own expense, to leave them behind?—I should not have deemed that my duty, as a servant of Mr. Barkworth, because I knew him very well, and knew what he meant and what he intended to do; what he meant when he gave me any general orders, without reference to the election or anything else.

65,104. You say that from the previous intercourse you had had with Mr. Barkworth, and his general way of dealing, that you would have acquired some knowledge of what his views and intentions were?—Yes; I had not a previous word with him, recollect,

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about this election; not a word at any time previously; it was simply an order given, and I went and did it to the best of my ability. I certainly told him my sympathy was entirely with the other party, and therefore he must not expect me to be very anxious upon that, but I simply did it as a business matter.

65,105. Consequently you would not consider it right to go beyond the strict letter of what your belief was as to Mr. Barkworth's intention?—Just as a matter of business; that is all I did it as.

65,106. Your object was to fulfil Mr. Barkworth's views, and to do no more?—Exactly.

65,107. And you told him that your sympathies were with the other side?—I did say that.

65,108-9. Have the kindness to tell us what you did do when you got to Grimsby?—I do not think I recollect. I do not know anything particular, except the first thing was to find out these men.

65,110. How many did you find out?—Five, or six, or seven; I do not recollect; something about that; I had never been to Grimsby before in my life, so I knew very little about the place.

65,111. Tell us as near as you can your recollection of it, that would be sufficient?—I will do so.

65,112. Did you bring any of them?—I did.

65,113. Did you pay their expenses?—I paid their railway fares.

65,114. Up to Hull?—Yes, to Hull.

65,115. What it cost out of pocket, I suppose, you paid; the tickets?—Yes; I took the tickets for them, and gave them to them.

65,116. Did you promise any of them any remuneration for their loss of time?—After I had started I did; about when I first got to Hull I did.

65,117. Had any conversation taken place upon the subject before that?—Oh dear, yes; an immense deal.

65,118. They discussed it at Grimsby?—Yes, and all the way coming down as well; but I made them no promise until I got them nearly to Hull.

65,119. You got them into the railway carriage first?—I promised them in the boat.

65,120. What did you promise them?—They said there was a great loss of time; and I said, I dare say that would be made up for them, and they would not be satisfied with that.

65,121. You promised them what?—Something for their loss of time.

65,122. Was any sum mentioned; the number of days, for instance?—They wished for three days.

65,123. They asked for it?—No, they wished for three days, and I declined to give them three days.

65,124. You collected that they wished for three days?—They had one spokesman for the lot.

65,125. Who was he?—I do not know one of the names.

65,126. The general demand was for three days?—Yes.

65,127. At how much a day?—No sum was mentioned; the usual sum, I believe, was 5*s*.

65,128. Probably you knew that the usual sum was 5*s*.?—No, not till since. I had no idea then, not the slightest.

65,129. Then by their manner of saying the number of days, probably you collected that they knew?—I did not know what was meant by it; I thought the committee would know.

65,130. When they said three days, did you collect from them that they knew what it was?—No, not at all; I thought the people in Hull would pay them, therefore I did not ask what sum was meant by three days.

65,131. What I wish to know is whether, although you did not know how much "a day" meant, did you understand, from the mode in which they said "three days," that they were speaking of something which they understood themselves?—A definite sum; yes, I did.

65,132. What did you promise them?—I did not promise them anything; they would not take my promise.

65,133. You said just now that you did promise?—Yes.

65,134. Then what did you promise?—The three days; I expected they would have that, of course, as usual; I felt the utter want of any instructions in all that.

65,135. You had no specific instructions, but you did what you believed he meant you to do?—I believe what he wished me to do.

65,136. You acted upon your own judgment in construing Mr. Barkworth's wishes?—Exactly.

65,137. Did you mention to Mr. Barkworth the construction that you had put upon his wishes?—Exactly.

65,138. Did you mention to Mr. Barkworth the construction that you had put upon his wishes?—Afterwards I did.

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65,139. Did he blame you for it?—He shook his head, but I do not know that he blamed me more than that.

65,140. What did he say?—He said nothing at all.

65,141. But he shook his head with a smile, I suppose?—The same as if I had done anything else in any other matter of business that he did not exactly approve of, he would shake his head.

65,142. Did he say anything in disapproval?—He was too much engaged in business. When I mentioned the fact to him, he did not say a word.

65,143. Had you anything to do with paying them?—Yes, I did.

65,144. Who supplied you with the money?—No one at all; I paid them myself out of my own pocket.

65,145. Was the money refunded to you?—It was, the next day.

65,146. When did you pay it?—At the time, after they voted.

65,147. Directly after?—Directly.

65,148. How much?—I do not recollect, indeed I have no idea. I have been trying to think of it since I received the summons yesterday, but I do not recollect at all. I gave him the account of it.

65,149. Did you pay them for the loss of time?—I think I paid them what they expected for the three days; there was a man met me when I came over, and he gave me some further instructions.

65,150. Who was that man?—I do not know.

65,151. Just say what those further instructions were?—I would not say so much instructions as I would insight into it; and then I asked a question, and then I understood it was 5*s.* a day.

65,152. Have you any doubt that you did give them 5*s.* a day?—I should think I did give them that.

65,153. Do you know any of their names?—I should know them if I was to hear them, but not without.

65,154. Were they resident in Grimsby?—No; as far as I can recollect they were over there at work, but resident in Hull. There was a new pier being built there, and they were over at work there; they were ship carpenters, I think.

65,155. Who repaid you?—Mr. Henry Barkworth.

65,156. What did he say when he repaid it?—Nothing at all; he asked me how much I was out of pocket, and I told him.

65,157. I think you said that you returned an account?—I gave an account of each man.

65,158. Was it to him?—Yes; to him.

65,159. How soon were you repaid?—The next day or the day after; I cannot say for a day or two; perhaps it might have been two or three days, perhaps it was.

65,160. Did he shake his head when you said you had paid them?—The first time when I told him what they expected.

65,161. But when you said you had paid them, and wanted to get your money back, did he shake his head?—There was not a word passed.

65,162. I did not ask about words, did he not shake his head?—No; he did not shake his head at all.

65,163. How came your sympathies to be the other way?—Because I had been always inclined that way.

65,164. Were you engaged on the other side?—No.

65,165. Had you voted on the other side?—No; I never had a vote, and I never want to have a vote.

65,166. You never canvassed?—No; I was not in Hull five minutes before I saw Mr. Barkworth.

65,167. You mean merely your feelings were on the other side?—Yes.

Frederick Tricker.

FREDERICK TRICKER sworn, and examined.

65,168. Where do you live?—In Witham.

65,169. What is your business?—A grocer.

65,170. What rent do you pay for a house?—£20.

65,171. Are you a freeman?—No.

65,172. What election were you first entitled to vote at?—The last election.

65,173. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

65,174 Was a room engaged at your house for them?—No.

65,175. Did you get any payment for the hire of a room?—Yes; my wife got 30*s.* for their speaking out of the window before the election.

65,176. When was the room engaged?—It was not engaged. I made the offer myself to them.

65,177. You offered the room?—Yes.

65,178. When did you offer it?—Perhaps a fortnight before the election.

65,179. Did they accept the offer?—Yes.

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65,180. Was your name or your room entered in some book?—No; they asked me if I wanted pay, and I said "No," so Mr. Harris gave my wife 30*s.* for the use of it.

65,181. After the election?—No; before the election.

65,182. Before the speaking out of the window?—No; afterwards.

65,183. That was before the election?—Yes; a fortnight before.

65,184. And you were paid a day or two after the speaking?—Yes.

65,185. Who paid you?—Mr. Harris sent her 30*s.* just for cleaning it up. I made no charge whatever.

65,186. But you did take it?—No; I did not take it.

65,187. Did you send it back?—No; she kept it herself.

65,188. Your wife?—Yes.

65,189. And gave it you?—I do not know; there is six of one and half a dozen of the other.

65,190. Did she give it to you or spend it in bonnets or handkerchiefs for herself?—I cannot say.

65,191. Do you mean to say you never had the money?—No; she had it for her own private use.

65,192. And you allowed her to spend it as she liked?—Yes.

65,193. I am told it was 4*l.*?—That was a falsehood; I will swear it was not.

65,194. Is 30*s.* all that you got?—30*s.* is all that she got.

65,195. Who got the rest?—That is all we did get.

65,196. The whole?—Yes.

65,197. Was that the only occasion on which your room was used?—That was the only occasion.

65,198. Was there ever anybody there?—No; I made the offer because there was plenty of room for the parties to come and hear them; it was a good situation.

65,199. Did they ask you which way you would vote?—No.

65,200. You told them before?—Yes.

65,201. And they knew which way you were going to vote?—Of course.

65,202. And after you had offered to vote for them, you offered them a room to speak out of the window of?—I offered them the room before I offered to vote; they did not call on me till the day or two before the election, to ask for my vote.

65,203. After the speaking?—Yes; after the speaking, Moore and Butler called, it may be a day or two before the election, and this would be a fortnight before the election that they spoke out of the window.

65,204. You had been canvassed before Moore and Butler came?—I was asked, and I said I would vote for Mr. Clay, provided Lord Goderich did not join, and as soon as Lord Goderich joined I was at liberty to change my opinion. I said if there was no opposition I would vote for Mr. Clay, but if joined with Lord Goderich, I would not, as I considered he was merely a tool.

65,205. Did you offer the room for the purpose of their making a speech out of the window?—Yes.

65,206. You said so?—Yes.

65,207. To whom?—To Mr. Harris.

65,208. Had you heard that they wanted to make a speech at that part of the town?—Yes; I happened to be at the place where they were inquiring if they could get a room anywhere.

65,209. For what?—For speaking.

65,210. And what did you say?—I said if my room was of any use, they might have it.

65,211. How soon after that was it that they proposed to pay you?—Mr. Harris met me in the street and said, "Tricker, what do you charge?" I said "Nothing."

65,212. How soon after?—I said the next day.

65,213. Was nothing said about payment on the first occasion?—No.

65,214. You merely offered your room for them to speak out of the window?—Yes.

65,215. I do not understand exactly what you mean by saying you would vote for Clay if there was no contest?—That is, they said that Mr. Clay did not feel inclined to join Lord Goderich. I knew there were two blues coming out.

65,216. When was it that you promised to join Mr. Clay?—It may be some time beforehand; it may be a month or two.

John Rotherforth.

JOHN ROTHERFORTH sworn, and examined.

65,217. Where do you live?—No. 4, Prospect Street.

65,218. What is your business?—A publican.

65,219. What is the sign of your house?—The Blue Bell.

65,220. What rent do you pay?—£65 a year, including some tenements that I have along with it.

65,221. Are you a freeman?—No.

65,222. Which election were you first entitled to vote at?—1852, the last election.

65,223. Who did you vote for?—Lord Goderich and Mr. Bramley Moore.

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65,224. Was your house used at the 1847 election?—I do not know at all; I did not live there then; I was not in Hull.

65,225. At the last election?—It was not used for electioneering purposes.

65,226. You had a large number there had you not?—No, I had not.

65,227. Was there not a large supper at your house?—No.

65,228. Not at the Blue Bell?—No.

65,229. A small one?—No.

65,230. Not a supper?—If there was, it was myself and my wife. I had no other supper that I am aware of.

65,231. Did not Robert Brown order a supper at your house?—No.

65,232. Was your room engaged?—No.

65,233. Did any committee meet there?—No.

65,234. Or any gentlemen who are not a committee?—I do not know that; I could not say.

65,235. Did they meet, I mean?—Not for electioneering purposes. We had, of course, people in the house, but not on electioneering matters.

65,236. Had you a room engaged by either party?—No, not at all, no more than at other times.

65,237. Do you know Robert Brown, of West Street?—I do.

65,238. You say he never ordered a supper at your place?—No.

65,239. And there never was one?—There never was one except for my own family.

65,240. Do you keep the Blue Bell now?—I do.

65,241. Did you receive any money at all from the committee of either party at the last election?—I supplied some drink to parties that were sent in by the order of Mr. Brown, or others, but I do not know whether it was by order of the committee or who. Mr. Brown told me he would see me paid.

65,242. They were voters?—I do not know whether they were voters; there were some I knew and some I did not know.

65,243. How many?—I am sure I could not say.

65,244. About how many; could you tell whether ten or fifty?—I should say more than ten but less than fifty; but I could not say how many.

65,245. Was it thirty?—I should say there would be.

65,246. What did they have; how much each?—Sixpennyworth each, by the order of Mr. Brown.

65,247. When was it?—I do not know the date; it was the night that Mr. Bramley Moore and Mr. Butler were speaking from their committee room near to my house; I do not know what night it was, but it was that evening.

65,248. Did Mr. Brown bring the men to the house?—He did; Mr. Brown and others; there were more than Mr. Brown.

65,249. What did he say?—He said, "Let these men have sixpennyworth each."

65,250. Is that all the money that you had from either party?—There were men in a similar way sent to get 6*d.* sixpennyworth.

65,251. When was that?—Some on the morning of the election and some previous; I have not the dates; I really do not know.

65,252. How much was your bill altogether?—£3 odd.

65,253. £3 18*s.*?—Mr. Steeple paid it, I do not know the amount.

65,254. It is stated as 3*l.* 18*s.*?—I dare say that is the amount, but I do not know.

65,255. Was that all spent in sixpennyworths?—Yes.

65,256. And was it all at the order of Mr. Brown?—No, there were several others.

65,257. Were they all for the same party?—I believe they were.

65,258. The blue party?—Yes.

65,259. Was William Henry Nicholson one of them?—I am sure I do not know.

65,260. Do you know the man?—I am sure I do not, I do not know a person of that name.

65,261. He is a sailmaker?—I do not know him.

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65,262. Were you engaged in the year 1841 in electioneering matters?—No, I was not.

65,263. Did you vote at that time?—I had no vote at that time.

65,264. You took no part in the election?—I might have had a vote, but I did not vote at that time.

65,265. You took no part in it?—I took no part, I believe I had not a vote; I paid 30*l.* for my offices, but I believe the landlord paid the taxes, and I had no vote.

65,266. In 1847 I believe you were retained on behalf of Mr. Brown?—I was on behalf of the committee for Mr. Brown's election.

65,267. And voted for him?—I did.

65,268. Did you vote for anybody else?—Mr. Baines also.

65,269. Were you retained on the Monday?—I believe I was retained to commence immediately after midnight on Sunday night it would be, or Monday morning.

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65,270. Are those all the accounts that you have relating to that election (*handing a bundle of papers marked "A" to the witness*)?—I have no other accounts than these relating to the election, except a duplicate of one here.

65,271. The gross amount of those accounts is about 1,200*l.* or 1,400*l.*, is it not?—I have not cast them up; the last account I can tell you, because that was cast up, but there is a blank in it, 1,305*l.* the large one, and then there come several items, and then there is a blank left for runners, messengers, &c. at Hull, which is not filled in.

65,272. The items which are there amount to between 1,300*l.* and 1,400*l.*?—Yes; they are about 1,450*l.* or thereabouts, 1,460*l.*

65,273. Take this in your hand: as far as you can judge are those correct lists of clerks and messengers employed?—Yes; these are lists prepared in my own office; I have no doubt they would be correct.

65,274. As far as these papers go, they show in your judgment a correct list of payments made to messengers, clerks, and persons of that description?—As far as I know they do.

65,275. The two next papers, I think, you will see contain a list of persons who were paid for their votes; particularly let me draw your attention to the bottom of the paper; there is nothing stated there, not even the pretence of service; look at the bottom, showing that the payments were made according to the mode they voted, and not according to the service?—This is the document I do not know the writing of, it says, "Returns by Mr. Garfitt, from booths generally."

65,276. Now look at the bottom of it?—"Percival Beautyman, polled Porter Street, 10*s.*; James Milner, residence High Street;" there are the names of several persons, and the names for whom some of them voted, and some sums of money put at the side, and the corresponding note in the register.

65,277. And the sums vary according to whether they split their votes or not?—I think so, that is the result from this paper.

65,278. "Jackson voted fully"?—There is no sum against that.

65,279. That explains the whole paper, does it not; these two words are a common key to the whole paper?—I cannot say that, and I will tell you why: I do not know that I ever saw it before; I sent this paper along with the others.

65,280. You do not know the writing?—No, I do not know the writing; it is written by some attorney's clerk but not by any clerk of mine, it is Mr. Garfitt's return, and he was one of the district committee men.

65,281. This is a check sheet, is it not?—No; that is the return that he sent in.

65,282. It is a return from booths generally?—Yes; it is Mr. Garfitt's return, and he was one of the district committee men; I do not know of what district now.

65,283. The man who gets the 15*s.* has the good fortune to be a householder, and the rest of them who get the 10*s.* are freemen?—This paper I must have seen before, because the words "Hight Street" are in my own handwriting, but I have no recollection of it.

65,284. You pointed out that he was a householder, and somebody else added the 5*s.* to it?—I cannot say how the fact is, that is as I state it.

65,285. Opposite all the freemen is put 10*s.*, and opposite the householders 15*s.*?—No; that does not appear.

65,286. Look at the next page, that contains a list of twenty-five voters, purchased at 10*s.* each?—Yes; "Twenty-five single votes 12*l.* 10*s.*, one plumper 1*l.*: 13*l.* 10*s.*;" then four more, and it is said those are paid by Stephenson.

65,287. That is, in plain English, a purchase of twenty-five votes?—There is not the least doubt in the world that these men were paid for voting so much money, the out-voters at Hedon.

65,288. Who I dare say you are aware were paid equally by Mr. Baines?—I know nothing of Mr. Baines' proceedings except what I heard accidentally yesterday. I see they voted for Baines and Brown most of them together, except one, which is marked "P.," that means "Plumper."

65,289. Then allow me to draw your attention to this, that the four paid by Mr. Stepenson, or paid 1*l.* each, are plumpers?—Yes; every one of those are plumpers; there is "P." marked against them.

65,290. Were they plumpers for Brown?—I presume so.

65,291. And I think those two slips contain lists of people or runners, set down, as it is called; if not, perhaps you can explain what they are?—These have not come from me, they come from elsewhere I think, I will not be sure upon that point; I sent a great number of papers that I never looked at.

65,292. Look at those two slips?—"Runners, Hargreaves and Bower, gone into Porter Street canvass." There are several names here, and then it is put below, "Messengers."

65,293. Look at the next?—Runners again; it appears to be in the same handwriting.

65,294. Do these contain the names of people of the ordinary class we hear of, who got their names set down and expected to be paid?—I cannot say at this distance of time, I think it is very probable, but I cannot say.

65,295. And that third one with the heading, "Tuesday," in your judgment, probably, is a paper of the same description?—I could not say whether it was meant to be a list of runners, or a list of persons, voters, to be seen; I could not say.

65,296. Look at the paper before it?—The paper before it appears to be in the same handwriting as the preceding paper to that.

65,297. What is that?—Men with cards to solicit.

65,298. Explain the paper?—I should imagine these are persons set to work to go round with canvassing cards.

65,299. Messengers?—I can explain the system that was adopted at that time, it would save trouble. The election commenced very early on Monday morning, immediately after midnight on Sunday; we then had to get prepared everything connected with the election, as the election would have to take place the Thursday following; with so large a number as 4,500 electors it of course required a great amount of despatch, and a very great number of persons to be engaged in the necessary division of labour required for that purpose. The men were set on immediately to go round among the electors with cards struck off, merely requesting the vote and interest in favour of the candidate, and I should imagine that this paper contains the names of persons who had been engaged for such a purpose.

65,300. So that there was an unusual number of messengers employed to distribute polling cards upon that occasion?—Yes; such a number as never was engaged or required at any previous election.

65,301. Were they all voters?—That was quite immaterial; the orders were to get on men, voters or not voters; we had no time to consider that question or to make a distinction, the orders were to get men.

65,302. Were you with Mr. Brown at the time when he made up his mind to resign?—I believe I was, before he finally determined to make up his mind, and by his orders I went to the committee room of Mr. Baines to inform that committee that he did intend to resign, and I also went to the sheriff to withdraw his name.

65,303. Were you aware at that time that there were a large number of unpolled voters still remaining in the market to be bought?—Yes, I was, I had a very strong reason for knowing it.

65,304. State your own reason?—An application was made, I think, at about a quarter-before three or half-past two that day, by a very large number of voters to be paid to vote for Mr. Brown. This application came into the committee room at the time I was there.

65,305. At the time Mr. Brown also was there?—No; Mr. Brown was at his own hotel at that time, and came into the committee room while I was there.

65,306. Who was the principal man?—I cannot tell; I think he was a shipwright or a person of that class; it was not the first application of the kind that we had had made during the election; on a preceding time 200 freemen and upwards, I was told, went over to New Holland and sent a deputation over to Hull, stating that there were that number of them ready to vote for Mr. Brown for a consideration; Mr. Brown knew of that application, and he and the committee said, "Not one sixpence will we give them;" on the day when he resigned a similar application came at the time I have mentioned. Mr. Brown at once made up his mind to resign, and he said he was so disgusted with the affair that he would neither stand himself nor would he allow Mr. Baines (for there was a threat held out that Mr. Baines would buy them) to waste his money in any such way. That to the best of my recollection is the substance of the resolution that he came to.

65,307. Was that the cause of his resignation?—That was the cause of his resignation at that time, to the best of my judgment and belief; he may have had another, but that was the cause expressed.

65,308. How much did they ask?—I cannot say; I have no recollection.

65,309. Can you say whether it was 10*l.*?—No; I cannot say pounds, I do not know the amount, I have no doubt it would be pounds; the application was that they should be bought, but I do not know that the price was named.

65,310. Was the number stated?—I think the number stated of the second lot at that time was 150, or thereabouts, to the best of my recollection.

65,311. Did they come all together or did they send a deputation?—No, they did not come all together, there was a messenger sent on their behalf.

65,312. Do you know the messenger from either of those deputations?—I do not

65,313. Were you present when the purchase of Nicholson's lot was effected on the part of Mr. Brown?—I never heard of the purchase of such a lot being effected.

65,314. Then you were not present?—No.

65,315. You have heard often of them since?—No, I have not indeed, I can assure you; I have heard Nicholson's name mentioned, but I did not know it was in connexion with Mr. Brown.

65,316. You heard of eighty men during the election being bought at the Baltic?—Yes; I did not know that they were Nicholson's, I knew who they were bought by, they were bought by Mr. Clay and paid for by Mr. Galloway.

65,317. They were bought by a joint arrangement between Mr. Brown and Mr. Clay; half and half?—I never knew that before this moment.

65,318. Have you heard that?—No, I did not know it; this is information to me for the first time.

65,319. Was not Mr. Mitchell a member of your committee?—Yes.

65,320. He is the man who bought them?—Then you give me information that I did not know before.

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65,321. And Mr. Burstall was another member?—He was.

65,322. You were not cognizant of Mr. Burstall's and Mr. Mitchell's purchase?—Certainly not; on the contrary, up to the present moment I was ignorant of it. I remember, two days after the election, telling Mr. Galloway what an imprudent thing it was to do, having not the least notion that Mr. Brown's committee had anything to do with the purchase of these men for half their votes.

65,323. Do you believe, looking at those figures—"Baines, 1611; Clay, 1399; Brown, 1140;" written on the back of one of these sheets of paper, that they represent the state of the poll at some period of the morning of the polling day?—At some period I should presume it does.

65,324. Have you anything to tell you that it is so, or is that a mere guess?—It is a mere presumption; I only form my judgment in the same way that you gentlemen can by seeing those figures there, that is all.

65,325. There are other figures also, that seem to throw some light upon it, and render it possible?—I have not seen the other figures; I only judge the same as you or any other gentleman might judge. I believe the total number of votes for Mr. Brown upon that occasion was about 1600; I think so from memory, but I may be mistaken.

65,326. Is that a letter written to you by Mr. Twining (*handing the letter to the witness*)?—This is a letter, I presume, from Mr. Twining to me, because I found it among the loose papers in that box; there is no name of any person to whom it is addressed.

65,327. Have you any recollection of the letter, now that you have seen it?—I have seen this letter before, certainly.

65,328. Do you remember letting Dr. Twining have some money upon the polling day?—I have no recollection of giving Dr. Twining any money. I have been informed, and understood that Mr. Burstall gave him 90*l.*; and I gather that from another letter, in which Mr. Burstall says that Dr. Twining had 90*l.*

65,329. I thought it came through your hands?—No, it did not.

65,330. What disbursements passed through your hands?—After the election?

65,331. During the election?—I think during the election no disbursements went through my hands, except the payment of the clerks, now and then, money on account; there were only four days.

65,332. You had a bill yourself for services?—I had.

65,333. Can you recollect what is the amount, or have you the means to tell you?—I can tell you. I have a copy of it in my own office.

65,334. How much was it?—I believe the bill for my own professional services altogether was 160*l.* or 170*l.*, exclusive of from twenty to twenty-five clerks employed.

65,335. Including the clerks, how much?—I could not say altogether without referring; I have a copy; I could easily refer.

65,336. Tell us about?—My impression is, that the amount of the bill, including the clerks and my own, would be something like 350*l.*, to the best of my recollection. I have a very fair recollection of my own bill, and I believe my bill, for my own professional services, was something like 160*l.* or 170*l.*; that extends over not merely the election week, but two or three weeks afterwards.

65,337. How was it paid?—Mr. Digby, the chairman, paid it.

65,338. How long after the election?—I think it was paid some weeks after the election, when all the accounts were paid; some accounts were paid, inasmuch as it necessarily included all the work done up to that time.

65,339. How long was it after that you were paid?—My impression is, it was something like from six weeks to two months after.

65,340. That is your impression?—I had necessarily to wait until all the business was concluded connected with the election.

65,341. I see a great many clerks entered here?—Yes.

65,342. Had you a full discretion to employ any number you liked?—Certainly; I had full discretion to employ whatever forces I liked for any purpose.

65,343. The time was short?—The emergency required an enormous number of them to be put on.

65,344. The time was short, and the object was to win?—Yes, precisely.

65,345. Did you make those payments?—I believe so.

65,346. There are a great many clerks, can you tell me the number?—I should think about twenty-five.

65,347. It says thirty-six polling and check clerks?—That is another lot of clerks, which would be the clerks on the day of the election for eighteen booths.

65,348. You think there would be twenty-five clerks, and the thirty-six polling and check clerks would be additional?—Certainly.

65,349. Do you not think that some of these are persons whose votes would be influenced by employment?—You are speaking of the clerks who are engaged as check and poll clerks?

65,350. Or the other clerks; here is one long list of "Mr. Wells's" clerks?—Yes.

65,351. Are there among those persons any who had votes?—My impression is, that most of them had no votes at all; they belong to a class of persons who have no votes; they are not householders, and are not in a position to have votes, and are not freemen.

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65,352. We understood yesterday, from Mr. Digby, that there was a difficulty in getting them, from the shortness of the time?—I had great difficulty. Mr. Baines had a fortnight before him, and I had only three days before me. I know he had great difficulty in getting up the papers in the time; we had no time; we had not even the street lists ready.

65,353. I do not know whether there is anything upon the face of this list, which shows that they were voters, or who were voters?—I should not make out a list for that purpose; my business was to engage persons quite irrespectively of whether they were voters; those men were all paid by myself, or my partner, or by some one in my office.

65,354. The commitee clerks, would they be paid by you?—I think they would.

65,355. Mr. Garfitt would have paid his own account?—I believe so.

65,356. What would those ticks mean, against those who are Hedon voters?—At the first part of the election it was determined, by whom or how I know not, but it was so determined, to give to a number of persons tickets marked *5s.* each upon them, and the production of those tickets would entitle the party to receive payment. I believe that scheme was first concocted by Mr. John Walker, whose name you have had before you on more occasions than one, and who was engaged for one portion of the party who brought Mr. Brown down. You may have heard that it was a coalition between the two parties, to bring him in; and that scheme of the ticket system was introduced by him. I am aware that it caused afterwards a little unpleasantness in the committee; they did not like it and they put a stop to it.

65,357. The "2" would mean to have two tickets?—Yes.

65,358. Why should one have two tickets, and the other only one?—I cannot tell.

65,359. Do you know whose writing it is?—No; it is a list of Hedon voters, written by some attorney's clerk, but I have no notion whose writing it is; it is not written by any clerk of mine.

65,360. Who assisted Walker in carrying into effect the ticket system?—There was a committee met at the Ball and Sun, where he was, and he was one of the committee, but I do not know who the others were; the truth is, I had so much to do in attending to the mere ordinary machinery of the election, that I never interfered with the proceedings of the committees, as to their mode of conducting the canvass.

65,361. It has been stated, that at the election of 1847, the different committees exchanged but little communication with one another?—I think that is most probable.

65,362. It is so stated by Mr. Baines' friends?—My impression is, that each committee did as they liked, as far as they could; the understanding was that they were to get the election, and all the expenses would be paid.

65,363. You stated you believed that the ground of Mr. Brown's resignation was disgust at the attempt to extort money?—I have always believed that; and when I say disgust, there is another reason. It is evident, from what I have stated, that he was anxious that Mr. Baines, with whom he appeared to be friendly, should not be a sufferer by anything that took place at his election, and therefore he said "I will not give them a sixpence myself, nor shall Mr. Baines be allowed to do so. I will resign, and I will go and tell Mr. Baines so."

65,364. Do you think that Mr. Brown could have won his election?—Supposing he had gone up to the poll at that time?

65,365. Supposing he had gone on to the end?—I do not think he could. I think if he had come into the field two days before, he would.

65,366. You still think, if he had gone on to the end, Mr. Baines and Mr. Clay would have been returned?—Yes; but the election could not have finished that day.

65,367. Why not?—A riot took place at one of the booths, but that was not known at head-quarters at the time; we did not know it until afterwards.

65,368. You still think, if Mr. Brown had continued to the end, he could not have won?—I think not, at that hour of the day; three o'clock.

65,369. But the next day he might?—Possibly he might, because we had a great number of voters, who would then have come up to the poll. I understood the riot took place in consequence of a number of voters wanting to vote for Mr. Baines, and could not get up to vote; and I also understood, from one of the canvassers, that we had a reserve of voters, who would have come in and voted, had the election been adjourned until the next day. I could not say what would have been the result, if the representations, made to me by many of our canvassers, were correct. I think Mr. Brown would have stood a very good chance of coming in.

65,370. How do you account upon your hypothesis for the fact, that Mr. Brown actually polled a greater number in the one hour, after he resigned, than Mr. Baines, and almost as many as he polled in the whole day, or rather in the previous seven hours?—An hour would not have elapsed after he resigned before the election was stopped.

65,371. That is still more extraordinary; if at the time of Mr. Brown's resignation, between that and four o'clock, he polled nearly as many as he had polled in the whole seven hours before, and more than Mr. Baines?—That is only confirmatory of what I said before, that the voters for Mr. Brown had not got up to the poll in good time, and that the riot took place in consequence of the pressure to get on for the purpose. If that election could have been kept open an hour or two longer, beyond four o'clock, or on the

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next day, then I believe we had a reserve of voters that would have secured the election for Mr. Brown, but the time prevented its necessity; but this is a speculation. I cannot say what the result would have been.

65,372. Did you know that a number of voters, to the amount of from 150 to 200, had been raising their price during the day?—I did not.

65,373. Did you hear that they offered themselves at a smaller sum than 10*l*., or any sum?—I heard no sum; I am speaking from a recollection of six years back.

65,374. Did you at any time have any communication with Mr. Baines' committee, or with any one connected with Mr. Baines, as to securing those voters by a joint payment?—I have no recollection of anything of the sort, nor do I believe that any such arrangement took place to my knowledge.

65,375. You went to the George Inn?—Yes.

65,376. That was to carry the resignation of Mr. Brown?—Yes.

65,377. Had you been there before that day?—I have no recollection of having been there before that day.

65,378. Do you recollect at any time, whether on that day or the previous day that any proposition had been made to secure the wavering hanging-off men, at the joint expense of Mr. Baines and Mr. Brown?—I do not recollect anything of the kind.

65,379. You never heard that that was done?—I never heard it, but what I hear now.

65,380. This is the book that was lying generally open at your committee room (*book marked B*). Mr. Digby informed us of that?—Yes, it would be so.

65,381. The first page is a list of general messengers?—It is.

65,382. And then a list of clerks?—Yes.

65,383. Would they be separate from those that you have been speaking of who appear in your own list?—No; that would be a book for the purpose of getting down, as well as we could, the names of persons who would be required to go into the matter, I remember that book was laying on the table, and I think that the first writing in it is Mr. James Beeton's, to the best of my recollection.

65,384. Look at that page which is headed "committee rooms." I asked Mr. Digby yesterday whether he supposed that that heading was intended to be carried on to the next page, there is no special heading to the next page, and he said he thought not?—And I think not.

65,385. Tell me in your judgment what those names are, upon the next page, they continue for several pages; are those the general lists of runners?—My impression is, that this would be a list of persons who wanted to be engaged as runners, or messengers, that is my impression,—the next are colour bearers.

65,386. I do not think there is any separate heading after the one I drew your attention to?—My impression is, that the whole of these pages; are lists of persons who applied to be set down as runners or messengers, except those who came under the special heading.

65,387. Are those ticks and marks made in red ink in the early part of the book made by you; there is an explanation at the top of the page?—Those marks and letters are in my writing.

65,388. What does that red ink mean; I do not quite follow it on looking through the lists?—I should imagine that these were marks made after the election, and I have no doubt they were made for the purpose of checking the persons who applied to be paid as runners or messengers.

65,389. I think you will see through the book several who have the chairman's name set against them; and those appear to me not to be crossed out, as if they had been sent to the district of which that person was the chairman?—Yes; here is Twining, Mitchell, Bannister.

65,390. Those are not struck out, but there is a general pencil erasure against those who have not a chairman's name; would that denote that they had been paid?—I think so.

65,391. Then the pencil mark comes down and then stops?—You observe all those that have the name at the side, have a tick at the side also, and the tick says, these are referred to the districts of which these gentlemen are the chairmen.

65,392. You will see that the pencil mark is not run through the names. I want to know if it shows, where the pencil mark is run through the names, that those were paid at the central committee room?—I cannot say.

65,393. You see the pencil mark there?—Yes; and there is no pencil mark through those that are sent elsewhere.

65,394. But it is to all the others?—Yes.

65,395. Do you remember if that pencil mark is a note of your own?—I think not.

65,396. What do you say that it means?—I cannot tell.

65,397. Does it mean that the parties were paid?—I should presume it means that the parties were done with, but I cannot say.

65,398. Payment is the only thing probably remaining after the elections?—That is the fair inference.

65,399. There were a great many colour men employed, I see?—A great many.

65,400. And you do not make any distinction between them and runners?—No.

65,401. Or between runners and messengers?—No, we call runners and messengers the same thing. I think it right to say that we had a very large number of messengers necessarily employed.

65,402. That was in order to win?—No; but for actual services; and I can explain why we had it: we managed to get done, by two o'clock on Tuesday and part of the Wednesday morning, a three weeks' work, which had to be done in three days; we had to deliver to all these parties in the town, not merely the application cards for the votes, but also the voting cards afterwards.

65,403. There is a list which you have been good enough to furnish us with, which seems to be an alphabetical list of names, and I see it has got cut somehow or another, the first letter of the alphabet, A, is absent; it goes through the alphabet with a good many names,—what does the letter B mean, and C?—There are only two letters at the side; "B," I presume, means "Brown," and "C" means "Clay." (*Referring to the list marked G.*)

65,404. What is that a list of?—I presume it is a list of persons who voted.

65,405. Is it not a list of runners?—That I cannot say; I have nothing else to go by; part of the handwriting, half of this list, is in the handwriting of Mr. Rosindale, who acted as my clerk at the time, and the other half is in a strange handwriting.

65,406. Do you know whether these would be the same names as appear in the book I last showed you?—My impression is, that this would be a list of persons who had been engaged to act as messengers for us, with the result of their voting, but I am only presuming it to be so.

65,407. Perhaps there did not happen to be any who began with A, but A is certainly absent?—I do not know how that is.

65,408. Is it not more likely that the first page is off?—I do not know; I do not know we had anything marked with A,—this is exactly in the condition in which I found it. I have not looked at the box since the election, until the other day.

65,409. In the letter to which you have been referred, the letter of Mr. Twining, in which it states that all the persons he paid, amounting to 90*l.*, would appear in his book?—Yes.

65,410. Did all the people have a book of this kind, headed "List of runners in the committee"?—I have sent in to you a great number of books of this kind.

65,411. Only two called the list of runners?—My notion is that they would have a list of these prepared, and sent to each committee, I have very little doubt about that. This book is written by a young man who is a clerk of mine: "List of runners referred to the West Sculcoates committee," the meaning of which would be, that those runners, being on that district committee, would have to be paid for in that committee.

65,412. Mr. Twining's list, to which he referred yesterday, would have amounted to fifty or sixty?—I have no doubt that was so, because the arrangement was this, that the runners at each district committee would be paid for by the district committee, and those of the central committee would be paid there.

65,413. The total of the bills that you have given in amounts to 1,450*l.*?—Thereabouts, 1,460*l.*

65,414. The total sum expended is 3,000*l.* for Mr. Brown?—Yes.

65,415. Does the difference of 1,550*l.* in your judgment represent the money that was paid for runners and messengers?—No, I could not say that; you will find there are blanks left in the account I sent in, for other names to be inserted. I cannot answer your inquiry, but I have heard that the runners cost about 1,100*l.*

65,416. You told us of the 1852 election that there were about 400; did you hear how many there were paid in that way, in the 1847 election?—I cannot say, indeed; my impression is that we should have somewhere about 500 persons there at that time.

65,417. You would not pay 500 persons 1,100*l.*?—There would be more than that; I estimated that we should require persons as messengers, whether voters or not.

65,418. I ask you in your judgment how many voters were secured by payment in 1847?—I cannot answer that question, because we chose persons irrespective of their being voters.

65,419. Did you never hear, either before or after the election, in your position as solicitor and adviser, how many men were paid?—No, I never did; there was a book which contained the names of all that were paid at the central committee, and who were paid by Mr. Mitchell, but that book he took possession of; I asked him for it twice, but he never would give it to me.

65,420. You cannot tell me at all?—I cannot tell the number of persons.

65,421. How lately did you speak to Mr. Mitchell about that book?—The last time would be somewhere about six months after the election; he evidently seemed desirous of keeping it; therefore I did not press him much for it.

65,422. You have said in 1847 the Hedon voters were paid for their votes?—I gather so from that paper.

65,423. Can you tell me whether a similar arrangement was made as to any of those outlying voters in 1852?—I believe no arrangement of the sort was made to pay them anything in 1852, except their expenses. I know those were my instructions, not to do so.

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65,424. Were their expenses to include money for loss of time?—I think not; I think the expense of coming over here and their necessary refreshments were paid; I remember I had one or two conversations with the agent, Mr. Iveson, upon that subject, and I told him distinctly that we would not pay the out-voters in the way they were always accustomed to be paid; that we should pay expenses and refreshments, and that was all.

65,425. Were those expenses and refreshments to be made equivalent to what they had before?—No, certainly not; no reference to what they had before, or comparison was made.

65,426. You seem to confine that to the Hedon voters?—Yes.

65,427. Then what arrangement was made as to the Cottingham voters?—That matter was left entirely to Mr. Bamford, who did just as he chose in the matter; Mr. Colbeck was the gentleman I engaged, he made no arrangement with them as to bringing them here at all, he only canvassed their votes.

65,428. Mr. Bamford acted for the Cottingham voters?—I believe he took them all into his own hands.

65,429. In the year 1852 was it by your advice that the practice was resorted to of discharging some of the runners for a time in order to give employment to other persons?—Certainly not.

65,430. Were you cognisant that it was done?—I heard that that had been done on one occasion at one of the districts, at Prospect Street, in the North Myton ward.

65,431. Had you at the time heard that it was only resorted to in one ward?—I never heard at the time that it had been resorted to by any other ward.

65,432. I presume that would be reported in due course by the chairman to the central committee?—No; the fact is, in that ward we had great difficulty in carrying on the business at all, the committee were very irregular in their attendance, and we very rarely saw the chairman, he was so much from home.

65,433. Who was the chairman?—Mr. Wilkinson.

65,434. How soon did you hear of it?—That I cannot tell you; I have no recollection indeed.

65,435. Ultimately, before the election terminated, it became a subject of discussion?—It was a matter of discussion. I have heard that they had changed their runners in that ward; but from what cause I know not. I also heard that they had some trouble with their voters, who insisted on being paid the same amount as they were on the other side, the difference between the guinea and the pound a week, and that they had threatened to leave and would go, if that was not done.

65,436. When did it come to the knowledge of the central committee that the North Myton ward were resorting to that practice; did you consider it consistent with Mr. Ward's declaration, that the election should be a pure one?—I do not know that the matter ever struck me at all upon the subject.

65,437. It did not strike you that it was inconsistent; perhaps you put it that way?—Yes. I need scarcely tell you, as I was the only solicitor employed, I had so much to think of, that a little matter of that sort I should not have time to take notice of.

Mr. J. Richardson.

Mr. JOHN RICHARDSON recalled, and examined.

65,438. You have some explanation to make?—I am informed that Mr. Farthing in his evidence says, that I told him I was in the habit of carrying the colours of both parties in my pocket, so that I could mount either colour, and go among either party; he says, he believes he said something like that. I have seen him this morning, and I have his authority to repudiate that; it is a misconception upon his part. I never did such a thing; all the other I admit, as to having got the door broken in, and the rest of it.

65,439. Did you at the last election bring up the Cottingham voters?—Yes.

65,440. What did you pay them?—Nothing.

65,441. Who paid their expenses?—I paid their expenses of course. I engaged an omnibus, as being the cheaper thing, to bring them from there and take them back again, and, as is usual upon those occasions, I gave them the necessary refreshment.

65,442. In the first place, how much would you pay for the omnibus?—Two guineas.

65,443. You did not pay that through them, you paid that to the man from whom you hired it?—I sent in the account to the committee.

65,444. What refreshments did you give them?—It is usual in these cases not merely to bring the voters——

65,445. Tell me what you did, not what is usual?—I paid nothing.

65,446. What you gave them?—I do not know what they got. I only know an account was sent to my committee room, for refreshments for the Cottingham voters; that I sent in, thinking it was a fair sum for the election, without any comment. I put my name to it "Correct;" and I believe the sum was paid; what it was I cannot undertake to say.

65,447. Was it agreed with them when they came that they should have refreshments?—No.

65,448. Had they refreshments at Cottingham first?—Yes; they had breakfast.

65,449. When they came to Hull, did they have a luncheon?—Not that I am aware of.

65,450. Had they anything before they polled?—I think we had a bottle of wine in.

65,451. Anything else?—Nothing else that I am aware of.

65,452. Then they were taken to the poll?—They went to the poll by themselves.

65,453. Afterwards, what did they have?—Afterwards, they met again. I said to my clerks, "Keep yourselves sober, I am going at night to dine with some of my friends, and you shall come in along with us; and then you shall have a dinner."

65,454. All the Cottingham voters?—Yes; and their friends who were canvassing for us.

65,455. And then they were taken home to Cottingham?—Yes; in the same omnibus.

65,456. Did they get anything else?—Nothing.

65,457. No supper at Cottingham?—Yes.

65,458. They had a supper at Cottingham?—Yes.

65,459. And all their friends?—Yes; a great many.

65,460. Did they get any money paid them for their loss of time?—No.

65,461. That had been the custom before, to pay them for loss of time?—I believe it had.

65,462. Why was not that done upon this occasion?—I was the party to look after them, and, as an old electioneerer, I was very cautious in not promising anything, which should lead them to expect anything.

65,463. Did they not ask for the same as they used to have?—No.

65,464. Did they say anything about what they used to have?—No.

65,465. Was no mention made of any payment for loss of time?—No mention was made of any payment for loss of time.

65,466. Was no question asked as to what would be given them, or the way they would be treated?—No.

65,467. Do you mean that you merely asked for the vote, and they promised at once?—The party that canvassed I think in my presence did all that he could that was necessary to secure their votes.

65,468. Who was that party?—Mr. Bushby.

65,469. Does he live at Cottingham?—Yes; but he had strict injunctions not to promise anything.

65,470. What was he to do to secure their votes?—He was to go round and see them as he was a resident in Cottingham, and sound them. I was to visit them afterwards and get their promises.

65,471. How was the loss of what they used to have, to be made up to them upon this occasion?—I cannot tell, because there was no promise made by me to them.

65,472. You say you were cautious, and would promise nothing?—Yes.

65,473. I ask you to tell me exactly, what was to be the understanding between you?—There was no understanding, because nothing was ever mentioned.

65,474. Did you tell them that they were to have nothing?—I never asked anything.

65,475. You did not tell them there would be a change on this occasion?—No; I never said that they were either to have anything or to expect anything.

65,476. Did you leave them to understand that they were to be treated as before?—They are burgesses, and would understand that they were to be treated as before.

65,477. This bringing them in the carriage and all the refreshments they had, was to be equivalent to them for the money they had had on former occasions?—Oh, dear no; of course, if any money was to be paid afterwards, they would put in their claim, no doubt of that.

65,478. Have you ever heard that they did put in their claim?—I have not heard they did. I do not think that they have. I am in the habit of seeing them, almost daily, after business; and I should say that none of them have expected anything yet.

65,479. I want to know more particularly, what instructions you gave to Mr. Bushby?—I am attending my business during the day, and at night I go there; and he was to see them, having a better opportunity during the day, and ask as to how they were likely to vote. I cautioned him to make no promise to them, merely to ask for the vote, and I would see them afterwards.

65,480. He was to tell them that?—No.

65,481. You said he was to secure their votes?—Yes.

65,482. Merely to ask a man how he is going to vote, does not secure it?—It does in many cases.

65,483. That is when there is an understanding between the parties?—There was no understanding between the parties; they might expect, and would expect as freemen, that there would be the usual fee given afterwards.

65,484. That you know?—That I know; but it never went from me to them.

65,485. You understood it, but they did not understand it?—They did not.

65,486. Then you deceived them?—I did not deceive them.

65,487. Just explain it?—If I was to ask you for your vote, I should go as a canvasser generally does, plead the claims of the prrty; and if you were one of the burgesses, and had been in the habit of receiving fees, you would expect, if you gave a vote upon that side, and any fee was to follow, you would get it amongst the freemen; and you must understand these were freemen.

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65,488. When you went to canvass them, or the gentleman you sent to them, you knew that was their understanding?—It was never expressed by them or by yourself.

65,489. You knew it was their understanding?—I should not take upon myself to say that they knew it.

65,490. To use your own words, their expectation?—I should say that they would expect it.

65,491. And you did not undeceieve them?—I did not undeceive them.

65,492. And that was intentional?—Certainly; I should not commit the party nor myself in any way whatever.

65,493. Did Mr. Bushby come up in the omnibus with them?—Yes; and I came as well

65,494. Your evidence seems to amount to this: that all freemen would expect to be paid, therefore you expected that these would?—I should say that ninty per cent. of the freemen would expect to be paid in some way or another.

65,495. Do you know how many you brought up?—Do not understand me that all the people who came with me would expect it.

65,496. What do you say to Mr. Bushby?—Mr. Bushby would not be paid.

65,497. Would he expect it?—No, he would not; he is a man of good circumstances.

65,498. How many did you bring up who would expect to be paid?—I think there were three of them.

65,499. Do you mean that only three would be men who would expect to be paid?—I think only three were men in such a position in life that they would expect to be paid; that I only know from having got paid before.

65,500. What are their names?—George Henry Holmes.

65,501. How many would there be altogether, that you brought?—Robert Carlisle Briggs, a highly respectable gentleman, a merchant in this town, who availed himself of the omnibus to come over that morning, and who breakfasted with me. John Bushby, he would not expect anything.

65,502. That is the man who assisted you?—Yes. William Gunnee, he would not expect anything; he is a man in good circumstances; then there is a man from Skidby, James Watson: from having had it some previous years, he would expect it; I only say he would expect it from that; and there was another man whose name I forget now, who lived there, but he is removed; he is not in the non-resident freemen list.

65,503. Hitchin?—No; Hitchin got something on the other side. I forget his name; but these are the only three that would expect anything.

65,504. They got paid, I suppose?—Not by me, nor do I suppose that they got paid by any one.

65,505. Did they ever apply to you for money afterwards?—No.

65,506. I should judge from that that they have been paid?—I should say they were not; because I heard one of them say that he got nothing.

65,507. Which one was that?—George Henry Holmes.

65,508. Disappointed was he?—I cannot say.

65,509. When he told you he had not got it, did he not say he was disappointed?—No.

65,510. Then, perhaps, he does expect it?—Perhaps he does.

65,511. How many came over altogether?—Thomas Butlery was another; he would not expect anything; there would be six of them altogether.

65,512. And you have given the names of those who you think would expect to be paid?—Yes; I say only from having previously got fees.

65,513. Was six all that you brought over?—Yes.

65,514. And six all that you had to dinner?—Six voters and the friends. I have some good canvassers in that village, when I am not there, who of course look after them.

65,515. How many canvassers were there to canvass these six men?—There are other voters besides these six, and they must be going round continually seeing them.

65,516. Other voters, where?—There are a great many more at Cottingham, Skidby, Newland, and West Ella.

65,517. And your canvass was going on among those people?—Yes, certainly; sounding and seeing how they would go.

65,518. And did they get the votes from many of them?—There are six voters that they got.

65,519. Is that all?—Yes.

65,520. How many people had you to dinner for these six votes?—Bear in mind I had my committee as well.

65,521. How many were there?—There would be about a dozen of us altogether.

65,522. You seem to say that you did not promise them, merely because you said nothing. Of course you must be aware that people can promise by action. For instance, supposing a man comes into your surgery and says nothing, but points out the operation he wants performed to his teeth, do you not think that he wants that operation performed and that he contracts to pay you for doing it?—Yes; but no signs passed with me.

65,523. Do you not consider the mode of dealing with these people practically amounts

to a contract to pay them the same as before?—I should fancy, as I said before, that every pure freeman, when I say pure freeman, I mean those who are not householders, that every freeman expects, directly or indirectly, to have something.

62,524. Something besides a supper?—Yes; that if there be any money on the stir, that they are to have a share of it; but I never do, as an old electioneerer, say anything that shall compromise either myself or the candidates.

GEORGE THOMAS SHERBURN sworn, and examined.

65,525. Where do you live?—Fish Street.

65,526. What is your business?—Grocer and flour dealer.

65,527. Are you a freeman?—No.

65,528. A householder?—Yes.

65,529. What rent do you pay?—£19.

65,530. How long have you been qualified to vote as a householder?—Only at the last election.

65,531. How long have you been entitled to vote; how long have you held the house you are now in?—About four years.

65,532. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

65,533. I believe they had a room at your house?—Yes.

65,534. Who engaged that room?—Mr. Sylbon.

65,535. How much did you get paid for it?—Three guineas.

65,536. Did he pay you?—No.

65,537. Who paid you?—Mr. Wride.

65,538. When did he pay you?—After the election; I do not know the day.

65,539. Did he come to your house and pay you?—Yes.

65,540. Was the room ever used for any purpose?—For a committee room.

65,541. What committee met there?—Do you mean the names?

65,542. I want some of the names; the chairman?—Mr. Sylbon was the chairman.

65,543. How often did they meet there?—Every day after the room was taken.

65,544. How long before the election was it that they took it?—A week before.

65,545. As much as a week?—About a week.

65,546. Was it more than two days; remember you are upon your oath?—It was engaged a week.

65,547. You swear that?—Yes.

65,548. When did anybody first come; Mr. Sylbon for instance?—The week before the election.

65,549. Who else attended?—There were a lot of runners.

65,550. Do you mean people got their names set down?—Yes.

65,551. Who set them down; Mr. Sylbon?—Yes.

65,552. Do you mean they came to be set down?—I do not know they came to be set down. There were a certain number of men had been set down, and had to attend at my office.

65,553. I want to know whether they had been set down anywhere else, or whether they were set down at your room?—I do not know; but they got set down at my place.

65,554-5. How many of them?—I suppose about fourteen of them.

65,556. Did you show them into the room when they came; did you keep the door?—No.

65,557. Did Mr. Sylbon give you a list of committee men?—No.

65,558. Who was the clerk there?—I believe his name was Simpson.

65,559. Who was the doorkeeper?—I think we had not a doorkeeper.

65,560. Perhaps you had a doorkeeper yourself?—No.

65,561. Might anybody go in that pleased?—Yes.

65,562. The door was open to let anyone in?—Yes.

65,563 What did Mr. Sylbon say when he came to you; I do not know whether you are aware that Mr. Sylbon has been examined; what did Mr. Sylbon say when he came into the room?—I do not know that he said anything. He said nothing to me that I know of particular.

65,564. How came he to come to you about the room?—Mr. Sylbon said to me, there was an orange room in the street; and he came to me and said, "Your house will make a very good committee room, will you have one on the blue side?" and I said, "Yes, I have no objection."

65,565. Had there been nothing said about which side you were to be?—He knew I was a blue.

65,566. How did he know it, you have not told us that; what was said about your being a blue?—He knew I was a blue.

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65,567. People do not know things unless they are told. They have some mode of acquiring knowledge what was said?—He said nothing more than that.

65,568. How did he know you were a blue?—We had known each other a length of time.

65,569.—He knew it previously?—Yes.

65,570. Did he canvass you for your vote?—No.

65,571. Were you canvassed by the blues?—Yes; I believe I was.

65,572. Who by?—I do not know.

65,573. How often were you canvassed by the blues?—Only once I believe.

65,574. Surely you can tell who it was by: was it before or after you let your room?—It would be before.

65,575. Did you say you had not made up your mind?—I had not made up my mind. I said who I should vote for.

65,576. When were you paid; was it after the election?—Yes; after the election.

65,577. You had been canvassed by the other party had you not?—Yes.

65,578. Had you not promised them?—No.

65,579. Something like that?—No; I did not.

65,580. Did they ask for your room?—No.

65,581. Did they merely canvass for your vote?—They canvassed for my vote.

65,582. What did you say?—I did not promise them.

65,583. Was there a private entrance to the room?—They could come through the shop; and there is a passage. They could come through the shop or the passage.

65,584. Who kept the key of it?—It was open.

65,585. There was nobody there but Mr. Sylbon and the messengers?—That was all.

Robert Brough.

ROBERT BROUGH sworn, and examined.

65,586. Where do you live?—Dixon's Square, Blue Bell Entry.

65,587. What business are you?—A seaman.

65,588. What rent do you pay?—4*l.* 10*s.*

65,589. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

65,590. When were you made free?—In 1820.

65,591. At whose expense?—My own.

65,592. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.

65,593. Who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay I voted for, and Mr. Thompson as well; but I am not sure.

65,594. Did you get any money then for your vote?—Yes; I got paid for the time I was employed.

65,595. How much did you get?—I cannot recollect; but I was paid for the time I was employed.

65,596. Do you not remember what you generally got for your employment?—I had 5*s.* a day the time I was employed.

65,597. How many days?—I cannot tell you, if I speak the truth.

65,598. Was it more than before?—I cannot tell you.

65,599. Who paid you?—Mr. Galloway or Mr. Green. It was at one of their places; I do not know which.

65,600. Was it after the election?—I think it was before the election, before I polled; I think I got nothing after.

65,601. You were one of the ordinary runners?—Yes.

65,602. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Mr. Baines.

65,603. Alone?—Alone.

65,604. Not Mr. Baines and Mr. Brown?—No; Mr. Baines.

65,605. Did you get anything for running at that election?—Not one farthing; not a halfpenny.

65,606. Did you run?—No; I was not employed.

65,607. And got nothing?—No.

65,608. At the last election of 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

65,609. You did get a little then I think?—Yes.

65,610. How much did you get?—It was either eight or nine days.

65,611. How much?—I had 3*s.* 6*d.* a day.

65,612. When were you paid?—I was paid before the election.

65,613. That was about 30*s.*?—Yes.

65,614. Who paid you?—I was paid at that office in Pier Street, by Legitt.

65,615. Were you in Lowgate?—No.

65,616. A runner there?—No.

65,617. You are in the Lowgate list of runners?—Yes; but I was at that office in Pier Street.

65,618. You were set down in Lowgate?—No; in Pier Street.

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65,619. Do you live in Lowgate ward?—I live in Dixon's Square, Blue Bell Entry. That was where I got set down and paid.

65,620. Were you not paid something for your vote after you voted last time?—Not one farthing.

65,621. When did you get the last payment?—Oh yes, it was after the election the last payment.

Mr. W. Cutt.

Mr. WILLIAM CUTT sworn, and examined.

65,622. Where do you live?—No. 26, Market Place.

65,623. What is your business?—A woollendraper.

65,624. What rent do you pay for a house?—170*l.* a year.

65,625. Are you a freeman?—No.

65,626. At which election were you entitled to vote?—For 1847.

65,627. Did you vote at that election?—I did.

65,628. For whom?—Mr. Clay.

65,629. Were you on his committee?—No.

65,630. Did you act for him at all?—No.

65,631. As an agent?—No.

65,632. Did you canvass for him?—No.

65,633. Did you get any people set down in his interest?—No.

65,634. Did you make any promise?—No.

65,635. Nor any payment?—No.

65,636. Did any money pass through your hands?—No.

65,637. At the last election, in 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

65,638. Were you on any committee?—Yes.

65,639. Was that the committee Mr. Davis was on?—He was the chairman of the same committee.

65,640. Names were set down at your room?—They were.

65,641. Did you canvass in the streets?—I did.

65,642. Do you remember canvassing a man of the name of William Watson, in Church Lane?—I do not recollect the names. I recollect canvassing in Church Lane.

65,643. I am told you and Mr. Davis put down Watson for six days?—I did not.

65,644. Do you recollect the man?—I recollect canvassing in Church Lane, but I do not recollect the name of Watson.

65,645. Watson has said you did, and probably you would not set your recollection against his?—Can you tell me his business?

65,646. No. William Watson, of Church Lane?—I do not know the name. The principal part of the men were strangers to me. I know one thing, I never set down a man, and I never discharged one as a runner.

65,647. When canvassing, if a person applied to be set down, should you not have sent him to the committee room?—I should have told him to go to Mr. Davis.

65,648. What to do?—To get set down.

65,649. You do not mean that you yourself made any entries?—Not at all.

65,650. The course would be to send them to the room?—I should have told them to go to Mr. Davis.

65,651. Did you send several that way?—Not any.

65,652. How many?—I do not recollect one. I recollect some men coming to me in the committee room and saying they wanted to be set down, and I said, "I have nothing to do with setting anybody down; you must see Mr. Davis."

65,653. Any application of that kind you referred to Mr. Davis?—Yes.

65,654. This Watson, we hear, was a fruiterer?—I do not recollect the man. There is a man stands in the Market Place; I do not recollect that is his name; but that I recollect going with Mr. Davis to. It is not in Church Lane; I think it is in Hale's Entry, and I recollect the man now.

65,655. What happened?—I recollect going to canvass that man, and he said, what did we intend to do; we had got his brother, or two other brothers. I said, "For myself, I do not intend to do anything. If you want pay for your vote, I shall have nothing to do with you," and I left him and came away.

65,656. Did you leave him with Mr. Davis?—I think Mr. Davis came away at the same time.

65,657. He got 30*s.*?—I do not know.

65,658. Did you not pay him?—I never paid a halfpenny, and never saw a halfpenny.

65,659. Did you not say, "Go to the district room?"—No; if Mr. Davis was with me, I should not say so.

65,660. Did you make any payments?—Not one.

65,661. Did you attend when payments were made?—I never saw any payments made.

65,662. After the election?—Neither before nor after the election. I never saw any money paid, and I never paid any.

65,663. Were you not present when Watson's name was set down?—I think not. I do not recollect it.

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65,664. Supposing he was to state positively that you were, would you undertake to pledge your oath that it was not so, or is it merely that you do not remember the fact?—I do not remember the fact at all as to any one being set down in my presence.

65,665. Would you undertake to pledge your oath against his, supposing he was to say you were?—I could not call to mind positively, but I can say this: from what I recollect I believe that I never promised any one.

65,666. You do not mean to carry it further than that you do not remember?—I do not remember ever saying so.

65,667. It may have been so?—I should be inclined to think that I never did anything of the sort.

65,668. Still you will not be more positive?—Only to say that I do not recollect it.

65,669. Suppose the man were to swear you did so, you would not say that man was committing perjury?—No; I would not say that, because I do not recollect the thing.

65,670. Do you mean to say you were not in the room, or that you will not say you did not take part in setting his name down?—I can only say I do not recollect his name being put down.

65,671. Can you say you took no part in putting his name down?—Yes; that I can swear.

65,672. You say you recollect some parties did require to have their names set down?—Yes; many.

65,673. When you canvassed?—No; they came to the committee room.

65,674. Did they apply to you?—Yes.

65,675. You recollect the parties did?—Yes; I recollect several did that.

65,676. Tell me, if you please, what it was you said to them?—I said, "I have nothing to do with setting any one on; you must apply to Mr. Davis, the chairman."

65,677. Did you lead them to understand it should be done; or that they must apply to Mr. Davis to see whether it was done or not; do you understand the difference; did you give them to understand that Mr. Davis would do it?—No; I did not give them to understand he would do anything of the sort. This is just the thing I should say to them, "You must see Mr. Davis. I do not interfere at all with setting any one on, or discharging any one; you must appeal to Mr. Davis."

65,678. My question to you was this: supposing Mr. Watson to say positively, upon his oath, that you were present and did take part in setting his name down, would you pledge your memory that you did not; or will you pledge your oath against his oath?—About my assisting in setting his name down?

65,679. Yes.—I am satisfied in my own mind I never set any one's name down, or assisted in setting a name down.

65,680. Have the kindness to answer it in the terms I put the question: will you say you do not remember it; or will you say that you decline to pledge your oath as to whether it occurred or not: supposing he swears to the fact that you took a part in it, do you mean to pledge your oath that it did not occur, or that you do not remember it?—I do not remember its occurring.

65,681. You will not carry it further than that?—No; I cannot go further than that.

William Ramsey.

WILLIAM RAMSEY sworn, and examined.

65,682. Where do you live?—Lister Street.

65,683. What is your business?—A saddler.

65,684. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.

65,685. What rent do you pay?—£24 a year.

65,686. Are you a freeman?—No.

65,687. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—1852.

65,688. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

65,689. We have been told that something passed about ordering some goods at your shop, by Mr. Barkworth, shortly before the election,—some saddlery goods: do you understand that that had anything to do with your vote or not?—No; I do not think it had.

65,690. Was the acceptance of the goods any condition to your giving the vote?—No; I do not think it had anything to do with it.

65,691. Do you think that the return of the harness afterwards was a bonâ fide return in the way of business?—Yes. I think Mr. Barkworth did not like the harness, and I did not mean him to have it if he did not like it.

65,692. You voted for the blue party?—Yes.

65,693. I need not ask a gentleman in your situation whether he received anything?—No; I did not receive anything.

65,694. Were you on any committee?—No.

65,695. Did you take any part with the blues?—No.

65,696. Never at all anywhere?—No.

65,697. Did any money pass through your hands?—No.

65,698. Have you anything you can tell us upon the subject?—No.

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65,699. Were you canvassed for your vote by Mr. Barkworth?—Mr. Henry Barkworth asked me who I should vote for.

65,700. Was that the same day the harness was ordered?—No; I think Mr. Henry Barkworth canvassed me before.

65,701. John Boulderson Barkworth ordered the harness?—Yes; that was the gentleman who ordered the harness.

65,702. Had you been previously canvassed by his brother, Mr. Henry Barkworth?—I think it was before I had been canvassed by Mr. Henry Barkworth.

65,703. Are you sure?—I am not quite sure about it.

65,704. Had you promised your vote previously?—As far as I can recollect, I had promised it to Mr. Henry Barkworth. They were the only two parties that did ask me on that side.

65,705. Did you promise your vote the first time it was asked?—Yes.

65,706. Did you always mean to vote blue?—I do not know, I am sure, for that.

65,707. Had Mr. Barkworth before dealt with you?—Yes; I have worked for him three or four years. I have been four years in Hull.

65,708. Had you ever supplied him with a set of harness before?—Not Mr. John. I had his brother.

65,709. Had you supplied Mr. Henry Barkworth with a set of harness?—Yes.

65,710. Not his brother?—No.

65,711. How much do you think John Barkworth had paid you altogether, previously?—10*l.* or 12*l.* a year.

65,712. When Mr. John Barkworth ordered this harness, was there a conversation on the subject of the election?—I think he asked me who I should vote for this election; but I am not sure whether he asked me at the time or not. I cannot say positively.

65,713. You think he did?—I think he said, "Who do you vote for this election?"

65,714. And then did you tell him?—Yes.

65,715. And then he gave you the order?—I think he gave me the order first. I think he came in, and said he wanted a set of harness.

65,716. You cannot tell which was first?—No. I do not think the harness had anything to do with the election at all, because when he returned the harness he said I might make him another set, if I liked.

65,717. He asked you for your vote on the same occasion, but you cannot tell which of those things, the order or the asking, took place first?—I do not recollect.

65,718. If I understand you, you do not recollect the order in which it occurred?—He inquired about the harness first. I do not know whether he gave me the order first just now.

65,719. Did he give an order then?—I think he did.

65,720. Did I understand you to say, to the best of your recollection the brother had asked you about your vote before?—Yes, I believe he did.

65,721. And you said you thought you should vote blue?—To the best of my recollection I had promised him to vote before.

John Atkin.

JOHN ATKIN sworn, and examined.

65,722. Where do you live?—29, Chariot Street. My shop is there. I live on the Anlaby Road.

65,723. What is your business?—I keep a tallow chandler's shop.

65,724. What rent do you pay?—£18 there.

65,725. Are you a freeman?—Yes; I am a burgess, and I vote as a burgess.

65,726. When did you take up your freedom?—In 1821.

65,727. You are not entered as a freeman?—I do not know. I am a burgess. In 1821 I took it up.

65,728. You voted before the Reform Act?—I do not know how long I have voted. I was at sea before I was in business.

65,729. Did you ever vote before the Reform Act?—Perhaps; but I do not know.

65,730. Did you vote in 1841?—Perhaps I might.

65,731. I will tell you who were the candidates: Hanmer and James, and Clay and Thompson?—I should say for the blues.

65,732. Hanmer and James?—Yes, I should think so.

65,733. Were you on the committee?—No.

65,734. You lived in Chariot Street then?—Yes.

65,735. Then you did vote for Hanmer and James?—Yes, I think so.

65,736. Were you on any committee?—No.

65,737. Did you have any room occupied by them?—No.

65,738. Did any money pass through your hands at all?—No.

65,739. Did you get any names set down?—No.

65,740. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.

65,741. Did you receive any money?—No.

65,742. Were you on any committee?—No.

65,743. Did you take any part in the election?—No.

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65,744. Except voting?—Except voting.
65,745. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
65,746. After the election, was a room used at your house by the blue party?—No.
65,747. Was there not?—No.
65,748. A room in which some people were paid some money?—No.
65,749. You seem to know it before I put the question to you. You answer a little quickly. Just attend to the question. Was there any room at your house after the election?—None at all.
65,750. Not by any person?—No.
65,751. Have you got a pump on your premises in Chariot Street?—No; we have not one there.
65,752. In 1841, had you a pump?—No; we had no pump at all.
65,753. Was any room used in 1841 after the election?—I never had a room used at all.
65,754. Were any persons paid at your house?—No.
65,755. Were any persons paid at your house after the election of 1841?—None at all. I never saw any money exchanged in my house in my life.
65,756 Were any persons paid out of your house?—Not to my knowledge.
65,757. Do you know of a man standing behind a pump with a green shade over his eyes?—No. I never received any money at any election in my life.
65,758. I am not supposing you were the person; but was there anybody who paid people at your house after the election?—No; none whatever.
65,759. You know nothing about it?—Nothing at all. I have explained all I can to you.

James Waddie.

JAMES WADDIE sworn, and evamined.

65,760. Where do you live?—22, Wincolmlee.
65,761. What is your business?—Plumber and glazier.
65,762. What rent do you pay?—£13.
65,763. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
65,764. When were you made a freeman?—In 1839, I believe.
65,765. At whose expense?—My own.
65,766. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.
65,767. Who for?—Hanmer and James.
65,768. Did you receive anything at that election?—15*s.*, I believe.
65,769. When were you paid?—After the election
65,770. Where?—At the committee room, Wincolmlee.
65,771. Linwood's?—Yes.
65,772. Who paid you there?—I do not know, I am sure.
65,773. Did you not see the man?—Yes. I saw him, but I did not know his name.
65,774. Were there a good many paid at that place?—I should say there would.
65,775. How many were there when you were there?—I cannot tell.
65,776. 300?—No; nothing like that.
65,777. Thirty?—Yes; perhaps there might.
65,778. How long after the election was it?—Well, I cannot say; some time after.
65,779. A week or a month?—Yes; perhaps it was.
65,780. Six months?—No; not so far back.
65,781. You can tell me?—Perhaps about a week.
65,782. Were you sent for to go there?—No.
65,783. How came you to go?—I happened to be on the premises working at the time.
65,784. Did you assist in making the payments?—No.
65,785. Did you go back to your work directly you got your money?—I do not know; perhaps I might.
65,786. Were you in the room while the payments were going on after you were paid yourself?—I believe there was only one paid at a time.
65,787. You do not know who paid you?—I do not.
65,788. Did you hear the name mentioned?—No, I did not.
65,789. You were working there, and saw them come in, did you not?—I was not on the premises the whole of the time.
65,790. Do not you know who some of them were?—No.
65,791. In 1847, what did you do the next election?—I polled for Brown.
65,792. What did you get then for your vote?—£1.
65,793. When were you paid?—A day or two after the election, I believe.
65,794. Where was that?—At the Sculcoates Tavern.
65,795. Who paid you that; do you remember?—I do not. Mr. Yeall was there, and can, perhaps. I do not know.
65,796. In 1852, did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
65,797. Did you have your name set down?—No.
65,798. Did you get any money?—No.

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65,799. Nothing at that election ?—No.
65,800. Nothing at all ?—Not a farthing.
65,801. Nor any promise ?—No.
65,802. Did you have a room engaged ?—No.
65,803. Did you make any payments ?—Not one.

Thomas Carlton.

THOMAS CARLTON sworn, and examined.

65,804. Where do you live ?—In Chapel Lane.
65,805. What is your business ?—A whitesmith.
65,806. What rent do you pay ?—£20.
65,807. Are you a freeman ?—No.
65,808. A 10*l.* householder ?—Yes.
65,809. Which election were you entitled to vote at ?—Brown and Clay's.
65,810. 1847 ?—Yes.
65,811. Who did you vote for ?—Brown and Clay.
65,812. Did you get any money for your vote ?—No; nothing at all. Never intended or expected anything of the sort.
65,813. Did you get paid anything, or any promise ?—No.
65,814. Did you get a promise ?—Never thought of such a thing.
65,815. At the last election, who did you vote for ?—Moore and Butler.
65,816. Did get your name set down ?—I got some money brought to me after the election, but I was ill in bed at that time.
65,817. At what time ?—At the time I got the money I got 17*s.* brought to my house.
65,818. Who brought it to you ?—Mr. Sylbon sent it to my house. I was in bed.
65,819. Mr. Bamford put your name down, did he not ?—I was solicited for my vote at Mr. Bamford's place; one of the gentlemen came, and solicited my vote.
65,820. Did you say they might please themselves about setting your name down ?—I said I should not go against them.
65,821. Who did you vote for ?—Moore and Butler.
65,822. Who do you say you told so ?—Mr. Garfitt, I believe, was the gentleman that came from Mr. Bamford's.
65,823. Were you ill some time before the election ?—I was very much subject to rheumatics. I was not aware I should be paid that money.
65,824. You did not do anything for Moore and Butler ?—No.
65,825. They brought you 17*s.* ?—They brought me 17*s.* when I was ill in bed.
65,826. How did you get to vote then when you were so ill ?—I could walk about, but I could not work. I went to the poll. I never went in a carriage or anything. I went and polled, and walked back, and went to bed.
65,827. Did they pay you any on that day ?—No; I never went near anyone.
65,828. Were you in bed from the time you polled to the time it came ?—No.
65,829. You walked to the poll, and went straight back to bed ?—Yes.
65,830. You had been seriously ill ?—I was bad with the rheumatics; I could not get about.
65,831. Is Garfitt a voter ?—I do not know.
65,832. Where does he live ?—I do not know where he lives. His office is at High Street; Garfitt and Sleight's, opposite Mr. Bamford.
65,833. Do you know his Christian name ?—I do not.

Ralph Tadman.

RALPH TADMAN sworn, and examined.

65,834. Where do you live ?—Francis Street West.
65,835. What is your business ?—I am in no business at present; I am out of business.
65,836. You have left it ?—Yes.
65,837. What rent do you pay ?—£12.
65,838. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.
65,839. When were you made free ?—Fifty years since.
65,840. At your own expense ?—Yes.
65,841. You got 4*l.* and 2*l.*, perhaps, in the old days, for your vote ?—Yes.
65,842. Did you vote at the election of 1841 ?—No.
65,843. Why not ?—I was not on the register.
65,844. You did not get anything for not voting, did you ?—No.
65,845. In 1847, who did you vote for ?—I did not vote at that election.
65,846. Why was that ?—Because I was not registered.
65,847. In 1852, who did you vote for ?—The blues.
65,848. Moore and Butler ?—Yes.
65,849. Did you get any money ?—No.
65,850. Neither before nor after the election ?—No.

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65,850. Neither before nor after the election?—No.

65,851. Do you know Mr. Hodgson, the chairman, in Francis Street?—I never was in the committee room.

65,852. I did not ask you that. I ask if you know Mr. Hodgson?—No, I do not.

65,853. You do not know him?—No.

65,854. Doctor Hodgson, the surgeon; do you mean to tell me you do not know him?—Oh yes, I know him very well.

65,855. Did you offer him your vote for 2*l.*?—No.

65,856. Did he canvass you?—Not that I know of.

65,857. Did he ever speak to you about your vote?—Not that I know of.

65,858. For the orange party?—There were some people called at our house, but I never was in. I never was canvassed by anybody.

65,859. For the orange?—For the orange nor the blues neither.

65,860. You were canvassed?—I never saw any of them. They called at my house, but I never saw any of them. There was a ticket left, to go to the poll. I told nobody whether I should go to the poll or not. I never promised. I did not intend to go to vote. My daughter said, "If I was you I should."

65,861. Perhaps you left your wife in charge of your vote?—I wish I had. She has been dead eleven years.

65,862. Did any offer reach you about your vote?—No.

65,863. Not in any way?—No. My vote was a good and independent vote.

65,864-5. They did not offer you any money?—No.

JOHN GILDART JACKSON sworn, and examined.

J. G. Jackson.

65,866. Where do you live?—Spring Bank.

65,867. What is your business?—A wine merchant.

65,868. What rent do you pay?—Forty guineas.

65,869. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

65,870. When were you made a freeman?—About twenty years ago.

65,871. At your own expense, probably?—At my own expense.

65,872. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.

65,873. Who did you vote for then?—Hanmer and James.

65,874. Were you on any of the committees?—No.

65,875. Did you canvass for them?—No.

65,876. Did you send any person to any room to have their names set down?—No.

65,877. Did you make any payments for them?—No.

65,878. Did any money pass through your hands?—No.

65,879. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.

65,880. Were you on any committee?—No.

65,881. No money passed through your hands?—No.

65,882. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

65,883. Were you on any committee then?—Yes.

65,884. Which committee were you on?—North Myton.

65,885. I believe you were an active member?—I was one of the committee.

65,886. Were you present a good deal?—I was there occasionally.

65,887. A good deal there?—Pretty often.

65,888. I am told you were active for the party. Do you know of persons applying, and getting their names set down?—I have been at the rooms sometimes when they applied.

65,889. They had their names put in some list or book?—They were.

65,890. Applications for money or employment, I mean?—Yes. I have been present when the applicants have come for employment.

65,891. I do not know whether you yourself inserted any in any book?—Never.

65,892. Was such a proceeding as that of not uncommon occurrence?—I have been there several times when the names have been put down.

65,893. What part did you take in it?—I used to canvass.

65,894. But when they came to the committee-room?—I used to refer them to the clerk, Mr. Steeple.

65,895. That was equivalent to ordering him to put them down?—Not exactly. I had nothing to do with that.

65,896. Who could order it, if you did not, when you were there?—When they applied I may have told them they had better go to Mr. Steeple.

65,897. He was sitting in another room?—He was sitting in the same room.

65,898. Did he have authority to attend to applications of that sort?—I suppose so.

65,899. He was the clerk?—Yes.

65,900. Was not it his duty to do what you told him?—Not exactly. I used to refer them to Mr. Steeple, and he pleased himself about setting them down.

65,901. I dare say you looked to the book occasionally?—I do not think I ever did.

65,902. Did you hear that some were put down?—I am certain some were, because I was present.

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65,903. Did you canvass out of doors also?—Very often.
65,904. Did you send persons also to have their names set down?—No, I never did.
65,905. Did not some persons apply to you?—I do not think they ever did.
65,906. Did any persons apply to you for rooms for committees?—No.
65,907. You say they did not?—They never applied.
65,908. Were you present when any payments were made?—I do not remember any payments being made.
65,909. Were you present?—I was not present at the time.
65,910. When these persons applied, generally for employment, either to yourself or those sitting with you, what was said to them?—When they applied I had nothing to do with them; I would have nothing to do with them, I said they must apply to Mr. Steeple.
65,911. If they applied to him in the same room, you would hear what passed, would you not?—I took no further notice of it.
65,912. You could hear what passed?—I put the names down very often while I was there.
65,913. Did the men say, "I want employment," or "want to run?—They came in to be employed as runners, and he put them down.
65,914. Did you ever tell him not to set them down?—Yes.
65,915. Did you ever tell him, if he did you would not be answerable for his conduct?—No.
65,916. He was your clerk?—He was the clerk to the committee-room.
65,917. Sometimes he was there quite alone?—Oh yes; he may have been alone.
65,918. Did he sometimes stay there alone?—Yes, often.
65,919. And some of these men came in at the time?—I do not think they ever did.
65,920. We hear that the runners at your committee-room were changed very often?—I have understood so, but I am not certain of it.
65,921. You understood so at the time?—I have understood they have been changed.
65,922. They have been changed from time to time?—Yes; and on a short time, and then others put on.
65,923. Was it for the purpose of keeping in your service a greater number of persons?—I should suppose so.

George Adams.

GEORGE ADAMS sworn, and examined.

65,924. Where do you live?—Hessle Road.
65,925. What do you do?—Supply the vessels with water in the docks.
65,926. Do you pay any rent?—Yes.
65,927. How much?—Six guineas.
65,928. When were you made a freeman?—In 1840.
65,929. 1839, do you not mean?—No; 1840.
65,930. Who paid for it?—Myself.
65,931. Did you vote at the next election?—No.
65,932. Were you not on the register?—Yes. I was a sailor.
65,933. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I did not vote at all.
65,934. Were you at sea?—Yes.
65,935. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
65,936. Did you get your name put down?—Yes.
65,937. Where was that done?—I had it promised to be set down in Humber Street.
65,938. Who said he would do it; was it Mr. Davis?—Yes.
65,939. He said so?—Yes.
65,940. I believe you got some money at the Sir John Falstaff, afterwards?—Yes.
65,941. How much?—30*s*.
65,942. Who paid you?—I do not know who he was.
65,943. Mr. Davis?—No.
65,944. A man of the name of Ouston?—I have heard so since; I did not know at the time.
65,945. Who was at the Falstaff on this occasion, do you remember?—Four or five, I think. They were all strangers to me, except my father and John Labon.
65,946. Do you remember the other two or three?—I do not know their names. They are strangers.
65,947. I hear they were nine altogether?—Six, I understood there were; I did not take particular notice.
65,948. Six besides you three?—No; with us three.
65,949. Do you know Nicholson, a sailmaker?—No.
65,950. Nor the Pilot Boy?—No.
65,951. You do not remember any of the other names, do you?—No, I do not.

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65,952. Where do you live?—Holborn Mount.

65,953. Do you carry on any business?—Yes; a wine merchant.

65,954. Are you in partnership?—In partnership with my brother.

65,955. What rent do you pay?—We pay no rent. We are rated at about 300*l.* a year.

65,956. Are you a freeman?—I am.

65,957. When did you become free?—About twenty-three years since.

65,958. At your own expense?—I presume so.

65,959. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—I did. I have always voted for the Conservatives at every election.

65,960. What colour?—Blue; always blue.

65,961. Were you upon any committee at that election?—I was not.

65,962. Did you assist in canvassing at that election for them?—I have never taken any interest in an election till the last year; not as a canvasser; any active part, I should say.

65,963. In 1847 you voted for—— ?—Baines and Brown.

65,964. Did you take any active part in that election?—Not any; I did nothing but vote.

65,965. I believe, at the last election of 1852 you were the deputy chairman of Hol derness?—Yes, I was.

65,966. I believe you were active for the blue party, and attended a good deal?—I attended occasionally; perhaps not particularly active, nor particularly careless. I did what I could.

65,967. Mr. West gave you a good character for activity: he was the chairman?—He was.

65,968. He told us that he was very often absent, and you took the chief seat as chairman?—He was generally absent; at least the last week, when I attended in his place.

65,969. You were deputy chairman during the last week?—I was.

65,970. Do you remember that applications were made at the room for persons to be set down for employment?—I know that during the election many applications were made, and whenever I met with them personally I put them off. I told them that I should refer it to the chairman, and in the meantime they must wait. I never put one name down myself.

65,971. How long did they have to wait; probably not long?—They had to wait their time, till Mr. West returned.

65,972. When he returned were they put down?—The election immediately took place, and so they were put off. He did not return till the eve of the election. I do not know if it was done.

65,973. Do you know whether there were any applications made, excepting during that time?—I am aware they made applications, and were put off; they made applications to be put down during the canvass. I mean to say I did not put one down.

65,974. The last week, when you were chairman, you did not put any down?—Not one.

65,975. When the names were put down, I suppose some clerk or some person would take them, probably?—We had no clerk. He was in York Castle for debt.

65,976. Had you not somebody instead of him, who acted, and took the business of clerk?—I do not remember. I think the last three or four days Mr. Rollit came generally to superintend, and lend any assistance. We had no other specially engaged.

65,977. Did you, when Mr. Rollit was clerk, tell him to set down names?—I never told Mr. Rollitt or any clerk to put any one's name down. I cannot answer for the deeds of others.

65,978. How many do you think were set down?—Upon my word I do not know; I never looked over the list. Perhaps twenty or thirty; I do not know.

65,979. You mean twenty or thirty were set down before Mr. West went away?—Yes.

65,980. Before he went away?—I think about that number.

65,981. Did you canvass out of doors occasionally?—I did.

65,982. If persons applied for employment, when you were out of doors, as runners, what did you direct them to do; where to go?—I never, except in one instance, canvassed among that class of people. I took all in my own neighbourhood: Holborn Mount, Pennington Street, and Sutton Bank; the most respectable class of voters.

65,983. Some persons might apply to you, and say, "Set me down as a runner," or anything of that sort, without your canvassing them? Where should you direct them to go?—I do not remember that they did; and if they had I should always put them off, and refer them to Mr. West.

65,984. To the district room?—To their committee room.

65,985. You do not remember that?—I really do not remember that they did; I was so little known by the constituency.

65,986. Did you pay any monies at all?—Yes; in one instance.

65,987. What instance was that?—When Mr. West was away, I paid the current expenses of the week to our clerk, Todd, and knowing his situation I thought there might be some inquiry as to it; so I took a receipt, which I have in my pocket.

65,988. Was it for the disbursements?—For the week Mr. West was away; for colour staffs, and clerks, and doorkeepers, and incidental expenses.

65,989. The last account of Todd was that he did not go to York Castle till after the election. First it was said he voted at the election?—Yes; he went; he was taken to the Castle; it strikes me, a week before the election.

65,990. He voted?—Did he? I do not exactly know how that was.

65,991. There is some little mistake about the time of his going?—This is the only paper I have that I got from Mr. Harris. I should have handed it over to Todd. As he was only in doubtful circumstances, I thought it was more prudent to get a receipt; and I handed it to him to pay. I see how it is now.

65,992. It appears by the poll book he voted?—Yes.

65,993. This is on the 3d of July?—Yes; I see how it is now. Mr. Harris gave me the money, to hand over to Todd, to pay for the current expenses of the week, and knowing Todd's position I thought I should like to have his receipt, that I might have it, in case he did not pay, because when people are pressed for money those that apply first get it.

65,994. When Mr. West came back, at the eve of the election, do you know whether these persons who applied for employment were then set down?—I never made any inquiry.

65,995. You were present at the committee?—I was present occasionally, certainly.

65,996. After he came back?—I do not remember saying anything about that to Mr. West.

65,997. You say you put them off?—I put them off a little.

65,998. Do you not know those names were afterwards set down?—I am sure I do not. I have no knowledge whatever of them.

65,999. Were they set down when you were in the committee room, after Mr. West left?—They might, but I do not remember.

66,000. You do not remember any individual names?—No, I do not, indeed.

66,001. If an application was made, would it be part of Todd's duty to set down the names of the persons, according to the course of business?—No; he would refer them to the chairman.

66,002. And the chairman would refer them back to him, would not he, when the chairman was away?—It might or it might not; I cannot say. I did not take so much interest in it as to make myself master of all those ins and outs.

66,003. What is your view of the clerk's duty; anything they had to do in the absence of the chairman?—To compare the canvass books.

66,004. With reference to setting names down? You see Mr. West the chairman was absent for a whole week?—I think perhaps scarcely a week.

66,005. What was Todd to do when people applied, and Mr. West was not there?—He would probably put their names down, and tell them that on the return of the chairman, Mr. West, the thing would be inquired into, and if we could employment would be furnished; but there was no promise made.

66,006. How would you have furnished them with employment? In what way; seeing that he was not expected back till the polling day?—We did not know when he was expected; he might have come back at any day.

66,007. Did you expect him back?—Yes, I expected him back every day. I am not quite certain that he did not return a day or two before. I do not charge my memory with all these trifling things. I only say I never made a single promise, I never put down a single name, and I never spent a single shilling during the election, personally.

66,008. They were put down, I understand?—I knew they were being put down. I never put one down.

66,009. You knew it was in order that they might get some payment?—It was the first election I took any interest in.

66,010. Did you not know they were applying to be set down in order to get some pay?—In my innocency I thought employment was to be furnished for them, and they really would be paid for the work they did, and that was some 7*s.* 6*d.* a day.

66,011. If they got employment they would vote for the party?—No. I had an impression that they were favourable to the Conservative cause, and that if we did not pay them the opposite party would pay them, and perhaps when they got paid we should lose them.

66,012. Lose their votes?—Lose their votes, certainly.

66,013. Did you know that when you paid this money to Todd?—This money was not to pay the voters.

66,014. It was to pay the messengers employed at the room?—Only the necessary messengers.

66,015. It was to pay some of them?—It was.

66,016. If I understand you, you expected that if they were not employed by you that they would take their votes and services somewhere else? You consider that was a likely thing to happen?—Certainly.

66,017. In order to avoid such a thing, you secured their votes and services yourself by employment?—Not more than we thought we had had services for. I am only speaking of my own individual feeling.

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66,018. You consider the vote had something to do with it; that the vote and services go together, and if you lost them they would have gone together; if you gained them they would have gone together?—Yes.

66,019. I believe, in your innocency, there was a good deal of refreshment going on in your committee room the day of the election?—Certainly not.

66,020. Nothing of the kind? Was not there some wine and other refreshments in your committee room on the day of the election?—No; on the morning of the election. Mr. Field, the deputy chairman, applied to me, and said he should like to have a dozen of wine. I said Andrew Hare was the publican. He said he was not likely to have so good wine as we should have, being wholesale merchants, and asked if I would send a dozen. I said no, I would not, because if we took the committee room of Andrew Hare he ought to have any benefit of what was consumed on the premises,—necessary expenses, one considered; and he said he would arrange that with him.

66,021. If you say you did not supply any I do not want the explanation?—I did supply a dozen.

66,022. Was it had at the room on the day of the election?—It was for the use of the committee men on the day of the election.

66,023. Mere nonsense; refreshment?—Just so.

66,024. And some voters also had it?—I am not aware that they had.

66,025. Did Hare get the benefit of that order?—He was to have 1*s.* 6*d.* for every bottle that was drank. I must add, I never sent in any account of that dozen of wine. I was never paid for it. I made them a present of it.

66,026. I am told you made a present to the blue party?—Not a sixpence.

66,027. Your firm?—We let them a room of ours in Quay Street, for the purpose of paying the out-voters.

66,028. You subscribed, did not you, to bind your firm?—No.

66,029. You got nothing for the wine, and Andrew Hare gets 1*s.* 6*d.* a bottle?—We get nothing, and Andrew Hare gets 1*s.* 6*d.* a bottle.

66,030. None of it was returned?—The empty bottles only.

66,031. You had none of the wine?—No.

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JOHN WARRENER sworn, and examined.

66,032. Where do you live?—Salthouse Lane.

66,033. What is your business?—Foreman for Messrs. Johnson and Walker.

66,034. I believe they are merchants in Queen Street?—They are.

66,035. You are not a voter, I believe?—No; I am not a voter.

66,036. You never voted?—No; never; not intelligent enough for that at present.

66,037. Did you take any interest in the last election?—Yes.

66,038. For Moore and Butler?—No, Sir, I should not like; Clay and Goderich.

66,039. In what way did you interest yourself?—On the working man's committee.

66,040. Were you on their committee?—Yes; the working man's committee in Dock Street, No. 8.

66,041. Of which Moat was the secretary?—Yes.

66,042. Do you know a man of the name Bower receiving some money from Murgatroyd?—Is he a cooper?

66,043. Yes; I dare say he is?—Yes; I believe it would be the same Bower; he would be working at Mr. Sisson's.

66,044. He is the man?—Yes, I know.

66,045. Do you know of his receiving any money?—I will tell you the circumstance, and leave you to judge. I saw Wass; he was working at the same house at the election. I was ordered by Mr. Goddard to go and see him. I went and saw him. I said, "Wass, I understand you got paid." He said, "Yes; the blues have paid honourably." I said, "Who paid you?" He said, "I would rather not tell that." "But I guess Murgatroyd paid you; is that correct?" He said, "I shall not say; I was ordered not to tell." I said, "How many of you voted in your place?" He said, "There were five or six. I will not tell; I was ordered not to tell. Three gentlemen came to our establishment, and called us out of the shop, one at a time, and paid me 1*l.* each." I said, "You worked at the election morning." He said, "We worked in our establishment up to the election morning, and all got paid;" and he told me the names of those that did get paid; Bower was one.

66,046. Was there another man of the name of Lyon?—Just after the election, when the petition was filed against Mr. Clay and Lord Goderich, there was a gentleman of the name of Goddard down.

66,047. Did you say Brown or Bower?—Bower, I believe, is the name.

66,048. Where does he live?—In Wincolmlee; I do not know the man.

66,049. Do you know his first name?—I am sure I do not know. He did tell me his first name, but it has slipped my mind again. When the petition was filed against Mr. Clay and Lord Goderich, Hart says, "Warrener, I see what is going to be the result of the election. They are going to petition against the men for bribery." I said, "There is no bribery that I have heard tell on, without setting down names is that, and

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that has been of general occurrence, I dare say, on the blue and the orange side." I said, "I do not know anything about it. I said, "Will those gentlemen take the seats if they unseat the others?" He said, "Of course;" and I said, "I can get one case of direct bribery against them." He asked me who it was. I said, "Charles Stephenson; I believe he got 3*l.*, and 7*s.* 6*d.* besides, from some one in Drypool.

66,050. Where does he live?—Hutchin Street. I went to Goddard when I heard tell of the circumstance, and I and Goddard went down about ten o'clock at night, and found we could not get at Charles Stephenson. I knocked a gentleman up (he was in Court). I got him, and he knocked another up, and we got to Charles Stephenson by this means, and he told me how it occurred. He got the 3*l.* from Edward Stephenson. I and Goddard were not quite satisfied, and we went to Edward Stephenson, and asked him if he paid Charles Stephenson 3*l.* He said, "No; I lent it to him;" and I said, "He tells us you gave it to him to vote." He said, "I can tell you where the money came from; who left it."

66,051. Did he tell you where the money came from?—No; he said, "I will tell where the money came from," because Goddard said, "You will have to answer somewhere else."

66,052. Do you know anything of a man of the name of Lyon getting any money?—He said he had had it given him to vote for Moore and Butler, and he said, "I will tell you where the money came from."

66,053. Did you not learn where the money come from?—He would not tell us.

66,054. Do you know anything of a man of the name of Lyon getting a sum of 10*l.*?—Yes. When Goddard was down, of course he was gleaning all the information he could against the blue party, and I went to a gentleman in this town, and he says, "Warrener, there is a good case, if you can get hold of it." Of course I went to Goddard. I thought he was the likeliest gentleman to get hold of a job of this sort. I went. He went there, and he did not exactly succeed; so he came to me on the night, and he said, "I cannot get at this man very well." I said, "He is at a porter vaults;" and he said, "If I go there the thing might be blown at once." He said, "Will you try?" I said, "I will." I went to the party that gave me the first information, and he said that was the man. I went to his house.

66,055. Is that John Lyon?—John Lyon.

66,056. Does he live in Manor Street?—I went to his house in Manor Street. There is a passage going through into Quay Street. I asked if he was in. I understood from his Missus he was not in; he was at a house; would I go there? and her daughter said she would show where. I went to the door of Mr. Hewitt, the French consul's, on the Dock side.

66,057. Did you see him?—He came to the door. I asked if his name was Lyons, and he said, "Yes." I asked did you work for a man named Ganderton, the porter vaults in Parliament Street, and he said yes.

66,058. Will you state what passed about the money?—I will tell you. I said, "Did you take any active part in the last general election." He said, "Yes." I said, "Were you at some committee room where Arthur Pease, Esq., the banker, was at?" He said, "Yes." I said, "Did he give to you on the election morning 2*s.* to buy 2*s.* worth of flowers?" He said, "He might; I do not recollect." I said, "Did he give you two 5*l.* notes on the morning of the election?" He yaffled and snaffled, and said he could not recollect. I said, "If you told a gentleman, not 100 yards from here, that he did give it to you, would that be speaking the truth?" He said, "It is a bad job; I cannot help it. I suppose it is about this commission of inquiry;" and that is all. I said, "You will have to answer for it somewhere else. If you like you can tell me; it is the same if you do not."

66,059. That is what Lyon said?—Yes.

66,060. Was that Lyon a voter?—I am sure I do not know whether he is a voter or not.

66,061. Is he a man you know if you see him?—Yes; a little man. At one time he used to be a steward of one of the Gainsborough boats, when they used to run up, a many years ago.

66,062. You do not know whether he is a voter?—I do not.

66,063. You gathered from him that he had two 5*l.* notes?—Yes; by the way he shuffled with his answer.

66,064. Did not anything pass about what it was for?—I asked him. He said it was a bad job; he could not help it; he would not say anything else.

66,065. He was a porter?—Yes.

66,066. Do you know William Storey, the shoemaker?—Yes.

66,067. Do you know of his having any money?—It is in the same line. I went to Story's from some information I received.

66,068. Is he a voter?—Yes.

66,069. You had some information?—Yes.

66,070. Did you see him?—No; I did not see him; but I went down; he was out; I saw a next door neighbour.

66,071. Who is the next door neighbour?—He was a shoemaker; Burgess.

66,072. Where does he live?—He lives in a street that goes out of Osborn Street into Myton Street.

66,073. Did you see him?—No; I did not see him at any time.

66,074. What did Burgess tell you?—He told me, after the election he saw him, and

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he had gotten as much money as would get him a suit of clothes before the election, for polling for the blues.

66,075. He told you that Story had?—Yes.

66,076. Do you know anything about a man of the name of John Sands?—Yes; that is at the same employment.

66,077. What is he; a porter?—At the same employment as Wass and Bower.

66,078. Where does John Sands live?—He lives in Wincolmlee.

66,079. Did you hear from him of his receiving anything from Murgatroyd?—No. I received this information from Wass himself.

66,080. It is said he had money given to him?—Yes.

66,081. Do you know of any others who received money?—I do not just now. I think those who have received it have gone through your hands, or pretty near all. There is a gentleman of the name of Fenwick. Perhaps I may mention that. There is something in circulation that Mr. Scott gave him a bundle or two of clothes just before the election. Of course when this is going on one would anticipate they mean something about it.

66,082. Who from did he get it?—From Parson Scott, one of the Protestant Alliance clergymen. There is another circumstance. I do not know whether it is of any use or not. Goddard and I, when we were out with the rest,—Goddard was at a certain place, and Mr. Bamford we heard offered 500*l.* for anybody to come forward to unseat Mr. Clay and Lord Goderich.

66,083. That is what they talked about?—Yes.

66,084. You did not hear Mr. Bamford say so?—No; I heard say so; and I know he reported it at head quarters.

66,085. What do you call head quarters?—In London, I think; to Mr. Burges. There is another case: a man of the name of Hilkin took a very active part with the blues this last election; there is some talk about him doing a bit on the sly. I cannot state the facts of it.

66,086. You know nothing about it?—I dare say he has got a good bit of many before times.

66,087. Did you hear anything definite, that we can inquire into it?—I heard at the election that he had got rather tapped; that he was in a cab for no good purpose. There are one or two things I should like to be put right. It is in connexion with the working man's committee. Mr. Burges stated here that the working man's committee abstracted money from the members' pockets.

66,088. No; Mr. Burges said they paid a large sum of money?—This is the circumstance that it is right to be put right; that the sixteen of us got 8*l.*; so we could not abstract a deal for our services.

66,089. Is it not that the working men's committee in all got nearer 60*l.* than 8*l.*?—He sent it on the 24th of June. It was a fortnight I worked for what I had.

66,090. Do you not know the fact that Moat the secretary got nearer 60*l.* than 16*l.*?—No; I was not aware that he had gotten that quantity; we were never told what quantity he had got.

66,091. All you know is that you only got 10*s.*?—I got 1*l.* Some were only employed on the election day, and they got 5*s.*

66,092. The average is 10*s.* each?—Yes.

66,093. Did you not see the amount that Ingram Moat fetched?—No.

66,094. Did he keep the account entirely to himself?—I expect so; him and Hart together.

66,095. You went out disguised at night?—I did.

66,096. Dressed up?—Yes.

66,097. How often?—Only one night; the nomination night.

66,098. How much did you get paid for that?—Nothing.

66,099. What were you disguised for?—When I first joined them I joined them before there was any meeting.

66,100. Why did you go disguised on the nomination night?—To see that the blue party did not bribe.

66,101. How could that prevent the blue party bribing?—It would not prevent them; but if we ascertained they had bribed of course we should send it in.

66,102. Were you assisting Goddard, the police officer?—I was not with him; he was out that night.

66,103. Were you assisting him?—No; there was no arrangement for me to assist him at all; I was by myself.

66,104. Who provided you with these disguises?—I provided my own.

66,105. What shop did you get it at?—I borrowed it at Mr. Gresham's.

66,106. There was only one; you got yours there?—Nobody else got their's there; it was their own clothes, the rest.

66,107. How do you mean; you did not borrow it?—I went and asked if he could lend it.

66,108. Asked who?—Mr. Gresham's son.

66,109. Did he lend it?—He did.

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66,110. Did you hear of Hart applying for money after the election was over, to Mr. Burges?—I heard before we were paid that he had applied to get money to pay us.

66,111. Did you hear that he applied to Burges after the election was over?—No.

66,112. And got the money?—No.

66,113. Did you get any more?—£1 after the election.

66,114. How long after?—Three weeks, perhaps. The money I am talking of was considerable.

66,115. Did you get anything more three weeks after?—No, never a farthing; it was about three weeks after; it was after the county election of Lincolnshire.

66,116. If Moat has stated that he had no money to pay the men, and therefore was obliged to apply to Mr. Burges more than a month afterwards, has he stated what is not true?—I think he has stated two or three things that were not correct.

66,117. You and Hart went to Lincolnshire?—I was authorized by him to go to Barton.

66,118. Did you get any money from Hart or Moat till after the election was over?—Not a farthing; not one halfpenny piece.

C. Horncastle.

CHARLES HORNCASTLE sworn, and examined.

66,119. Where do you live?—Jarratt Street.

66,120. What is your business?—A shipowner.

66,121. What rent do you pay?—The house is my own.

66,122. Are you rated?—At 38*l.* a year.

66,123. Are you a freeman?—I am.

66,124. When were you made a freeman?—I think somewhere about 1820. I am not quite clear as to the time. I think it was 1814.

66,125. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—I believe I did.

66,126. Do you remember who you voted for?—Hanmer and James.

66,127. Were you on any committee?—No.

66,128. Did you canvass for them?—Very likely I would; I am not clear about that.

66,129. Did you meet with any persons that wanted employment?—No.

66,130. Any applicants as runners?—No.

66,131. Did you pay any money at all?—Not a penny.

66,132. Did you receive any to disburse and pay away?—No.

66,133. In the 1847 election, who did you vote for?—I was not in Hull.

66,134. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

66,135. Have you any connexion with the Trinity House?—I have.

66,136. What is your relation to the Trinity House?—One of the elder brothers.

66,137. Have you any apartments in the house?—No.

66,138. Are there some out-brethren?—They all live out.

66,139. What is the number of them?—There are twelve elder brothers and six assistants in Hull.

66,140. Are they voters all of them?—I expect they are; I have no doubt they are.

66,141. Do they vote blue, all of them?—No.

66,142. How many out of the eighteen?—The principal part, I believe. I think some two or three otherwise. Mr. Wilde seems to know.

66,143. Were you in the service?—I have been at sea.

66,144. Are you an elder brother of the Trinity House?—I am.

66,145. The same as Captain Whitaker?—Yes.

66,146. How many pensioners are there?—I am sure I cannot say.

66,147. I mean in Hull?—I cannot really recollect; several hundred.

66,148. Pensioners entitled to vote?—That I cannot say.

66,149. What sort of number?—I have not the least idea of their number.

66,150. Twenty, or fifty, or one hundred?—I cannot say. Do you mean the in-door pensioners?

66,151. All pensioners who would be entitled to vote?—I am sure I have not the least conception.

66,152. I am told they generally vote for the blue party? Do you know whether any influence at all is exercised over their votes?—None, I believe.

66,153. Any coercion or intimidation?—None whatever, that I am aware of.

66,154. Who is the chief officer who resides at the establishment?—There are no residents there; they are all pensioners that live in doors.

66,155. Who is the chief officer over the Hull pensioners?—Each of the hospitals have a matron; that is all.

66,156. Is there no governor?—Not in the hospitals; we are all governors.

66,157. Is there not a resident governor?—No; there is none in any of the hospitals, except a matron in the care of the hospital. Of course they have the rules from the board.

66,158. Do you happen to know that they will all vote blue; the pensioners?—I do not.

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66,159. You do not know the practice, one way or the other?—I think not.

66,160. You do not know the fact whether any of them received any money for their votes?—I do not.

66,161. Have you heard of it?—No; I have not heard.

66,162. How are they elected in?—By the votes of the board.

66,163. Is the allowance they receive sufficient to maintain their rank in life?—It is well towards it; many of them have to get employment out of doors to assist them.

66,164. Are they not persons who are unequal to work and labour?—Yes.

66,165. You would not probably send to the hospital if you wanted some active runners?—No.

66,166. Did you canvass any of them yourself?—I did.

66,167. For the blue party?—I did.

66,168. Do you know if any of them got their names set down?—I am not aware of any.

66,169. As applicants for runners?—I am not aware.

66,170. Have you heard since that they did?—I cannot say that I have.

66,171. You say that you canvassed some?—I canvassed, I should say, most of them.

66,172. Did they mostly promise to vote blue?—They did.

66,173. Or were they undecided?—They were most of them decided. I merely said, "For whom do you vote?" and I should say those that had votes, nine out of ten, said "For the blue party."

66,174. I suppose they would be in different wards scattered about, or would they belong to any particular ward?—No.

66,175. In different wards?—In different wards.

66,176. You can tell me about the number then?—I really cannot.

66,177. Have you any list of them?—I generally applied when I went in to know who had votes.

66,178. Applied where?—At the rooms.

66,179. You know where they all live?—They all live in the different hospitals, in different rooms.

66,180. Are they all hospitals, or only one room?—No.

66,181. Scattered about in different parts?—Yes.

66,182. You knew were they all lived?—They are in different parts of the town.

66,183. You knew where they were to be found?—I did not, till I inquired.

66,184. How long did it take you to make this canvass of them?—I should say perhaps it was an hour in two days.

66,185. An hour each day?—Yes.

66,186. Did any of them refuse to vote for the blues, that you remember?—I think two or three days. They said they had promised their votes. I said, "Very well; that is sufficient."

66,187. Were you on any committee yourself?—I was not aware, till I saw it in the paper, that I was named as being on Mr. Cattley's committee?—I did certainly go into the room. I was not aware I was on the committee.

66,188. Unless you were on the committee you would hardly have gone into the room?—There were several went in.

66,189. Did you go to report progress?—I do not believe I did.

66,190. Not when you had been canvassing?—I do not know that I did.

66,191. As to those pensioners, you reported the progress you made as to your canvassing?—Yes.

66,192. To the committee?—Yes.

66,193. Mr. Cattley's?—It would depend on what was said at the different rooms.

66,194. What was the mode?—They would report to the district in which they were.

66,195. Did any of them make application for employment?—I am not aware of that.

66,196. When you canvassed them then you would know it?—To the best of my knowledge, I did not.

66,197. Did any apply to be set down as runners or messengers?—They might at the different rooms, but not to me.

66,198. If any of them made application as runners or messengers to you, should you tell them to apply to the room which was in the district?—I should say I had nothing to do with it; they must apply elsewhere.

66,199. That is what you would yourself do?—I cannot say that I can bring it to my mind that any did ask.

66,200. That was the course you would take if such applications had been made?—Yes.

66,201. I must ask you. Do you not know, from information, that some of those pensioners have, since they voted received money?—I have heard so, but I am not aware that they have.

66,202. Who did you hear it from?—I am sure I cannot call to mind.

66,203. Was it only a report that you heard?—Merely a report that they had.

66,204. That some had received money?—Yes.

66,205. Were their names mentioned?—I cannot say that they were.

66,206. I am not imputing to you that you paid them. I ask for information. Be kind

enough to mention the names of any of those that you have heard of that received money?—I cannot name one.

66,207. Do you know a man of the name of Finlay (suggested to me) of Holderness? Did you hear that he received some money?—I have not heard more than what I have seen in the papers.

66,208. Did anybody canvass the pensioners but yourself, do you know?—I believe others have done; indeed I have heard they have.

66,209. Was this matter of canvassing the pensioners in any way assigned to you?—No.

66,210. Did you take it voluntarily?—I was asked at one of the committee rooms, would I see any of the pensioners?

66,211. That is what I meant; whether you were asked to take that district or that class of persons?—I was asked if I would take that class of persons.

66,212. Who asked you do that at the room?—That I cannot tell you.

66,213. I think you said somebody else canvassed also?—I heard so.

66,214. Who was it?—Some of the orange party.

66,215. An elder brother?—No; I did not hear that.

66,216. Was it at the committee room at which you found afterwards your name was on as a committee man, do you remember?—I cannot at all remember.

66,217. You, as an elder brother, would have access to the roll of pensioners?—Yes; but we do not know any of the names when they come in.

66,218. By comparing the roll with the register you would know which way they were voters?—Yes.

66,219. How many pensioners are there in the different hospitals? First of all, how many hospitals or almshouses are there in the town?—Six or seven.

66,220. You, as a governor, ought to know; you seem to have some doubt about it?—I could tell by just running them over in my mind.

66,221. Six or seven?—Yes; when I say almshouses, I mean places for pensioners.

66,222. Belonging to the Trinity House?—Yes.

66,223. Where these persons live rent free, and are supplied with coals and candles and maintenance?—Not maintenance.

66,224. What do they get?—When you say maintenance, do you mean boarded?

66,225. I meant in lieu of board?—There is a different scale for the different grades of seamen. Some of them have 7*s.* and some 10*s.*

66,226. 7*s.* is the lowest?—Yes; I think it is 7*s.* to 14*s.*; that I believe is the highest.

66,227. Is the furniture their own?—Yes; except a bedstead; that is found for them.

66,228. Bedding and furniture?—Not bedding and furniture.

66,229. They are regulated in scales?—Yes.

66,230. Is it the province of the elder brethren of the Trinity House to promote them?—They are promoted when they come into the house.

66,231. After they have come in, is there a scale of promotion?—No.

66,232. If a man comes in at 7*s.* he never gets any more?—Not without there is a general increase of pension.

66,233. Is there any increase after a man gets in?—Not without there is a general increase of the whole.

66,234. According to what the funds are?—The scale.

66,235. A man is never raised from one scale to another?—No; if he comes in as a seaman, he remains so.

66,236. Is it according to what rank he holds in the service?—Yes; they are in the merchant service.

66,237. I suppose that there constantly are numbers of applicants?—Yes.

66,238. Did you canvass anybody excepting the Trinity House?—Do you mean the voters?

66,239. Yes?—I did, several of the houses.

66,240. Amongst the seamen?—Yes; several seamen.

66,241. Did you canvass anybody else besides the pensioners of the Trinity House?—Yes.

66,242. Did you not receive applications from those persons who wished to go into the Trinity House?—I am not aware.

66,243. Do you mean you do not recollect it, or that it did not occur?—If any applied to me in the way of candidates for coming into the rooms, I should say, "I have nothing to do with your getting into the rooms."

66,244. I want to know whether the fact did occur?—I am not aware that it did.

66,245. No such thing ever occurred?—I am not aware of it.

66,246. Is it that you do not remember the fact, or do you mean to pledge your oath that it did not occur?—I do not remember the fact. I will not pledge my oath that it did not occur.

66,247. I suppose they are persons who are chosen because of their desolation?—Yes.

66,248. Do any of the elder brethren and assistants belong to the orange party?—Yes.

66,249. Who are they?—Joseph Sykes is one.

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66,250. Anybody else?—I think Donaldson. I am not quite sure whether he is or not. Captain Meggit, in my own employ; I believe he is one.

66,251. Duncan?—He is one of the eighteen.

66,252. An elder brother or an assistant?—He is an assistant.

66,253. You said you had heard that some of these men got money?—I heard some had.

66,254. Pensioners?—I only heard, so far as I saw in the paper something occurred at this examination; beyond that I have never heard of it.

66,255. Do you know of any pensioner who would pay them?—No.

66,256. How many persons do you reckon applied to you to be set on as runners, and you referred them to the central committee? Would you refer disabled men to the central committee as runners?—I am not aware the question has been put.

66,257. But would you have referred disabled men to be runners?—If anybody had asked me, I should have told them I had nothing whatever to do with it; but they must go to the committee.

66,258. You say if they were disabled. Why did you prefer disabled men to be employed as runners?—I should not have preferred them to be employed as runners.

66,259. I did not say preferred; I said referred?—Or referred. I should have told them I had nothing to do with it; but if they wanted to be employed they must inquire elsewhere. None of them did apply to me.

John Ellis.

JOHN ELLIS sworn, and examined.

66,260. What are you?—A grocer and cornfactor.

66,261. Where do you live?—Witham.

66,262. What rent do you pay for a house?—For a house and premises, about 33*l.* a year.

66,263. Are you a freeman?—No.

66,264. A voter?—Yes.

66,265. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—No.

66,266. 1847, I mean?—No.

66,267. 1852?—Yes.

66,268. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

66,269. Were you on any committee?—Yes.

66,270. Which committee?—Clay and Goderich.

66,271. There were a great many; which?—Holderness ward.

66,272. Do you know anything about the blue party?—I had something to do with them.

66,273. Do you know a man of the name of Samuel Good?—Yes.

66,274. And William Harrison?—Yes; I know William Harrison too.

66,275. A man named Holman?—Yes.

66,276. Are they blue voters?—Yes, I believe they were.

66,277. Do you know anything of their getting any money?—No more than it being stated to me that they were put on so many days.

66,278. Who stated it to you?—Samuel Good stated to me that he was on so many days.

66,279. Where was that?—I asked him for his vote.

66,280. At what place?—I was in the street; Witham.

66,281. Where was his name put on?—I did not ask him the question.

66,282. For which party?—Moore and Butler.

66,283. Where does he live?—He lives at Witham.

66,284. Holderness Court?—Holderness Court.

66,285. William Harrison; is he one?—I do not know anything about him.

66,286. Who are the people you have got?—William Omer, William Page, Joseph Drant, Johnson, and a person of the name of Drinkall.

66,287. Which Drinkall?—I do not know his first name.

66,288. Did each of these parties say they had got money?—Each asked to be put on six days; but I had no authority to put them on for a day.

66,289. What did you tell them?—I told them I could not put them on. I asked what they wanted a vote; and they said they should not vote under 3*l.* I believe one of the parties was a carpenter, working at Grimsby.

66,290. Do you know anything of their getting money at the Shepherd; a public house in Witham?—I knew before they voted. I heard the landlord say that they had not any money. They got something to eat, and a quart; and they asked me to stand a quart, which I did. After they came in from voting they had plenty of money.

66,291. These men you have mentioned?—Yes.

66,292. Did anything pass about where the money came from?—I did not know the party who was in the room with them. I was going to ask for their votes. I had been fetching some parties up the road, in a cab. When I got in, they asked me, some of them, to go down with those parties, who would most likely give a vote. I went to the door, and fastened the door. There was a party in there.

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66,293. You found they had some money, but you did not see it paid?—No.
66,294. Did you afterwards hear it stated who paid it?—No.
66,295. Those people you mentioned are those who had the money after voting?—Yes.
66,296. Where is the Shepherd?—Witham.
66,297. Do you know whether they were Grimsby men?—No; Witham men.
66,298. How many of them were working men?—One or two were working men.
66,299. Who?—One was Johnson, a carpenter.
66,300. Where does he live?—He lives in the neighbourhood of Witham.
66,301. William Omer; where does he live?—Witham.
66,302. Witham is a large place?—They are on the poll book.
66,303. William Page; where does he live?—Witham. I do not know his exact residence. They live all round Chaffers Alley, or somewhere there.
66,304. Joseph Drant; do you know where he lives?—Holderness Court.
66,305. Johnson; where does he live?—I do not know where he lives. Close to Holderness Court. His father lives there. He is a single man, and he lives with him. William Johnson, a shoemaker, next door to the Shepherd, I believe.
66,306. Drinkall; do you know his Christian name?—I do not.
66,307. They all live at Witham?—Yes.

Charles Miller.

CHARLES MILLER sworn, and examined.

66,308. Where do you live?—In Wetwand Street, Drypool.
66,309. What is your business?—A labourer.
66,310. What rent do you pay?—£7 10*s.*
66,311. When were you made a freeman?—I believe in 1830; in July.
66,312. At your own expense?—Yes, at my own expense.
66,313. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—I believe I did.
66,314. Who for?—Sir Walter James, I think, and Hanmer; I think so.
66,315. Did you receive some money at that election?—I did.
66,316. How much did they give you?—I really do not know; I cannot tell you, I am sure. I do not know the sum.
66,317. Was it 5*l.*?—No; not above a quarter of it. I really do not know the sum. I got something, but I do not know what it was.
66,318. A pound, perhaps?—I do not know.
66,319. Who paid you?—I do not know.
66,320. Where were you paid?—I think at the corner of Salthouse Lane; at a public house there.
66,321. What is the sign of it?—I think Mr. Wetwand kept the house at that ime.
66,322. Was that after you had voted?—I should think it would be six months after. I really cannot recollect. I think it would be that.
66,323. Who did you vote for in 1847, when Clay, Baines, and Brown were the candidates?—I voted for Mr. Brown.
66,324. What money did you get then?—£1 5*s.*
66,325. Where were you paid?—It was at a public house; at the Noah's Ark.
66,326. Was that after the election?—No; it was at the time of the election. I recollect the gentleman gave me 15*s.*; they called him Dr. Twining; and I got half a sovereign after that, which made up 1*l.* 5*s.*
66,327. Where was that paid you?—I got that in Bishop Lane.
66,328. Who paid that?—I really do not know the gentlemen that paid me; I really do not know them, but I got it.
66,329. I do not understand whether both those sums were paid you after you had voted?—Well, I believe it was the night previous to the election.
66,330. That you got the whole of it?—That 15*s.* I got before. I got three payments of 5*s.* each time.
66,331. At the last election, did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes, I did.
66,332. Did Anthony Bannister pay you some money?—No, he did not.
66,333. Who was it paid you?—I was put down. I did not expect I was going to have anything; but I think about eight or nine days after, I was told to go down to Drypool, and I got a sovereign.
66,334. Who paid you?—Mr. Walker, the druggist in Drypool.
66,335. You got your name put down?—I got it put down on the nomination day, at the Shakespeare.

William Nichol.

WILLIAM NICHOL sworn, and examined.

66,336. Where do you live?—I lived down the Hessle Road when I polled.
66,337. And where after you polled?—Carr Lane Hospital.
66,338. What rent do you pay?—I paid 12*l.* then; I pay nothing now.

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66,339. Are you a freeman?—No.

66,340. When did you get into the hospital; before the election, was it not?—Yes; it was about a month before.

66,341. You were entitled to vote for your late house?—Yes.

66,342. You were on the register, and you voted?—Yes.

66,343. Did you vote in 1841?—No, I did not.

66,344. You were not entitled to vote, perhaps?—No.

66,345. In 1847 did you vote?—I was a board a man-of-war then. I was not in England.

66,346. Now, in 1852, did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes, I did.

66,347. Did you get some money then?—I have not yet, and whether I shall or not, I do not know.

66,348. Do you expect some?—No, I cannot expect it, except they they may give it me; I wish I had it.

66,349. I thought you said you thought you might get it?—No; it is too long a time after. I never got a halfpenny.

66,350. It is too long for what?—Too long after the election; I do not want it now; I do not care anything about it.

66,351. Had you your name set down?—Yes.

66,352. Where was that?—In the Pottery.

66,353. Were you at that time one of the almshouse men?—Yes.

66,354. You were set down for Moore and Butler, and you voted for them?—Yes; I was put down before that.

66,355. Who applied to you to put your name down, or did you make an application?—Dr. Bell first asked me who I was going to poll for. I told him certainly for the blues, which I was born to, and all my friends before me.

66,356. Did he say he would put your name down for you?—No; he never said any more to me, not a word.

66,357. Was your name put down at his committee?—I believe it was, but I am not sure. I polled at Church Street corner. I went and asked if there was anything for me; and they told me no. I said thank you. They cheated me of a glass of grog, that is all I know.

66,358. Do you know what is meant by setting down your name?—Yes, I do, perfectly.

66,359. I mean having your name set down with the expectation of being paid for it?—No.

66,360. Then why did you say you knew what I meant?—My name was not put down for anything of that sort. I should be happy to receive it if it was.

66,361. Was your name put down on any list as a runner?—No.

66,362. Or a messenger?—No; nowhere that I am aware of.

66,363. What did you mean by saying just now your name had been set down?—Polling, I mean.

66,364. There was no canvassing you in the ordinary way for your vote?—No.

66,365. You said it was so long ago you did not expect to get any money now?—Who is to give it me?

66,366. Did you ever expect any?—I certainly did expect something, as well as others. There is none of us like to work for nothing. I should be very sorry, if I knew it, to work for nothing.

66,367. That is what you call real true blue principle?—Yes; that is the real true blue principle.

66,368. Who did you expect would pay you?—I expected to get a trifle as well as the others. My name was not down for anything. When I went to the committee room, Dr. Bell says, "I am astonished such a man as you should ask for anything." I said, "I am astonished you should take pay for your medicines. If I owed you a doctor's bill, most likely you would give me a trifle, and I walked away.

66,369. What made you go to Dr. Bell's committee room?—That is where they put me down, and asked me for my vote first. It was because I lived at the Pottery I went there; that was all the motive I had.

66,370. You got your name put down?—For polling.

66,371. And then you said you expected some money?—I expected to be paid.

66,372. What for?—Why, for looking on. I ought to have been paid as well as another.

66,373. How long was it before you voted that your name was set down to poll at the committee room?—I should think nearly a week. I was backwards and forwards several times.

66,374. You went several times to get your money?—No; I never went any more.

ROBERT LAYBOURNE sworn, and examined.

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66,375. Where do you live?—New George Street.

66,376. What is your business?—Apothecary and druggist.

66,377. What rent do you pay?—£10.

66,378. Are you a freeman?—No; but I have been thirty-five years rated in East Sculcoates, and of course, when the Reform Act came into operation, I got a vote.

66,379. I am told you were assisting at the taking up of the freedoms in 1839?—Yes, I assisted. Mr. Galloway sent for me.

66,380. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes.

66,381. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Thompson.

66,382. Did you get any money at that election?—I was on the committee at that time.

66,383. My question is, whether you got any money at that time?—I think I was engaged to canvass.

66,384. Did you get any money? That is my question?—Yes; I got paid for canvassing at that time.

66,385. What did you get paid for canvassing?—I am sure I forget what the amount was. Mr. Galloway can tell you every particular.

66,386. It is a long time ago, no doubt?—I do not remember the specific sum.

66,387. Were you set down as a runner?—No; I think I was canvassing before the election, for some three or four weeks.

66,388. Canvassing about the town?—Yes. It was an agreement that there were to be six or eight of us taken, and they were to canvass the town, and be paid for it.

66,389. How much did you get paid; do you remember that?—No, I am sure I cannot tell.

66,390. Were you paid every week?—No. Mr. Galloway paid me altogether, after the election, some time; I am sure I forget when it was.

66,391. Did you promise your vote to that party?—Yes; I promised to vote some time before that, to Mr. Clay's party; not to Thompson's party. I had only to do with Mr. Clay.

66,392. What do you think about the money? Do you think you would have got it if you had not voted orange?—I do not know. If I had not worked I should not have got it.

66,393. If you had not voted for them, what do you think? Do you think you would have been paid if you had not voted for them?—It is a natural consequence, they would not have paid me. They would have made a demur if I had not voted for them.

66,394. You understood that?—Yes,

66,395. Do you think they understood it?—I am sure they understood that.

66,396. Who did you vote for at the 1847 election?—Mr. Clay only.

66,397. Did you do anything at that election?—Yes; I was clerk at the East Sculcoates room, under Mr. Sandell.

66,398. How long were you employed there?—I should think about three weeks.

66,399. Were you paid by the week?—No; I was paid some time after the election.

66,400. Who paid you?—Mr. Galloway.

66,401. Were you employed for three weeks before the election in 1847?—Yes; I think it would be about three weeks altogether.

66,402. There was not much to do at that time till about three days before the election?—We had a good deal to do.

66,403. What had you to do?—To canvass, to make up the books, and those things.

66,404. You did not receive any money from Mr. Clay?—No. I received it from Mr. Galloway, the lawyer; he paid me.

66,405. What did you do at the last election, in 1852?—At that time I was going to be clerk again.

66,406. You changed sides; then you voted for Moore and Butler?—Yes. I was going to be the clerk; but there were certain things in Lord Goderich's politics that I could not sanction, and I left them.

66,407. You liked the blue party better?—No, I did not exactly like them better.

66,408. Perhaps you liked their money better? How much did you get from them?—£1 11*s.* 6*d.* I was nine days employed.

66,409. Where were you a runner?—Down in East Sculcoates, principally, I canvassed; and I gave the result to Mr. James Pease. He came every day to see what I had done.

66,410. Did you promise them your vote?—I had promised them some time before, or else they would not have come to me.

66,411. You think that?—I am sure so. I promised the vote on the Thursday, and Mr. Turnbull came to me on the Tuesday after.

66,412. When did you get that money you mentioned?—On the 20th of August; after the election.

66,413. Who paid you?—Mr. Robert Wells, the attorney.

66,414. Where?—At his own office.

66,415. I dare say you did the same thing in 1847. Mr. Galloway would not have

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employed you to canvass for Mr. Clay unless you had voted for him?—No; when we used to set men down for the day's work, we used to expect them to vote.

66,416. They gave you the vote, and you gave them the money?—We were certain they would vote for us, or they would not have been employed.

66,417. They expected to get the money?—Yes, they expected to have the money.

Robert Keighley.

ROBERT KEIGHLEY sworn, and examined.

66,418. Where do you live?—Worship Street.

66,419. What is your business?—Master mariner.

66,420. What rent do you pay?—£16.

66,421. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

66,422. When were you made a freeman?—In 1823.

66,423. At your own expense?—Yes.

66,424. Did you get the 4*l.* and the 2*l.* in former days?—No, never.

66,425. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—I believe I did, but I cannot say exactly.

66,426. Who do you think you voted for?—For the blue party, if I did vote.

66,427. Do you recollect if you got any money at that election?—No.

66,428. You do not recollect that, or you did not; which do you mean?—I do not recollect that I voted, and I never received any money.

66,429. Where did you live in 1841?—In John Street, I think.

66,430. Are you sure that you voted, or not, in 1841; we cannot find your name?—I am not sure.

66,431. In 1847, who did you vote for, Clay, Baines, or Brown?—I was at sea then.

66,432. You did not vote then?—No, I did not.

66,433. In 1852, did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

66,434. Did you get your name set down anywhere?—No.

66,435. You were canvassed by the orange party?—Yes, by both parties.

66,436. Did you promise to vote for Clay and Goderich?—I believe I did at first.

66,437. Did you promise them, or not?—Yes.

66,438. How came you not to vote for them?—Through the persuasion of my friends, I changed my mind.

66,439. Did you get any money then?—No.

66,440. Do you belong to the Trinity House?—I am a younger brother of the Trinity House.

66,441. Who persuaded you to change your mind?—No one but my relations.

66,442. Who are they?—My brothers and sisters.

66,443. Are they in any way connected with the Trinity House?—No.

66,444. Those who persuaded you?—No.

66,445. Did you not get any money at all?—No.

66,446. Was your name set down as a runner or a messenger?—No; nothing of the sort.

66,447. Was it set down by the blue party?—No.

66,448. Did you apply to them for employment?—No.

66,449. Not at any time or place?—No.

66,450. Were you afraid of losing some advantage?—No; I had no advantage to lose.

66,451. You seem to be old enough to take care of your own vote?—I am old enough, although one can be persuaded at all times.

66,452. What were you afraid of?—I had always voted for the blues, and I thought I would change my mind, and vote for the orange. They came, and solicited me, and I promised them, although I did not vote for them.

66,453. You did not vote in 1841 or 1847?—I could not in 1847. I was not here.

66,454. Nor in 1841?—I might be here then. I do not know whether I voted or not.

66,455. Did you expect to get some benefit by it?—Not at all.

66,456. Was it to escape from any disadvantage?—No.

66,457. Did you expect to be made an elder brother?—No, nothing at all of the sort.

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SAMUEL GOOD sworn, and examined.

66,458. Where do you live?—Holderness Court, Witham.

66,459. What is your business?—Labourer.

66,460. Do you pay any rent?—Yes, a little.

66,461. What is it?—About 5*l.*

66,462. When were you made a freeman?—About eighteen years ago.

66,463. At whose expense?—The blue party.

66,464. Did you vote for them at the election of 1841?—Yes.

66,465. Was that because they took up your freedom?—Decidedly it was.

66,466. Did you get anything for that vote besides; any money?—Yes.

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66,467. You did get some money from the blue party for your vote in 1841?—Yes.
66,468. How much did you get?—I got 30*s.* as a runner.
66,469. When were you paid?—About six months after the election, I should think.
66,470. Who paid you?—T. D. Hammond.
66,471. Where did he pay you?—Well, I can hardly tell you the place where he paid me.
66,472. Somewhere in Hull?—In Witham.
66,473. At a public house?—No, it was not. It was in Witham, but it was a dark place where I was paid.
66,474. You can tell me what part of Witham it was?—It is betwixt the Noah's Ark and the King's Arms, in a passage.
66,475. Was it in the daytime?—No, it was not.
66,476. Was it at night?—About six or seven o'clock in the winter time.
66,477. Was it dark?—Yes.
66,478. Generally dark?—Generally dark.
66,479. Did you go into a dark room?—No; it was not in a room; it was paid through a window.
66,480. Did you not find out who it was?—No.
66,481. Did you put your head in or your hand?—It was handed to me out of the window.
66,482. How came you to find out this dark window?—There were many persons assembled there.
66,483. Tell me how you found it out?—I was informed by a party that they were paying there, and I was to go.
66,484. Who informed you of that?—I cannot tell you the man's name now.
66,485. Do you not remember the house?—It was not a house; it was an old blacksmith's shop.
66,486. A blacksmith's shop between the Noah's Ark and the King's Arms?—Yes.
66,487. Did they pay anybody that went there? How did they know who to pay?—I do not know; I cannot answer that. They asked me no name, no question, or anything.
66,488. In 1847, at the next election, who did you vote for; Clay, Baines, and Brown?—I voted for Brown.
66,489. How much did you get then?—I think 25*s.*
66,490. Where was that paid?—At the Noah's Ark.
66,491. At the same place?—Near upon it.
66,492. Who paid you that?—I think it was Dr. Twining; that was the man's name.
66,493. Before or after the election?—Before the election.
66,494. At the last election, in 1852, were you a runner in Holderness?—Yes.
66,495. Did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
66,496. Did Mr. Harris pay you some money?—No.
66,497. How much were you paid?—30*s.*
66,498. Who paid it you?—A man of the name of Stephenson.
66,499. Was that at Mr. Harris's house?—No.
66,500. When did he pay you; before or after?—Before the election. I was a runner seventeen days for him.
66,501. Did you get paid every week?—No; I got nothing but the 30*s.*
66,502. At once?—At once.
66,503. Did you apply to be a runner?—Yes.
66,504. Was your name put upon a list?—My name was put on a list.
66,505. Do you know a man of the name of Bailey?—Yes.
66,506. Did he pay you some money?—No.
66,507. I am told he paid you 7*s.*?—No.
66,508. Did you get any more than the 30*s.*?—Yes; I got the 7*s.*, but not from Mr. Bailey.
66,509. Who was it from?—From Todd, the man that went to York Castle.
66,510. When did he pay you the 7*s.*?—It would be the week or the fortnight before the election.
66,511. What was that for?—For two days. I was seventeen days running.
66,512. When Todd paid you, was your name set down, or was it set down afterwards?—It was set down before Todd paid me the 7*s.*

Joseph Monday.

JOSEPH MONDAY sworn, and examined.

66,513. Where do you live?—New George Street, Mill Yard.
66,514. What is your business?—A labourer.
66,515. What rent do you pay?—Four guineas.
66,516. When were you made a freeman?—In 1816, I believe.
66,517. At whose expense?—At my own.
66,518. You always have had a little money for your vote, I believe, at election times?—No.

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66,519. Have you not?—No.

66,520. I am told that you have?—You are told wrong.

66,521. Before the Reform Act, did you not get the four guineas and the two?—I once got £4; that was at Mr. Stanniforth's election.

66,522. That is not the most you ever got?—Yes, it is; and that was paid about six months after.

66,523. Perhaps you gave them your services a good deal one time? I am told that you got 30*l.* at one election?—It is a falsehood.

66,524. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.

66,525. Who did you vote for?—I am sure I really cannot tell you now.

66,526. For the blues?—Yes.

66,527. Hanmer and James were the blues?—I believe they were. I never got anything at that time. I had a constant berth at so much a week.

66,528. Who from?—Mr. William Cobb.

66,529. In what way?—As a lighterman.

66,530. It had nothing to do with the election?—No, it had not.

66,531. I want to know whether you mean a constant berth at a committee?—No.

66,532. It had nothing to do with the election work?—Nothing.

66,533. In 1847, I believe you were not quite so much employed?—Yes, I was.

66,534. Were you a runner for Mr. Baines?—No.

66,535. Just remember?—I do.

66,536. Were you not set down as a runner for Mr. Baines at the 1847 election, and also for Mr. Brown?—No; I do not recollect ever getting a penny from any one.

66,537. I did not ask you about getting a penny; I asked you if you were a runner or a messenger?—No.

66,538. Are you sure of that?—I am.

66,539. Did you get any money at that election?—No.

66,540. Who did you vote for then; Clay and Brown are put opposite your name; is that right?—Yes, I dare say it is, but I am sure I cannot recollect now.

66,541. Who did you vote for at the last election?—For the blues.

66,542. Moore and Butler?—Yes.

66,543. How much did you get then?—30*s.*

66,544. Where was that paid you?—At Christ Church.

66,545. After the election?—No; just before.

66,546. At Mr. Turnbull's?—Yes.

66,547. How long before the election?—It was not long; I think a day or two before.

66,548. Had you applied for employment?—Yes.

66,549. Where had your name been set down?—At the committee.

66,550. Which committee?—At Christ Church.

66,551. Do you know John Leaven?—I cannot say that I do.

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JOSEPH WATSON sworn, and examined.

66,552. Where do you live?—Wellington Street at present.

66,553. What is your business?—Mastmaker.

66,554. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

66,555. Did you vote in former days, when people got a good deal of money for voting?—Yes; I voted at many elections.

66,556. How much did you ever get in former times?—I cannot tell exactly.

66,557. Did you ever get as much as 10*l.*?—Not at once.

66,558. £5?—No; I have had 2*l.* and 4*l.*

66,559. £4 when you voted a bullet?—Yes, of course.

66,560. When did you take up your freedom?—About 1821.

66,561. At your own expense?—At my own expense.

66,562. In 1841, who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.

66,563. What rent do you pay for your house at present?—I do not pay any. I am foreman, and have a house rent free.

66,564. In 1841, who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.

66,565. Were you employed by them at all?—No.

66,566. Were you upon any committee?—I offered my services upon the committee.

66,567. Was your name put down?—Yes.

66,568. As a committee man or a runner?—As a committee mnn.

66,569. They put your name down on the committee?—The same as all committee men are put down upon committees to afford their services.

66,570. Did you attend at the committee room?—Yes, I did.

66,571. What did you do there?—I canvassed occasionally.

66,572. That would be out of doors?—That would be out of doors.

66,573. Did you get people's names set down?—I dare say I did.

66,574. You know the plan of getting names set down?—Yes, perfectly well.

66,575. Which committee was yours?—In Mason Street, I think it was at that time; I forget almost. I know it was in the New George Street district that I was about; that would be East Sculcoates.

66,576. Have you always been blue?—With the exception of once, when I voted for Mr. Wrightson. I think that is the only time I was ever orange.

66,577. How many people did you send to get their names set down in 1841?—I do not know I am sure; perhaps fifty or sixty; very likely.

66,578. Were you some time canvassing?—No; it was only after I had done my work. I did not give my whole time to it.

66,579. I do not mean for some time on one day, but several days?—Yes; three or four weeks.

66,580. Were you paid any weekly sum for that?—No.

66,581. Did you get any payment?—For work in my business.

66,582. In what business?—We made flag staffs for the colours.

66,583. Who did you make them for?—For the committee.

66,584. For the blue party?—Yes; the blue party.

66,585. Did you not get anything for your services in canvassing?—No.

66,586. Was there not some extra profit upon making the flag staffs?—Yes; considerable.

66,587. The profit was in making the flag staffs?—Yes; I considered that sufficient.

66,588. How much was it?—I cannot tell. I had a partner at that time, and I never had the books since he received the money. I should think our bill for the flag staffs would be about 60*l.* or 70*l.*, very likely.

66,589. Was not the order to make the flag staffs given you as a reward sufficient for all the services that you rendeaed to the cause?—They knew perfectly well that I was a strong blue, and they employed me.

66,590. They gave you this employment as a reward for your services?—No doubt the orange party would not employ me; I am quite satisfied about that.

66,591. Do you mean that they gave you that order in order to influence your vote?—No; I beg your pardon.

66,592. That is my question, that having promised your vote they gave you this order as a reward for that and your services?—No; I do not mean to say that; because I had not been a master until that election for myself; I had been working under another party. Of course I had always felt an inclination and did vote for that party; and in consequence of my becoming a master they gave me the order, without asking me for my vote.

66,593. You were a mast and blockmaker?—At that time.

66,594. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I voted for Baines and Brown.

66,595. Were you upon a committee for Mr. Brown?—No, I was not.

66,596. When he was announced as a candidate, did you interest yourself for him?—No; I left it to my foreman. I did not know there was such a person coming to the town.

66,597. What did you leave to your foreman to do?—He called upon me the evening that Mr. Brown was announced, to say that they wanted a certain quantity of flag staffs; and I said, "Very well;" you can supply them of course; that was all.

66,598. Did you make any payments in 1841?—No, not that I am aware of; I do not know that I did.

66,599. Neither before nor after the election?—I had nothing to pay with.

66,600. I do not mean out of your own pocket?—No; not to any party.

66,601. Linwood paid at that election?—Yes.

66,602. Did you assist him at the Bay Horse?—No; I was in the house; but I had nothing to do with it in any shape.

66,603. You were at the house?—I was in at the Bay Horse.

66,604. What were you there for?—I was standing as I am standing over these gentlemen, and I saw them paid the money.

66,605. Who paid the money?—I think a man of the name of Wright. Are you speaking of Brown's election?

66,606. No; I am speaking of the former election?—I was not there at all then.

66,607. Did you see any payments made at that election?—No.

66,608. In 1847 you voted for Brown and Baines?—Yes.

66,609. You were not on any committee then?—I was not.

66,610. And you left the canvassing to your foreman?—Yes, I did.

66,611. Do you mean the canvassing?—No; the supplying the poles; the colour staffs.

66,612. I asked you about the canvassing, and you said I did not canvass at all at Brown's election?—No; neither for Baines nor Brown. Mr. Atkinson called on me to ask me to canvass for Mr. Baines. He was not a blue, I considered, and therefore I would have nothing to do with it.

66,613. You saw some people paid after the election?—I did, at the Bay Horse.

66,614. Who was paying them?—A man of the name of Wright.

66,615. Who was he paying for?—I do not know; I did not ask. I should think for Brown, as far as I know.

66,616. How came you to be in the room?—I had got down, and gone into Linwood's

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house. Previous to that I had always had the Sculcoates district to canvass, and I, as a matter of course, was allowed to go into the room, where others would not be.

66,617. You were known in that district?—Knowing the parties in that district.

66,618. Was it Wright or Bright?—Wright, I think. He was a clerk at East Sculcoates.

66,619. Do you know his other name?—I do not.

66,620. Was he a clerk in the committee room?—Yes; I believe in the East Sculcoates committee room. I think his name was Wright.

66,621. He was in a room there paying?—Yes.

66,622. How many do you suppose came in and got money while you were there?—Twenty or thirty, the time I was there.

66,623. How much did they get?—I should think about a pound a piece, on the average.

66,624. Was it after the election?—It was after the election.

66,625. What was the course adopted? Did they take their names down?—Yes; the parties who sat at the table took the names down, and gave them the money, for some three or four days; they paid them for three or four days.

66,626. Who was at the table, do you remember, besides Mr. Wright?—I do not remember at the present moment.

66,627. How long did you stay?—I should think about a couple of hours in the room.

66,628. That was at the Bay Horse?—Yes.

66,629. Did you not yourself, at the Bay Horse, pay a man of the name of John Curtis, at that time?—No.

66,630. Do you know such a man as John Curtis; a cooper?—I do not know such a man.

66,631. Did you not pay him 10*s.*?—No.

66,632. Did you pay him any money?—No. I had nothing to do with it at all.

66,633. You did not receive any money from Wright to pay to any people?—Not a halfpenny.

66,634. Did you order any refreshments at that election?—No.

66,635. In 1852, who did you vote for?—For Moore, and Butler.

66,636. Were you upon a committee then?—No; I was a clerk.

66,637. At which committee?—At the Lowgate.

66,638. A paid clerk?—Yes.

66,639. What did they pay you?—30*s.* a week.

66,640. How long were you employed?—Five or six weeks.

66,641. Did you apply to be a clerk?—Yes; I applied at the George Inn, to the first meeting there was.

66,642. Did that business keep you pretty much in the room, or were you out canvassing?—I think, when I had been there two or three days, Mr. Brodrick our chairman came in, and said he should engage another clerk; that he thought I should be of a little more service out of doors canvassing with him, and I was not confined all the time to the room.

66,643. After that you took more to canvassing?—Yes, after that.

66,644. Who was the clerk that came in your place?—A man of the name of Sedman.

66,645. When you became a canvasser, did you send people to get their names set down in the way you mentioned before?—No; I never set any one down.

66,646. If people wanted to be employed, where would you send them?—To the chairman or deputy chairman.

66,647. You would refer them to the committee room?—Yes.

66,648. You know a good many of the voters, I suppose?—Yes.

66,649. Did you know a good many to get this employment; the freemen?—Yes.

66,650. How long were you canvassing, do you suppose?—I was five or six weeks employed. I had nothing at all to do then but to give my time to it.

66,651. You were a clerk part of the time?—Yes.

66,652. How many do you suppose you sent to be set down, applicants for employment?—I should think not above twenty or thirty; those that might apply to me personally.

66,653. You understood you had authority from the committee room to do that?—I had no authority to do so, but to refer them to the chairman or the deputy.

66,654. That was what you had to do?—That was what I had to do. I could not promise them anything. We had strict orders not to do so.

66,655. They were to apply to the committee room?—They were to apply to the committee.

66,656. Did people apply to you for rooms to be taken at two or three guineas each?—No; I never heard a word about them; I never knew such a thing till lately. The papers have told me.

66,657. Did you order any refreshments at one or two places; at M'Merron's?—I did at M'Merrons.

66,658. Who ordered you to do it?—Mr. Pulleyn.

66,659. What did he give you?—A card.

66,660. What was it for?—To give to Mr. Plummer's men a pint of ale each.
66,661. When was that?—On the nomination day.
66,662. At M'Merron's?—Yes. It was very warm. I do not know if they were voters; I expect they were not; but I did that.
66,663. At the last election, although you became a canvasser you got the pay of 30*s.* a week?—Yes; it was paid me every Saturday night.
66,664. Was the last payment on the Saturday after the election?—Yes; they were paid for the whole week; the election was on the Thursday.
66,665. You were employed after the election a little while?—Yes.
66,666. Did you assist Mr. Whytal Walker in getting up a petition?—No; I do not know Mr. Whytal Walker.
66,667. John Walker, I mean?—I saw John Walker.
66,668. Did you get some more money?—I was paid my weekly wages.
66,669. When you applied for employment on this last occasion, did you ask for a clerk's place, or did you apply generally?—I was told by one of the clerk's that Mr. Pulleyn wanted a clerk for his committee room, and as I was out of employ at the time I thought I might as well be employed as any one else. I applied to Mr. Pulleyn, and he said he wanted a clerk, and that I was to attend the Lowgate committee room.
66,670. Were you in the same business at the last election?—I am now.
66,671. But at the last election; were you in the same business?—I was out of employ.
66,672. You were a master before; are you now?—No; I am a foreman now.
66,673. I do not wish to say anything hurtful to your feelings; but you are not in the same circumstances now that you used to be?—No; unfortunately I am not.

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Adjourned till to-morrow, ten o'clock.

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WILLIAM ANTHONY sworn, and examined.

66,674. Where do you live?—122, Porter Street.
66,675. What is your business?—A painter.
66,676. What rent do you pay?—£9.
66,677. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
66,678. How long have you been a freeman?—I cannot speak positively.
66,679. Were you entitled to vote in 1841?—I am sure I cannot say.
66,680. When Hanmer and James were the candidates?—I was not in Hull, but I should be entitled to vote.
66,681. You were a freeman before 1841?—Yes.
66,682. And entitled to vote in 1841, but you were not in Hull?—No.
66,683. Did you vote in 1847?—Yes.
66,684. Did you vote blue?—For Mr. Brown.
66,685. Did you get any money?—10*s.* as a runner.
66,686. Before or after you polled?—After.
66,687. Who were you paid by?—I cannot tell.
66,688. Where were you paid?—Bishops Lane.
66,689. Was that all you got?—That was all I got.
66,690. At the last election, did you vote?—Yes.
66,691. Who for?—Moore and Butler.
66,692. What did you get for it?—10*s.*
66,693. Before or after you voted?—After.
66,694. Where were you paid?—In Lowgate.
66,695. Who were you paid by?—Mr. Pulleyn.
66,696. Was that all you got?—That was all.

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JAMES ATKIN sworn, and examined.

66,697. Where do you live?—Edward Street.
66,698. Do you keep a house?—Yes.
66,699. What rent do you pay?—£8.
66,700. What business are you?—A shipwright.
66,701. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
66,702. How long have you been a freeman?—Twenty-seven years, I dare say.
66,703. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes.
66,704. Who for?—Hanmer and James.
66,705. Were you paid for it?—No.

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66,706. Did you get any money that election?—No.
66,707. Nor after?—No.
66,708. You got no money that would be coming to the candidates for anything?—No.
66,709. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I did not vote at all.
66,710. Why not?—I was too late; the poll was closed.
66,711. Did you get any money?—Afterwards I got 10*s.*
66,712. After the election?—Yes.
66,713. Was it for Mr. Brown?—Yes.
66,714. Did you have your name set down before?—Yes, it was.
66,715. Were you stopped by a disturbance at the poll booth?—No; I was too late; he had given up.
66,716. Did you get anything for him before you voted?—No.
66,717. Before the poll closed?—No.
66,718. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
66,719. Did you get anything for it?—Not till after the election.
66,720. What did you get after the election?—A sovereign.
66,721. Where was it paid?—It was brought to me.
66,722. You had your name set down before?—Yes.
66,723. Who paid you, do you know?—I do not know the man's name.
66,724. You were in West Sculcoates?—Edward Street, West Sculcoates, I think it is.
66,725. Did you have your name set down?—Yes.

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FRANCIS BEAUTYMAN sworn, and examined.

66,726. Where do you live?—Popple Street, Thomas's Square, No. 7.
66,727. What rent do you pay?—£6.
66,728. What business are you?—A ship carpenter.
66,729. Are you a freeman?—Yes; by servitude.
66,730. How long have you been a freeman?—1841.
66,731. Was it in 1839, when all the others were paid at the Mansion House?—No.
66,732. Who paid you for it?—Nobody.
66,733. Did you pay for it yourself?—Yes.
66,734. Were you not repaid the money?—No.
66,735. Did you vote in 1841?—No.
66,736. In 1847 did you vote?—Yes.
66,737. Who for?—Brown and Baines.
66,738. Were you paid for it?—Yes; I got 5*s.*; nothing else.
66,739. Where did you get the 5*s.*?—I do not know the man's name; who it was.
66,740. Was it before or after you had voted?—It was after I had voted.
66,741. Was it for Baines and Brown?—I do not know which it was for.
66,742. What was it for; what did you do for it?—I did nothing.
66,743. At the last election who did you vote for?—Goderich and Clay.
66,744. Had you before that been set down for the blues?—They set me down.
66,745. They had asked you whether you would be set down, I suppose?—Yes.
66,746. And what had you told them?—I said they might set me down.
66,747. Were you employed at all?—No.
66,748. Did you get any money?—No.
66,749. Either from the blue or the orange?—I got what I worked for from the orange.
66,750. You were set down to run for the orange?—Yes.
66,751. Where did you run for them?—I was a doorkeeper.
66,752. Where?—At Mr. Galloway's.
66,753. How long?—A month or five weeks.
66,754. How much did you get?—I got a guinea a week.
66,755. For five weeks?—Yes.
66,756. Were you paid the whole of it before you voted?—I got it weekly.
66,757. Were you paid some of it after you voted?—No.
66,758. When were you paid the rest?—The election week. The election was on a Thursday, and I got paid for it, when I had done.
66,759. When was it; was it on the Saturday night after the election?—Yes, I think it was.
66,760. You applied to them for employment, or to be set down?—Yes.
66,761. Were you set down by the blues before you went to the orange, or after?—Before.
66,762. It cannot be the blues then. They had no place to set down at until about a few days before the election?—I will tell you what it is: I got pitched down stairs upon all fours, and I thought after that I was free enough to do as I liked.
66,763. Who pitched you down stairs?—The doorkeepers.
66,764. Where?—At Mr. Brodrick's committee rooms in Lowgate.

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66,765. What did they pitch you down stairs for?—I do not know. I went up stairs civil enough to see if they would give me a card.

66,766. Perhaps they had heard that you had been to the orange side?—No.

66,767. Did they not call you orange?—No.

66,768. What did they call you? what did you say?—I asked them to give me a card. "Well, walk down," said they, and I said, "I am going down." I did not seem in a great hurry, so they took and shoved me down. I nearly got my neck broke, and hurt my leg, and then, thinks I, I am free enough for anything.

66,769. Then, I suppose, they knew you were a doorkeeper at the orange rooms?—No, I was not a doorkeeper.

66,770. You went over to be a doorkeeper for them afterwards?—Yes.

JOHN BEAUTYMAN sworn, and examined.

John Beautyman.

66,771. Where do you live?—Blanket Row.

66,772. What rent do you pay?—£5 10*s.*

66,773. What is your business?—A porter.

66,774. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

66,775. How long have you been a freeman?—About nine years.

66,776. Was the election of 1847 the first election at which you voted?—Yes.

66,777. Who for?—Baines and Brown.

66,778. Were you paid for it?—Yes.

66,779. How much?—I received 10*s.* for carrying boards two days.

66,780. What else?—I received 7*s.* 6*d.* from Mr. Baines.

66,781. Carrying boards for Mr. Brown?—Brown and Baines.

66,782. Were you paid the 10*s.* before or after you voted?—Before.

66,783. Where were you paid?—At Mr. Mitchell's, the tobacconist's. Two 5*s.* papers of coppers.

66,784. Where were you paid the 7*s.* 6*d.*?—In Parliament Street. It would be about six weeks after the election; for Mr. Baines.

66,785. You had applied to be set down for employment?—Yes.

66,786. Who paid you for Mr. Baines the 7*s.* 6*d.*?—It was at the lawyer's office, in Parliament Street.

66,787. After you had voted?—Yes; it was five, or six, or seven weeks after.

66,788. Where; at the Land of Green Ginger?—No.

66,789. Mr. Sidebottom's?—I am sure I do not know the name.

66,790. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

66,791. Were you paid for it?—Yes.

66,792. How much were you paid?—I was engaged rather better than three weeks, at the office next to Brownlow and Pearson's.

66,793. Was that at the committee rooms?—Yes.

66,794. You were employed as a messenger?—Yes.

66,795. You had applied?—I did apply.

66,796. How much did you get?—I cannot tell what I got the first Saturday night; I think it was somewhere about half-a-crown.

66,797. The second Saturday?—I think I got 14*s.* or 15*s.*

66,798. And the Saturday following?—I think 16*s.* or 18*s.*; and the last week I got paid after the election.

66,799. How much?—18*s.*

66,800. They kept back some of the first week till the election was over?—The first week I was only put on on the Saturday morning at about eleven o'clock, and on the Saturday night they paid me; I only received half-a-crown.

66,801. Then you got 14*s.* the second week?—14*s.* or 16*s.*

66,802. What was the sum you ought to be paid?—They told us, when they put us on, we were to have 3*s.* 6*d.* a day.

66,803. And they kept some back?—I do not know if they kept some back; they did keep it.

66,804. Was it at Leggitt's?—Yes.

GEORGE BELL sworn, and examined.

George Bell.

66,805. Where do you live?—No. 12, Blue Bell Entry, High Street.

66,806. Do you keep a house?—Yes,

66,807. What rent do you pay?—£8.

66,808. What business are you?—A corkcutter.

66,809. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

66,810. How long have you been a freeman?—Thirty-five years.

66,811. Before the Reform Bill, did you get your four guineas and two guineas?—Yes.

66,812. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.

66,813. Did you get anything for it?—I got a pound.

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66,814. Before or after?—After.

66,815. Where?—I got a pound before, and a pound after. I was employed at one room for four days.

66,816. Where were you paid the pound before?—In Queen Street.

66,817. Who by?—There was a committee room there; I was paid at the room.

66,818. Do you know who paid it?—A person of the name of Todd; the chairman at the committee room. He is dead now.

66,819. Who paid you the pound?—I cannot tell you.

66,820. Where was it paid?—At High Street; the north end of High Street; at Binks, the painter's shop.

66,821. Did you see the person that paid it?—I did not.

66,822. It was through a window?—Yes.

66,823. In 1847 did you vote?—Yes.

66,824. Who for?—Brown and Clay.

66,825. Were you paid for that?—I got 1*l.* from Brown; not anything from Clay.

66,826. Was it before or after you voted?—On the polling day.

66,827. Was it before or after you voted?—I got half-a-sovereign before, and one after.

66,828. Where was it paid?—Bishop's Lane.

66,829. At Stephenson's?—Yes.

66,830. At the last election who did you vote for?—I was put down for the pay day, at Leggit's.

66,831. How much did you get?—I got it at two payments. I cannot tell to a few shillings; it amounted, the whole of it, to about 25*s.*

66,832. Was it paid before or after you voted?—Before.

66,833. The whole of it?—Yes, I think it was.

66,834. Did you get anything after?—I do not recollect that I got anything after; if I did, it was a part of that, but my memory does not serve me. If I did, I certainly do not recollect it.

Richard Bell.

RICHARD BELL sworn, and examined.

66,835. Where do you live?—George Place.

66,836. What rent do you pay?—I am at lodgings; 6*l.* I pay.

66,837. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

66,838. What business are you?—A labourer.

66,839. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1841.

66,840. Did you pay for it yourself, or was it paid for for you?—Paid for for me.

66,841. Who paid for it?—I think the blues.

66,842. Did you see Brown, Mr. Sidebottom's clerk there, at the time your freedom was taken up?—Yes, that is the man.

66,843. Did you vote in 1841?—No.

66,844. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Brown and Clay.

66,845. Were you paid for that?—I got half-a-sovereign.

66,846. Was it before or after you voted?—Before the election.

66,847. Was it for Brown?—Yes, for Brown.

66,848. Where were you paid at?—Bishop's Lane.

66,849. Was that all you got?—Yes.

66,850. At the last election who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

66,851. You had been set down for the blues?—Yes.

66,852. At the Market Place?—In Humber Street.

66,853. Is that Leggitt's, at Minerva Terrace?—No; it is the public house there.

66,854. Did you work for them?—Yes; three days.

66,855. And were paid for it?—Yes; I got it paid the Monday instead of the Saturday night.

66,856. Was it after that you went over to the orange?—Yes, after that.

66,857. Were you employed by them?—No.

66,858. Did you get any money from them?—No.

66,859. What made you go over?—Because I did not get any money the Saturday night, the same as the rest of the people.

66,860. You got no money from the orange, before or after the election?—Not a halfpenny.

66,861. Were you set down in Saville Street?—No.

66,862. You had not your name set down for the orange?—Not that I know of.

66,863. Not set down as a runner?—No.

66,864. Do you mean to get any money from the orange?—I never tried.

66,865. When the employment went, the vote went with it?—Yes; but I thought I should get something after the election. I got nothing before; I thought I should get something after.

66,866. The vote and the employment always go together?—I do not know, I am sure.

66,867. You would have voted for the blues if they paid you?—Yes; had they paid me on the Saturday night, as Mr. Davis promised me, I certainly should.

JAMES BIRCH sworn, and examined. *James Birch.*

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66,868. Where do you live?—Sykes Street.
66,869. What rent do you pay?—£9.
66,870. What business are you?—A mast and blockmaker.
66,871. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
66,872. How long have you been a freeman?—Twenty-two years.
66,873. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes.
66,874. Who for?—Hanmer and James.
66,875. Did you get anything for it?—No.
66,876. You got no money that election?—No.
66,877. No money coming from the candidates or the committee?—No.
66,878. Did you afterwards?—No.
66,879. You never received any money on account of the election?—No.
66,880. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
66,881. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes.
66,882. How much?—10*s.* for Mr. Brown.
66,883. Is that all?—Yes.
66,884. Was it paid before or after?—Before.
66,885. Where was it paid?—Bishop's Lane; by Mr. Stephenson.
66,886. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
66,887. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
66,888. How much?—I received a sovereign.
66,889. Was it before or after you voted?—After the election.
66,890. Where?—In Saville Street; Mr. Burdon's.
66,891. Did he pay you?—Yes.
66,892. Was that all you got?—That is all I received.

GEORGE PARNELL BIRKETT sworn, and examined. *G. P. Birkett.*

66,893. Where do you live?—No. 46, Neptune Street.
66,894. What rent do you pay?—£12.
66,895. What business are you?—A servant of the dock company.
66,896. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
66,897. How long have you been a freeman?—Twenty-six or twenty-seven years.
66,898. Did you vote before the Reform Bill?—I do not recollect.
66,899. Did you get the four guineas and two guineas?—No, I never got that.
66,900. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes.
66,901. Who for?—James and Hanmer.
66,902. Were you paid?—Yes.
66,903. How much?—A sovereign.
66,904. Before or after you voted?—After.
66,905. Where?—My son fetched it from Vincent Street or Medley Street, I do not know which.
66,906. Do you know who gave it?—I do not know.
66,907. Did you vote in 1847?—Yes.
66,908. Who for?—Mr. Brown.
66,909. Only?—Only.
66,910. Did you get anything for it?—Yes.
66,911. How much?—A sovereign.
66,912. Before or after you voted?—After.
66,913. Where was it paid?—At Mr. Bannister's.
66,914. Did he pay you?—Yes; at the Blue Bell, in Prospect Street
66,915. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
66,916. How much did you get?—I cannot say exactly. I know I got paid for two or three days.
66,917. Did you get as much as 1*l.*, or more?—No, I did not.
66,918. £1?—Yes, I got 1*l.*
66,919. You were set down at Leggitt's?—Yes.
66,920. Did he pay you before or after the election?—Part before, and part after.

HENRY PARNELL BIRKETT sworn, and examined. *H. P. Birkett.*

66,921. Are you the son of the last witness?—Yes.
66,922. Where do you live?—Rhodes' Buildings, Ropery Side.
66,923. What rent do you pay?—£5 4*s.*
66,924. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
66,925. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1847.
66,926. Did you vote in 1847?—No.

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66,927. Do you recollect, in 1847, getting some money for your father?—No; I do in 1841.

66,928. Do you know who gave it you?—No.

66,929. You are not certain who gave it?—No.

66,930. You saw him?—Yes.

66,931. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

66,932. Were you paid for it?—No.

66,933. Did you get any money at all?—Not for voting then.

66,934. You got some money?—I was employed three weeks or a month, at a pound a week, from nine o'clock in the morning to ten or eleven o'clock at night.

66,935. Where were you employed?—At Waverley Street.

66,936. At the committee room?—Yes.

66,937. You applied for employment?—I applied for employment, of course.

66,938. When you applied to the committee to be employed, you knew if they employed you they would expect you to vote for them?—I never said so.

66,939. You knew, when you asked for employment, if they did employ you they would expect you to vote for them?—They might expect it.

66,940. You knew that they would?—Yes.

66,941. You asked for employment?—Yes.

66,942. Did they employ you?—Yes.

66,943. And you took their money?—Yes.

66,944. Were you paid before or after?—Paid both before and after; I was paid every Saturday night.

66,945. Paid before and after?—Yes.

66,946. Who paid you?—Mr. Croft, I believe.

66,947. I suppose you knew also, if you had not voted for Moore and Butler, you should not have got the money after the election?—No; I was never asked for the vote.

66,948. You knew perfectly well if you had not voted for Moore and Butler, you would not have got any money from the blues, after the election was over?—No; it is a very great chance.

66,949. How much did you get?—Between 3*l.* and 4*l.*; I was employed between three weeks and a month.

James Booth.

JAMES BOOTH sworn, and examined.

66,950. Where do you live?—Richardson's Buildings, Sykes Street.

66,951. What rent do you pay?—£7.

66,952. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

66,953. What business are you?—A shipwright.

66,954. How long have you been a freeman?—Nine years.

66,955. Was 1847 the first election you voted at?—Yes.

66,956. Who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.

66,957. Were you paid for it?—I got 1*l.* for voting for Brown.

66,958. Was it paid before or after you voted?—Before; I think Mr. Turning gave me a half sovereign; I got a half sovereign in White Horse Yard in the Market Place.

66,959. Were you paid both before you voted?—Yes.

66,960. Who paid you the second?—I am not sure who paid them.

66,961. Do you know whether it was Stephenson?—I do not know him.

66,962. Do you know whether one of those 10*s.* was for Mr. Baines, and the other for Mr. Brown?—I got the 10*s.* for Mr. Baines afterwards, in the Land of Green Ginger.

66,963. How long after you voted?—Perhaps two days after.

66,964. Who from?—I think they call him Reed, a young man.

66,965. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

66,966. Were you paid for it?—I got 17*s.* 6*d.*

66,967. You were set down at Leggitt's?—Where is that?

66,968. Minerva Terrace?—I do not know that I was; I do not know where it is.

66,969. At Mr. Bannister's?—No; I was never there.

66,970. Where were you set down?—Worship Street.

66,971. Were you paid before or after you voted?—After.

66,972. Who paid you?—Mr. Turnbull.

66,973. Is that all you got?—Yes.

Gabriel Bower.

GABRIEL BOWER sworn, and examined.

66,974. How old are you?—I am turned 90.

66,975. Where do you live?—Junction Dock Street, Robinson's Hospital.

66,976. There is no hospital; an almsman?—Yes; in one of the Trinity House rooms.

66,977. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

66,978. How long have you been a freeman?—I cannot tell you; above sixty years, I think.

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66,979. You used to get the four guineas and two?—No, I never got anything; I never got a farthing.

66,980. When you were a young man did you get four guineas a plumper and two guineas for a split vote?—No; I did not.

66,981. Did you get any money for a vote when you were young?—No, I did not; not a farthing.

66,982. Do you recollect that you voted for Hanmer and James?—I am sure I do not know; I cannot remember that.

66,983. Do you recollect getting any money?—No; I cannot.

66,984. Do you recollect voting for Brown?—Yes.

66,985. Did you get any money for that?—Yes; I got 10*s.* from Brown, but I did not get anything from the others; only that.

66,986. Where were you paid?—I was paid at the Black Horse in Carr Lane; a gentleman paid me there himself, one of the committee.

66,987. Did you vote for Moore and Butler at the last election?—Yes.

66,988. Did you get paid for it?—I never got a farthing for them; not a single copper.

66,989. Was your name set down?—Yes.

66,990. Was it set down as a runner?—I could not run about, and I did not get a halfpenny.

66,991. What was your name set down for?—For nothing; I was not able to run or walk.

66,992. Where was your name set down?—I do not know.

66,993. Do you know Mr. Yeall?—No.

66,994. Did you ever ask for any money?—No; I did not.

66,995. Did you expect to have any money?—I did not expect to have any for the last election. I never got a halfpenny or a farthing's worth of anything. I went to poll and came back, and I never was back after.

66,996. Do you know Mr. Brodrick?—Yes.

66,997. Did Mr. Brodrick set your name down?—No.

66,998. You know him, the spirit merchant?—I do not know Mr. Brodrick, the spirit merchant. I know Mr. Brodrick who belongs to the Trinity House.

66,999. Was it Mr. Brodrick that got your name set down?—No; I cannot remember his setting my name down. Mr. Horncastle put my name down, and he put me in a coach and took me to the polling house. I went and polled, and he took me back again. I never went among them any more, because I could not walk.

John Boyden.

JOHN BOYDEN sworn, and examined.

67,000. Where do you live?—3, York Street.

67,001. What rent do you pay?—I am a freeman born, I pay 16*l.* a year.

67,002. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes.

67,003. Who for?—Clay and Hanmer.

67,004. Were you paid anything?—I took my freedom up as a freeman then, and I never received a farthing.

67,005. Were you paid any money in 1841?—No; I never took any interest, not the least; only voted.

67,006. Which party took up your freedom?—I think it was Mr. Clay; I am not positive.

67,007. Did you vote for him because he took up your freedom?—No, not in particular.

67,008. When he paid for your freedom, what do you think made him do it?—I am sure I do not know; I never saw him, and I never asked him to take it up.

67,009. Do you think he would have paid for it if he did not mean you to vote for him?—I do not know; I never asked him such a question.

67,010. Did you not sign a paper when they paid for your freedom?—No.

67,011. Are you quite sure?—I think not; I do not know; if I did it is unknown to me, it is so long back; I took my freedom up the 4th day of July, or at least it was taken up for me, in 1839.

67,012. They have put it down that the blues paid for your freedom?—I think not.

67,013. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I voted for Clay and Brown.

67,014. Were you paid any money for that?—No.

67,015. Were you paid any money that election?—No; I did think of voting for Baines.

67,016. At the last election who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich, to be sure.

67,017. Did you have your name set down by the blues at the Market Place?—I never had my name set down; if they took me up to the poll, I would not vote for them.

67,018. Did the blues canvass you?—No; I was on the committee of Clay and Goderich.

67,019. Did the blues ask for your vote?—No, not this time.

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67,020. Did they tell you they would set your name down?—No; I would not have my name set down.

67,021. Did you refuse to have it put down?—I would not, if they offered me ever so much money.

67,022. Did you refuse the blues?—I would not vote for the blues on any account.

67,023. Did you get any money from the orange?—Never a farthing from any one; nor so much as a drain of water.

67,024. Did you live in York Street?—Yes, No. 3.

67,025. You say you canvassed for the orange?—To be sure I did; I made myself as busy as I could.

67,026. Did any of the people whom you canvassed want to be set down as runners?—No; not such a thing.

67,027. Not one of them?—No; I wanted one man set down as a runner, but he went to Mr. What-do-you-call-him's office in Bowl Alley Lane. I promised him I could set him down if he had a mind to vote, and he never came afterwards.

67,028. Did you have to pay any money for the orange?—No, never a farthing; I never had a farthing from any one.

George Bradley.

GEORGE BRADLEY sworn, and examined.

67,029. Where do you live?—Garden Street.

67,030. What rent do you pay?—Eight guineas.

67,031. What business are you?—I belong to the dock gates at present.

67,032. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

67,033. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1812.

67,034. Did you get your four guineas and two?—Yes, I got it.

67,035. In 1841 who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.

67,036. Were you paid for it?—I was.

67,037. How much?—A sovereign.

67,038. Before or after you polled?—Before.

67,039. Where?—In Medley Street.

67,040. Who paid it in Medley Street?—I do not know, it was by candle light.

67,041. You saw the people?—Yes; I saw the man who paid me, there was only one man in the room; I do not know who it was.

67,042. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Brown.

67,043. Brown only?—Yes.

67,044. Were you paid for it?—Yes.

67,045. How much?—A sovereign.

67,046. Before or after?—After.

67,047. Where?—At the Blue Bell.

67,048. Who by?—Mr. Bannister.

67,049. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

67,050. Were you paid for it?—I got 17*s.*

67,051. Who paid you?—Murgatroyd.

67,052. Were you set down at his place?—Yes.

67,053. Were you paid before or after you voted?—After.

67,054. Was that all you got?—That is every farthing I got.

J. Brocklebank.

JAMES BROCKLEBANK sworn, and examined.

67,055. Where do you live?—No. 2, Eastcheap.

67,056. What rent do you pay?—Rather better than 5*l.*

67,057. What is your business?—A smith.

67,058. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

67,059. How long have you been free?—From 1844.

67,060. Then 1847 was the first election you voted at?—Yes.

67,061. Who for?—Mr. Brown.

67,062. Were you paid for it?—I got 15*s.*, I think.

67,063. Was it before or after you voted?—Afterwards.

67,064. Who paid it?—A man they call Stanley.

67,065. Where was it paid?—In Waterworks Street.

67,066. At the committee rooms?—Yes.

67,067. Was that all you got?—Yes.

67,068. At the last election who did you vote for?—Butler and Clay.

67,069. Were you set down at the North Myton committee room for the blues?—Yes.

67,070. As a runner?—Yes.

67,071. Did you get any money from him?—I got 1*l.*

67,072. Was it before or after you voted?—Part before and part after.

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67,073. Who paid it?—Mr. Steeple.
67,074. Were you paid anything for Mr. Clay?—No.
67,075. How much did you get afterwards for the blues?—I got 10*s.* before and 10*s.* after.
67,076. Was your name set down for the orange for Mr. Clay?—I believe it was.
67,077. Where?—Saville Street.
67,078. No. 21, Saville Street?—Yes.
67,079. Then you were to be paid first?—I do not know, I am sure.
67,080. I did not say that you were; but you meant to be paid when you had your name set down?—Yes.
67,081. You would have had a pound after the election if you had not split?—I am sure I do not know.
67,082. That is what you expected, is it not?—I did not expect anything.

John Brown.

JOHN BROWN sworn, and examined.

67,083. Where do you live?—8 Francis Street West.
67,084. What rent do you pay?—No rent.
67,085. Are you a lodger?—Yes.
67,086. What business are you?—A joiner.
67,087. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
67,088. How long have you been a freeman?—Fifty-one years.
67,089. Did you pay for it yourself?—Yas.
67,090. Did you vote in 1847 for Mr. Brown?—No; in 1851 I took my freedom up.
67,091. Are you sure of that?—Yes.
67,092. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
67,093. Were you paid for it?—I was paid for running.
67,094. Where were you paid for running?—Saville Street.
67,095. How much were you paid?—£1.
67,096. Were you paid before or after you voted?—After; the second day afterwards.
67,097. Who paid you?—A man of the name of Dutchman.
67,098. Where were you paid?—Saville Street, not in a committee room, I was paid in the street.
67,099. You applied to be set down as a runner?—Yes.
67,100. When you applied to them for employment, you knew if they employed you they would expect you to vote for them?—I should have voted for them if I had not been set down.
67,101. Will you answer my question?—Of course they would expect so.
67,102. And accepted their employment?—Yes; after the election.
67,103. You knew you were bound, as an honest man, to vote for them?—Of course I should do no other.
67,104. You would not have got a sovereign after the election, unless you had voted for them?—Perhaps I should have got it at the other side, if I had been on the other side set down as a runner.
67,105. You would have got it from there?—No.

William Brown.

WILLIAM BROWN sworn, and examined.

67,106. Where do you live?—In the Beverley Road.
67,107. What rent do you pay?—£10.
67,108. What business are you?—A cabinetmaker.
67,109. Are you a freeman?—No.
67,110. A £10 householder?—Yes.
67,111. How long have you been entitled to vote?—I voted at this election and the last.
67,112. Were you entitled to vote first at the 1841 election?—Yes.
67,113. Who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay.
67,114. Only?—Only.
67,115. Did you get any money?—No.
67,116. Did you let a room?—No.
67,117. Was there no money coming for the candidates or the committee?—No.
67,118. You received no money on account of the election?—No.
67,119. At the last election who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
67,120. Were you put down for employment at the North Myton committee room?—No.
67,121. Were you canvassed by the blues?—Yes.
67,122. Did they offer to set your name down?—No.
67,123. Was nothing said to you by the blues about your name being set down?—No.
67,124. Were you set down by the orange?—No.

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67,125. Did you get any money?—No.
67,126. Had you any room taken for them?—No.
67,127. Did you have no money at all at that election?—No.
67,128. Not for anything?—Not for anything.

G. S. Burnham.

GEORGE SMITH BURNHAM sworn, and examined.

67,129. Where do you live?—Anns Place.
67,130. What rent do you pay?—£5 10*s.*
67,131. What business are you?—A shipwright.
67,132. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
67,133. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1847.
67,134. Did you vote in 1847?—No.
67,135. The last election was the first at which you voted?—Yes.
67,136. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
67,137. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
67,138. How much?—23*s.* 6*d.*
67,139. Where were you paid?—At the Worship committee room.
67,140. Who by?—Mr. Cammell.
67,141. Were you paid before or after you voted?—After.
67,142. The whole of it?—The whole of it.

Stephen Carter.

STEPHEN CARTER sworn, and examined.

67,143. Where do you live?—64, New George Street.
67,144. What rent do you pay?—I am a lodger.
67,145. What business are you?—A shoemaker.
67,146. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
67,147. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1841.
67,148. Was it taken up for you?—Yes.
67,149. By which party?—The blues.
67,150. Did you vote in 1841?—No.
67,151. Who paid for it, do you know?—The blue party.
67,152. Was it Brown, Mr. Sidebottom's clerk?—No; I do not know.
67,153. You do not know who paid for it?—No.
67,154. In 1847 did you vote?—Yes.
67,155. Who for?—Mr. Clay.
67,156. Mr. Clay only?—Only.
67,157. Were you paid for it?—No.
67,158. Did you get any money?—No.
67,159. No money at the election at all?—No, I did not.
67,160. Was your name set down?—No.
67,161. Did you get any money after the election?—No.
67,162. Before the last election did you ask for 10*s.* on account of Mr. Clay?—No.
67,163. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
67,164. Were you paid for it?—No.
67,165. Did you get no money?—No.
67,166. Were you not set down?—Yes.
67,167. At East Sculcoates?—Yes; West Street.
67,168. Were you set down as a runner?—Yes; but I never went for it.
67,169. Why not?—I got a better job.
67,170. What was your better job?—I got into work then.
67,171. You got into regular work?—Yes.
67,172. At the time you voted did you expect to have any money from the blues?—I expected four days, at 3*s.* 6*d.* a day, but I never went for it.
67,173. You knew you would have it if you applied for it, but being in work you did not apply for it?—Yes.
67,174. Do you know who set your name down?—No; I do not know who set me down.

Daniel Clark.

DANIEL CLARK sworn, and examined.

67,175. Where do you live?—Trippett Street.
67,176. What rent do you pay?—I am a lodger.
67,177. What business are you?—A lath render.
67,178. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
67,179. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1829.
67,180. Did you take it up yourself?—Yes.

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67,181. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
67,182. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
67,183. How much?—10*s.*
67,184. Was that all?—That was all.
67,185. Before or after you voted?—After.
67,186. Where?—In High Street, near Salthouse Lane.
67,187. Who paid it?—I cannot say, it was put through a window.
67,188. Was it at Mr. Binkes'?—I believe that was the place.
67,189. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Brown and Baines.
67,190. Were you paid for it?—I got 10*s.* for Mr. Brown.
67,191. Was that all?—That was all.
67,192. Was it paid before or after?—On the election night, after the poll.
67,193. Who paid it?—Mr. Mitchell, the tobacconist.
67,194. Was it after you voted?—Yes.
67,195. Did you get nothing for Mr. Baines?—No.
67,196. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Moore and Butler.
67,197. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
67,198. How much?—10*s.*
67,199. Before or after you voted?—After.
67,200. Who by?—I believe it was Mr. Pulleyn; I fancy so; but it was a stranger to me; they told me it was Mr. Pulleyn.
67,201. Was it in Lowgate?—Yes, at the Conservative committee room.
67,202. Your name had been set down before?—Yes, for two days running.
67,203. Did you make no claim at the last election for any money owing from Mr. Baines; any back money?—Not a farthing.

EDWARD CLARK sworn, and examined.

Edward Clark.

67,204. Where do you live?—I now live in Manor Alley, in lodgings.
67,205. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
67,206. How long have you been a freeman?—About forty-three or forty-four years.
67,207. Did you get four guineas and two guineas in the old times?—In the old times of course we got them.
67,208. In 1841 did you vote for Hanmer and James?—Yes, I did.
67,209. Were you paid for it?—No, never received a farthing.
67,210. Not got a farthing that election?—No.
67,211. Were you set down as a runner?—No.
67,212. Did you get any money after the election?—No.
67,213. Did you let them a room?—No; I had not one to let.
67,214. You never got any of their money at all?—No.
67,215. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I voted for Brown and Baines.
67,216. Did you get any money for it?—No.
67,217. Did you get no money that election?—No; not a penny.
67,218. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
67,219. What did you get for that?—Nothing.
67,220. Were you not paid for that?—No. I should not know them if I was to see them again. They never came to canvass me.
67,221. Did you get anything from their party?—No, not a halfpenny.
67,222. You were set down as a runner at Lowgate ward?—No, I was not.
67,223. They say you were?—No.
67,224. Is that all wrong?—It is wrong.
67,225. You got no money at all?—Not a halfpenny.
67,226. Did you expect any?—I never expected any.
67,227. Perhaps you would not have any?—I have come to tell you the truth. I never looked for anything. A person came to tell me a week or ten days after the election was over, and asked me if I had got paid. I said I never knew that I was entitled to anything. He said, "I know you were set down; will you go with me?" I said, "Yes." We went up to Silver Street to Mr. Pulleyn; when we got there, he looked at a book, and he said, "You were paid on Saturday night." I said, "Then I never got the money, somebody else has got it and walked away with it," and I never received a halfpenny.
67,228. Did he not give you any?—No, not a halfpenny; they walked away with my money; I never got it.

WILLIAM TAYLOR CLARK sworn, and examined.

W. T. Clark.

67,229. Where do you live?—In Salthouse Lane.
67,230. What business are you?—A shipwright.
67,231. What rent do you pay?—£7.

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67,232. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
67,233. How long have you been a freeman?—Thirty-five years.
67,234. Did you get the four guineas and two guineas before the Reform Bill?—Yes.
67,235. In 1841 did you vote for Hanmer and James?—No.
67,236. Who for?—Nobody.
67,237. Why not?—I was not in Hull, I was at sea.
67,238. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I was at sea.
67,239. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
67,240. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
67,241. How much?—Not for the election, I was not; I had a present made after.
67,242. You were paid for your vote?—Yes.
67,243. How much?—A sovereign.
67,244. It was after you voted?—After the election.
67,245. Who paid it?—Mr. Steeple.
67,246. Was that all you got?—All.
67,247. Did your son vote at the last election?—He has never voted yet.

W. Conkerton.

WILLIAM CONKERTON sworn, and examined.

67,248. Where do you live?—Caroline Street.
67,249. What rent do you pay?—I live with my parents.
67,250. Are you a lodger?—Yes.
67,251. What is your business?—A plumber and glazier.
67,252. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
67,253. How long have you been a freeman?—About sixteen or seventeen years.
67,254. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.
67,255. Who for?—Hanmer and James.
67,256. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
67,257. How much?—I got a sovereign.
67,258. Was it before or after you voted?—It was after.
67,259. Who paid it?—I was paid at a shop in High Street.
67,260. At Binks', the painter?—Yes.
67,261. You were paid through a window?—Yes.
67,262. Did you take any part in that election in canvassing other people?—No; none at all.
67,263. Or taking money to them?—No.
67,264. Or in bringing them to have their names set down?—No.
67,265. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I think it was Mr. Brown.
67,266. Brown only?—Yes; a bullet.
67,267. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
67,268. How much?—Half a sovereign before the election, and half a sovereign after.
67,269. Where were you paid the first?—It was at a house in Bishop Lane.
67,270. By Mr. Stephenson?—Yes.
67,271. Where were you paid the second?—In the same place; after.
67,272. By the same person?—Yes.
67,273. Did you take any other part in that election?—No.
67,274. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
67,275. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
67,276. How much?—30*s*.
67,277. Where at, Legitt's?—Yes.
67,278. You were set down there as a runner?—Yes.
67,279. You were paid part of it after you voted?—Yes.

John Cooling.

JOHN COOLING sworn, and examined.

67,280. Where do you live?—Star Entry, Mytongate.
67,281. What rent do you pay?—£5.
67,282. What business are you?—A shipwright.
67,283. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
67,284. How long have you been a freeman?—To the best of my recollection from 1812.
67,285. Did you get your two guineas to vote before the Reform Bill?—Yes.
67,286. In 1841, did you vote for Hanmer and James?—I was at sea sometimes; I believe I did.
67,287. Were you paid for it?—I do not recollect. I dare say I may have got something, but I do not recollect.
67,288. Did you get a pound, do you recollect?—No doubt but what I might, I cannot say. I will tell you the truth. I will answer anything as far as I can recollect.
67,289. You will not say you did not?—I do not know, and I do not recollect.

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67,290. Do you think you ever voted without getting something?—Yes. I do not know but what I should. I have polled at elections, and never looked for anything.
67,291. How many?—Two or three, I think.
67,292. In 1847, did you vote for Mr. Brown?—Yes.
67,293. Were you paid for that?—I got 1*l.*
67,294. Was that before or after you voted?—It was after, I think.
67,295. Who paid it?—I cannot say. I got paid at the Blue Bell in Prospect Street. I do not know the gentleman who paid me.
67,296. Was it Mr. Bannister?—Mr. Bannister was there, but he did not pay me.
67,297. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Clay.
67,298. Were you paid anything for the blues?—No.
67,299. Was your name set down?—No.
67,300. Was not your name set down at Legitt's, in Minerva Terrace?—It was never set down anywhere, and I never authorized anybody to put my name down, and I would not give anybody an answer that I would poll for them.
67,301. Did you see Legitt?—I may see any one. I never gave authority to put my name down.
67,302. Do you know Legitt?—No.
67,303. Did you see him about your vote?—I went to nobody, and if they came to me I should not tell them who I polled for.
67,304. Did you get anything from the orange party?—From nobody.
67,305. Not any money?—I am quite sure I got no money from any party, not the smell of a match.
67,306. You had money at almost every election you voted at before?—Yes.
67,307. Why did you not tell them?—I determined to be independent of them all. I polled for anybody who I thought would do the most good for the country.

Robert Corner.

ROBERT CORNER sworn, and examined.

67,308. Where do you live?—Wood's Lane.
67,309. What rent do you pay?—£7 a year.
67,310. What business are you?—A painter.
67,311. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
67,312. How long have you been a freeman?—Twenty-two years.
67,313. In 1841, did you vote for Hanmer and James?—Yes.
67,314. Were you paid?—Yes.
67,315. How much?—£1.
67,316. Before or after?—After.
67,317. Who by?—I cannot tell.
67,318. Where?—It was brought to my house.
67,319. Who by?—A messenger.
67,320. You do not know who sent that?—No.
67,321. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
67,322. Were you paid for it?—No.
67,323. Not by either party?—No.
67,324. Was your name set down?—No; not that I am aware of.
67,325. Did you get no money at that election?—No.
67,326. Not for anything?—Not for anything.
67,327. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
67,328. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
67,329. How much?—Ten shillings.
67,330. Before or after you voted?—After I voted.
67,331. Who by?—Mr. Pulleyn.
67,332. Was your name set down before you voted?—Yes.

Charles Coverdale.

CHARLES COVERDALE sworn, and examined.

67,333. Where do you live?—No. 4, Pindar's Court, Manor Alley.
67,334. What rent do you pay?—£6.
67,335. What business are you?—A cooper.
67,336. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
67,337. How long have you been a freeman?—I am sure I cannot tell you the year it was in. I polled for Brown the first time.
67,338. How long before that, how many years was your freedom taken up?—I think about three.
67,339. Did you pay for it yourself?—Yes; my father did, however.
67,340. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.
67,341. Only?—Only.
67,342. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
67,343. How much?—£1.

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67,344. Was that before or after you voted?—Afterwards.
67,345. Who by?—Mr. Bannister.
67,346. At the Blue Bell?—At the Blue Bell.
67,347. Was that all you got?—At the Blue Bell I got half a sovereign, and I think the other half sovereign I got at Mr. Stamp's, in the Market Place. I think I was paid there.
67,348. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
67,349. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
67,350. How much?—I am sure I cannot tell you to a shilling or two. I think about 23*s*.
67,351. You were paid by Legitt?—Yes; I was paid one part by Legitt, and one part by another gentleman.
67,352. Where?—At the Minerva Terrace.
67,353. You were set down at Legitt's room?—Yes, I was.
67,354. Were you in treaty with the orange party at all?—No.

George Crouch.

GEORGE CROUCH sworn, and examined.

67,355. Where do you live?—No. 20, Jarratt Street.
67,356. What rent do you pay?—£16.
67,357. What business are you?—Professor of music.
67,358. Are you a freeman?—No.
67,359. A 10*l*. householder?—Yes.
67,360. How long have you been entitled to vote?—Twelve or fourteen years. I first voted for Hanmer and James.
67,361. You voted in 1841 for them?—Yes.
67,362. Were you paid it?—Certainly not.
67,363. Did you get no money?—No.
67,364. Were you paid no money on behalf of the candidates?—No.
67,365. Or their party?—No.
67,366. Not for anything?—No.
67,367. Were you on any committee?—No.
67,368. Did you canvass for them?—I did.
67,369. During your canvass did men ask you to be set down as runners?—No; I had nothing to do with money matters, nor would not put them down.
67,370. Did any of the persons whom you canvassed require to be set down as runners?—Certainly they did.
67,371. What did you say to them?—I referred them to the committee room.
67,372. Did you tell them to go to the committee room and their names should be set down?—No; I told them to go and try it themselves.
67,373. Were you acting under the committee?—No; acting on my own account.
67,374. Had you received any instructions from the committee?—No; none at all.
67,375. Had you any power to get the men set down?—No; none at all.
67,376. Did you yourself go to the committee after the men spoke to you?—I think in James and Hanmer's time three men called at my house. I went and introduced them to the committee room, and I did not stop a moment; whether they were set down or voted I do not know.
67,377. You took them to the committee, in order that they might be set down?—I did, but whether set down or not I do not know. I do not know the men's names. I lived then in Silvester Street.
67,378. When you got to the committee room can you recollect what you said to the committee?—I merely introduced them to the room, and said, "These parties are likely to vote for us." These are the words I used.
67,379. Is that all?—That is all.
67,380. Did you not say they wanted to be set down?—No; I did not understand the term, it being my maiden vote.
67,381. You thought they wanted some money in some shape?—I have no doubt they did.
67,382. They would not promise?—No; but they never asked me for money.
67,383. You said they were likely to vote?—Yes.
67,384. Did they say they would if set down?—They never mentioned the term setting down to me.
67,385. What did they say?—They said, "Shall we be engaged?" Those were the words I used: "I have nothing to do with that; I will introduce you to the committee room." I did so, and then I left.
67,386. You knew they meant by that unless they were engaged they would not vote?—I expect it was the usual thing; but as it was the first vote I had the honour of giving I was not aware of it.
67,387. Do you know whether they were set down?—I do not.
67,388. Any of them?—I do not know their names.

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67,389. Did you leave them in the committee?—I left them in the committee room at Mrs. Hopper's, in Saville Street.

67,390. Were you at Mrs. Hopper's, in Saville Street, afterwards?—No, I was not.

67,391. Did you hear at the time people were paid at Mrs. Hopper's during that election?—No.

67,392. I mean after the election?—No, I did not.

67,393. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Brown and Baines.

67,394. Were you paid any money at that election?—No.

67,395. Not for anything?—No.

67,396. Did you canvass at that election?—I did.

67,397. You understood your business a little better at that time?—A little better.

67,398. Were you on any committee?—No, I was not.

67,399. Did men apply to you in the same way?—No, they did not apply to me.

67,400. Did no men require to be set down?—No.

67,401. Or require to be paid?—No.

67,402. Did those whom you canvassed promise or refuse at once?—They promised me they would. Those I canvassed were parties above taking anything of that sort. The district where I was was among gentlemen who would not require anything of that sort.

67,403. You had nothing to do with anything of that sort that election?—Not at all.

67,404. For which party did you canvass?—I canvassed for the Conservative party.

67,405. For which party was that?—Brown and Baines.

67,406. You canvassed for both?—I canvassed more particularly for Brown.

67,407. You got the second vote for Baines if you could?—Yes.

67,408. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

67,409. Were you on any committee?—No.

67,410. Did you canvass?—Yes; I did.

67,411. Were you paid anything?—No.

67,412. Did people ask you to get their names set down this time?—Yes; they did.

67,413. What did you do with them?—When they asked me what I would give, I told them I had no power of giving any money. If they wanted any money for being set down they must go to the committee room themselves.

67,414. Did you tell any of them you would get their names set down?—No; I did not; not a soul; not one.

67,415. Had you any instructions from the committee?—No.

67,416. Were you not at the committee when you began to canvass?—I have been at the committee room, but there were no instructions from them to me to engage runners or to have names set down.

67,417. They gave you authority to canvass?—Yes; they gave me the same authority as I had before.

67,418. Was your name on the committee?—No, not on the committee at all.

67,419. Did you have understand from the committee you would have authority to deal with interested people?—Of course I might say to them, "Go to the committee." But I never saw any money nor ever heard of any.

67,420. Did you understand if you sent a man to have his name set down, it should be done?—I have no doubt I did.

67,421. That was the understanding you had with the committee?—I had no understanding at all. It was only my own idea. If I sent a man or gave a note he would be put down; but I never had to send one.

67,422. You did send them?—Yes; but I only sent them in my own name. I said, "You can call and see if they want you;" nothing more.

67,423. Did you not give them to understand their names would be set down as applicants for employment?—Yes, I did in one or two instances, but I could not tell they were going to receive any emolument.

67,424. You did give them to understand their names should be set down as applicants?—Certainly.

67,425. Have you any doubt in your own mind that employment would be found for them, one way or the other?—I had a great deal of doubt.

67,426. Had you any doubt they would get money in some way?—I had a doubt in this respect, I did not think there was any money for them.

67,427. When you let them understand their names should be set down, did you not lead them to understand they would have money?—They might take that to themselves, it was nothing to me.

67,428. Did you not intend that they should think so?—They might take that of their own minds; I had nothing to do with that.

67,429. Did you not desire or intend that they should think so?—Most certainly.

67,430. You left them to think so?—I left them to think so, exactly.

Richard Cuttill.

RICHARD CUTTILL sworn, and examined.

67,431. Where do you live?—New George Street.

67,432. What rent do you pay?—£6.

67,433. What business are you?—A shipwright.

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67,434. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

67,435. How long have you been so?—I cannot say exactly, perhaps fourteen or fifteen years.

67,436. Did you pay for it yourself or was it paid for you?—No; it was taken up for nothing.

67,437. By which party?—By the orange party, I think; I will not be certain.

67,438. Did you vote in 1841?—No; I never voted before this election.

67,439. Why not?—I have always been away at sea, and at different places.

67,440. At the last election who did you vote for?—For the blue party.

67,441. Moore and Butler?—Yes.

67,442. Were you paid for it?—Yes; I got a sovereign for being a runner.

67,443. Before or after you voted?—The Saturday night after the election.

67,444. Who paid you?—I was paid at the committee room.

67,445. Where?—Against Christ Church.

67,446. At the Worship Street committee room?—Yes; that is the street.

67,447. And you do not know who it was paid you?—No.

67,448. You had applied to be employed, had you not?—Yes.

67,449. You had asked them to set your name down as a runner?—Yes.

67,450. How much of that sovereign do you think you would have got if you had voted for the orange party?—I do not know, I am sure.

67,451. Do you think you would have got a shilling?—I do not know, I am sure. I got it after the election.

67,452. Do you think you would have got a shilling?—Perhaps nothing at all.

John Dalton.

JOHN DALTON sworn, and examined.

67,453. Where do you live?—Wellington Street.

67,454. What rent do you pay?—£30 a year.

67,455. What business are you?—A lodging-house-keeper.

67,456. Are you a freeman?—No.

67,457. A 10*l.* householder?—Yes.

67,458. How long have you been entitled to vote?—Not before this last election.

67,459. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

67,460. Who for?—Moore and Butler.

67,461. Were you paid any money for it?—Yes.

67,462. How much?—I believe 17*s.*, or 17*s.* 6*d.*, near the Market.

67,463. You were paid by Legitt?—Yes.

67,464. At the Minerva Terrace?—Yes.

67,465. You were set down as a runner in his room?—Yes.

67,466. When were you paid, before or after the election?—After.

67,467. Did you get any other money?—No.

Thomas Dalton.

THOMAS DALTON sworn, and examined.

67,468. Where do you live?—Helen Terrace.

67,469. What rent do you pay?—For house and offices, 15*l.*

67,470. What is your business?—Teacher of navigation and nautical astronomy

67,471. Are you a freeman?—I am a freeman.

67,472. How long?—Since 1839.

67,473. Do you know whether you are on the household list as well?—Not this last election.

67,474. Was your freedom taken up by the blues?—No.

67,475. By which party?—I paid for it myself.

67,476. Who did you vote for in 1841?—James and Hanmer.

67,477. Were you paid for it?—No.

67,478. Did you get no money?—The committee was held at my house for many weeks, and I was the clerk.

67,479. Were you paid for the use of your room?—I was paid for the use of my room.

67,480. And paid as a clerk?—Yes.

67,481. Had you applied to have your room taken?—No.

67,482. They came to you?—Yes.

67,483. Where was your room?—No. 7, Mason Street.

67,484. Who was the chairman?—Mr. Dennis Peacock.

67,485. Who was the deputy chairman?—I really do not know.

67,486. Who was the clerk besides you?—I really cannot say; I think I was the principal party.

67,487. Were there many names set down?—Yes.

67,488. How many during the election?—A goodly number.

67,489. How many?—There would be upwards of 100, I should suppose.

67,490. Where were they paid after the election?—At my house.

67,491. Who paid them?—I do not know; there was a gentleman, it was said, that came down from London, and those parties were paid a sovereign each at my house.

67,492. Were you there to help to pay it?—I was in the house at the time, but did not see them paid.

67,493. Who was there to check the payment?—I do not know anybody; they brought cards, and they were paid the money and walked away.

67,494. Each party brought a card?—Yes.

67,495. Were these cards given during the election?—I do not know how they were given; they were given to the parties and laid down, and each had a sovereign.

67,496. Was yours a private house or a public house?—A private house; at that time of day I was a schoolmaster and kept a school.

67,497. Did you never hear who the man was that came from London?—No.

67,498. How long after was it?—Some months after; six or nine months.

67,499. Were any paid during the election?—I think so; I never had anything to do with the payment.

67,500. Did you go to lock the people up?—Occasionally I went to lock them up.

67,501. Do you know what sort of notice was given of the day of payment?—I do not know; I know nothing about it.

67,502. You set the names down yourself?—A good many of them I did.

67,503. And some of them you told the payment would be made a certain day?—No doubt I did. I was asked many questions; who the party was I do not know.

67,504. Then it would spread from party to party?—Yes.

67,505. Was it a lawyer's clerk from London?—I do not know who it was.

67,506. What age was he?—A party in middle age.

67,507. Are you sure he was not a lawyer's clerk?—I do not know who he was. I asked the question many times.

67,508. And you never could find out?—And I never could find out.

67,509. What authority had you to let them into the house?—A party came and asked if I would let my room.

67,510. Who was the party?—I think John Newton, from the Operative Conservative Society.

67,511. John Newton took the room on the second occasion?—He came and asked for it.

67,512. Did you keep a list of the persons set down?—I had nothing to do with it.

67,513. Have you any papers relating to that election?—Not one.

67,514. And you can give no information as to the names of the hundred?—I do not know them; there was a goodly number.

67,515. Did Mr. Peacock take the papers?—Mr. Peacock and Mr. Robert Hentig.

67,516. Was he an active person?—Yes; and there were several other persons.

67,517. Is Mr. Peacock living in Hull now?—He lives in Albion Street, a timber merchant.

67,518. Is Mr. Hentig in Hull?—He is out in Borneo or Sarawak. He left Hull a year or two afterwards.

67,519. Who else came on the committee?—I cannot tell; there were two or three other persons. George Stephenson, Mr. Ruff, Frederick Peterson, and Joseph Watson.

67,520. Which Joseph Watson?—A mast and blockmaker.

67,521. Where does Watson live?—I really do not know. I see he was examined the other day.

67,522. Where does Peterson live?—Peterson is dead.

67,523. Was it Joseph Watson who was examined yesterday?—Yes.

67,524. Can you tell us anything more about that election?—I do not know; I know nothing more about it.

67,525. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.

67,526. Were you paid anything that time?—I was clerk to Mr. Charles Yeall.

67,527. Did you help him to set down names?—I dare say I did.

67,528. And to pay?—I had nothing to do with the payment. I was present when he paid the men at the Sculcoates Tavern.

67,529. Was that after the election?—That was a day or two after the election.

67,530. Were you there to check the payments?—I believe I was.

67,531. That is helping him, is it not?—Yes; certainly.

67,532. You mean the money did not pass through your hands?—No money passed through my hands.

67,533. Do you know whether any sham committee rooms were taken?—I do not.

67,534. This was for Brown in 1847?—Yes.

67,535. Mr. Yeall has given us a list, did you take any part in the election besides helping him?—No; I did not. I scarcely ever left the room.

67,536. The names of all the persons set down in your room were taken down in a list?—Yes.

67,537. Was there more than one list?—I cannot say.

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67,538. Mr. Yeall has given a list of eighty or ninety?—I should think there would be that number.

67,539. And that is all?—That is all.

67,540. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

67,541. How were you employed by them?—I was employed by them a few days at a central committee.

67,542. As a clerk?—Yes; and I was check clerk at the polling booth in Mason Street, the day of the election.

67,543. Did you set down names this time?—No; nothing to do with it.

67,544. You were in Fowler's room?—Yes.

67,545. You saw nothing of the real part?—I had nothing to do with the election this time.

67,546. You were useless this time?—My business would not allow me to attend to it.

67,547. By whose recommendation were you employed last time;—by Mr. Yeall's?—Mr. Yeall would have been anxious for my services. I said I would render what assistance I could.

67,548. You were employed a few days at the central committee?—Yes; Mr. Fowler and Mr. Rosindal introduced me.

67,549. How long were they making the payments in 1841?—I was only an hour or two.

67,550. All done one day?—It was in the evening.

67,551. How many do you think you paid?—Fifty or sixty, probably more; parties that were neglected in other parts of the town came with their cards, and were paid as they tendered them.

67,552. The 100 men set down, when were they paid?—This would be the payment, I presume.

67,553. You say that the fifty or sixty paid by this gentleman, were those who had not been paid at different parts of the town?—Parties left the district I was in, and got the money at other places. It was not generally known who they were to go to, and consequently many set down at my house were shut out and went elsewhere.

67,554. There were payments immediately after the election?—That I am not aware of; I had nothing to do with that.

67,555. How soon did you get your own money?—That would be some weeks. Mr. Peacock left it with my wife.

67,556. Some other people got paid at the time you got the 15*l.*?—They were not paid at my house, and I had nothing to do with it, that I know of.

67,557. How long was your room engaged the first time?—For many weeks; I cannot tell; it was eight or ten weeks, or probably more in 1841.

67,558. Was the committee sitting as long as that?—Yes; they came in the evening a long time before the election came off.

67,559. Who applied to you first for the use of your room that year?—I do not know; it might be Mr. Peacock or Dr. Alderson.

67,560. Did you make a specific agreement?—I made no agreement; I never did; I left it entirely to themselves.

67,561. You understood you would be paid something as an equivalent?—I did, certainly.

William Day.

WILLIAM DAY sworn, and examined.

67,562. Where do you live?—No. 58, Francis Street.

67,563. What rent do you pay for a house?—£9.

67,564. What business are you?—Hay and straw dealer.

67,565. Are you a freeman?—No.

67,566. Are you on the 10*l.* household list?—At the time I was put down I paid 18*l.*

67,567. You are on the register?—Yes.

67,568. How long have you been entitled to vote?—I voted for Mr. Baines the first.

67,569. You were not entitled to vote in 1841, then?—No.

67,570. Who did you vote for in 1847?—I voted for Baines, and I cannot recollect the other party.

67,571. Brown?—I think it was, I cannot recollect.

67,572. Were you paid any money for it?—No.

67,573. Did you get no money that election at all?—Not a halfpenny.

67,574. Did you let no room?—No.

67,575. No bill against them?—No.

67,576. Did you canvass?—No.

67,577. Had you anything to do with the election?—Nothing at all.

67,578. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

67,579. Were you paid for it?—Yes.

67,580. How much?—A sovereign.

67,581. Where?—A gentleman brought it to my house and gave it to my wife.

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67,582. You do not know who it was?—No.
67,583. Where were you set down?—I was set down in Charles Street.
67,584. Do you know who by?—I believe Mr. Cattley.
67,585. You are not quite so well off as you used to be?—Not quite; I have been ill eighteen months.
67,586. Is that the cause of it?—Yes.
67,587. Money was of more importance to you at the last election than it used to be?—Yes.

Thomas Dean.

THOMAS DEAN sworn, and examined.

67,588. Where do you live?—Reform Street.
67,589. What rent do you pay?—Five guineas.
67,590. What business are you?—A shipwright.
67,591. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
67,592. How long have you been so?—Since 1830.
67,593. Was it paid for for you?—No; I bought it myself.
67,594. Who did you vote for in 1841?—Hanmer and James.
67,595. Were you paid for it?—No.
67,596. Were you paid any money?—I got a sovereign; but I was not paid for voting.
67,597. Who paid you?—I do not know; I think it was Mr. Conkerton.
67,598. Where were you paid?—In Vincent Street, I think.
67,599. Was it at a committee room there?—No.
67,600. Was it before or after you voted?—After.
67,601. How long?—A day or two after; I cannot say.
67,602. Had you been set down as a runner? had you had your name set down?—Yes; I was one for Mr. Edward Gibson. I believe there were only two freemen in the place, and Sir John Hanmer came, and I said I would promise him, and I would poll for him, and I did.
67,603. What else did you do for your guinea besides that?—I was running about all the week; to the polling room, I ran.
67,604. You were a messenger or a runner for them?—Yes.
67,605. At what committee room?—I was in Sykes Street committee room, and then from there, I would not stop there, I went into Saville Street.
67,606. Was that in 1841?—Yes.
67,607. For Hanmer and James?—Yes.
67,608. When did you ask them to employ you?—I did not ask them at all.
67,609. Did they ask you?—Yes.
67,610. And you agreed to be employed?—Yes.
67,611. You knew very well, that if they employed you, they would expect you to vote for them?—Of course I should expect so; it was not unlikely.
67,612. And you knew afterwards, that if you had not voted for them, they would not have paid you?—I should think it was not likely.
67,613. Their part was to employ you and pay you, and your part was to run about a little and vote, is not that so?—I hung the colour staffs about.
67,614. At the next election of 1847 who did you vote for?—Brown and Clay.
67,615. Did you get any money for that?—Ten shillings for Mr. Brown, and I might have got 10*s.* for Mr. Clay, if I had promised I would poll for the orange again; but they would not give me anything.
67,616. Who paid you for Mr. Brown?—Mr. Mitchell; I got that at Mr. Mitchell's house.
67,617. Was that before or after you voted?—After.
67,618. When was it that you asked for the money for Mr. Clay?—It was before this election came on.
67,619. Just before this last election?—Yes.
67,620. You went to King Street?—Yes; and Mr. Gresham and Mr. Atkinson told me if I would only set down my name and poll for them, they would pay me.
67,621. You went to King Street, and Mr. Gresham and Mr. Atkinson were there, is that so?—Yes.
67,622. When you went into the room what did you ask them?—I asked if I could get my 10*s.*
67,623. That is for Mr. Clay's former election?—Yes; I polled for Mr. Clay.
67,624. Tell me as exactly as you can what they said to you?—They said if I would promise them, and would put my name down upon a book, they would give me the 10*s.*
67,625. Are those the words they used?—Yes.
67,626. What were you to put your name down in a book for?—To promise them for the orange.
67,627. Did they say so?—Yes.
67,628. They said you were to promise to vote for the orange?—Yes. I expect I am upon my oath now.

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67,629. Which of them said it?—I do not know which of them. It was said so, but I could not swear who.

67,630. Did you refuse to have your name set down?—I said I should not poll for them.

67,631. You said that?—Yes.

67,632. What did they say?—They said I must call again to-morrow. I called again to-morrow and they would not give me anything; they said the blues were in the field, and they would not pay the money.

67,633. They refused to pay you the money?—Yes.

67,634. Did you go to the blues; was your name set down for the blues?—Yes.

67,635. Where?—I do not know where; I saw Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler in Francis Street, and I told them I should vote for them.

67,636. Was your name set down in Worship Street?—No.

67,637. Which committee room was it, do you know?—In Saville Street it was.

67,638. You voted for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

67,639. How much did you get?—A sovereign.

67,640. Who paid it?—I cannot tell you exactly; I think it was a man they called Brown; I do not know; I cannot swear that.

67,641. It was paid at the committee room?—Yes.

67,642. After you voted?—After I voted.

67,643. You mean the blue committee in Saville Street, not the orange committee?—Yes, the blue committee.

Joseph Dixon.

JOSEPH DIXON sworn, and examined.

67,644. Where do you live?—No. 3, Ebenezer Place, Chariot Street.

67,645. What rent do you pay?—Six guineas.

67,646. What business are you?—A plumber and glazier.

67,647. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

67,648. How long have you been a freeman?—Twelve or thirteen years.

67,649. Was it taken up for you?—Yes.

67,650. In 1839, when others were taken up?—Yes.

67,651. By which party?—The blue party.

67,652. Did you vote in consequence in 1841?—I did partly; I believe I voted for Sir Walter James and Mr. James Clay.

67,653. The vote you gave to Sir Walter James was, because he had taken up your freedom?—Decidedly, through gratitude.

67,654. When they paid for your freedom, you knew they would expect that of you?—Yes, decidedly; and they did.

67,655. Did you get any money at the election for your vote?—I believe I did previous; I was a runner, but could not say what I got.

67,656. You were a runner for Sir Walter James?—Yes; and I received a sum of money, but I could not tell you what.

67,657. Have you any doubt that you did receive some?—I have no doubt that I did receive some

67,658. You do not recollect how much?—No; I was quite young in the business then.

67,659. Were you young enough to get something from Mr. Clay too?—No; not a single farthing.

67,660. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Brown.

67,661. Did you get anything from him?—Yes, afterwards.

67,662. How much?—Ten shillings.

67,663. Who paid it?—Mr. Bannister, I believe; he paid my missus; that was paid the day following. I went out of town and she received it; she told me she had.

67,664. Was that all you got?—I believe it was.

67,665. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

67,666. Were you paid for that?—I was afterwards, not previous.

67,667. How much?—I received a sovereign.

67,668. Who from?—Mr. Steeple.

67,669. You had your name set down before?—Yes, decidedly.

67,670. As a runner?—Yes.

67,671. Was Mr. Brown, Mr. Sidebottom's clerk, present when your freedom was taken up; who was the party that attended, paying the money for the blues?—I cannot tell; it was a stranger to me; it was left to each man's option who should pay for the freedoms that were taken up at that time.

WILLIAM DONALDSON sworn, and examined.

W. Donaldson.

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67,672. Where do you live?—No. 28, Christopher Street.
67,673. What rent do you pay?—£7.
67,674-5. What business are you?—A painter.
67,676. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
67,677. How long have you been a freeman?—About ten years, as near as I can tell.
67,678. Did you take up your freedom, or was it taken up for you?—I took it up myself.
67,679. And were not repaid?—No.
67,680. Which was the first election at which you voted?—Clay and Brown's, in 1847.
67,681. Was that the first election at which you were entitled to vote?—Yes.
67,682. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Brown.
67,683. Were you paid for it?—No; I never received a halfpenny.
67,684. Did you get any money?—Not any at all.
67,685. Was your name set down?—I do not know that it was.
67,686. Did anybody tell you that it should be?—No.
67,687. Did anybody speak to you about it?—No one came to me.
67,688. And you never expected to have any money that election?—No.
67,689. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
67,690. Were you paid for it?—Yes; I got a sovereign after the election, for four days' work.
67,691. Who paid you?—It was paid by Mr. Dutchman, in Saville Street.
67,692. Was he on the committee or one of the clerks?—He was a runner, the same as myself.
67,693. You had your name set down as a runner, before you voted?—Yes.

JOHN DORAN sworn, and examined.

John Doran.

67,694. Where do you live?—George's Place.
67,695. What rent do you pay?—Six guineas.
67,696. What business are you?—A shipwright.
67,697. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
67,698. How long have you been so?—I think about 1847 I took it up; but I was not entitled to vote at that election.
67,699. Was it taken up for you or did you take it up yourself?—I took it up myself.
67,700. Was the last, the first election at which you were entitled to vote?—Yes.
67,701. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
67,702. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
67,703. How much?—I was paid as a labourer.
67,704. How much?—27*s.* 6*d.*
67,705. Where?—At the Shakespeare.
67,706. Who by?—Mr. Edwin Davis.
67,707. Were you paid before or after the election?—I got 22*s.* 6*d.* the day after the election, and 5*s.* on the Saturday night before. I was on seven days.
67,708. Did you apply to be employed?—I applied for employment.
67,709. When you asked them to employ you, you knew if they did employ you they would expect you to vote?—They might.
67,710. Did you know at the time?—I always intended to vote for the blues.
67,711. You may say yes or no; but when you asked them to employ you, did you not know in your own mind, if they did employ you, that they would expect you to vote for them?—Yes; certainly they would.
67,712. You knew that?—Yes.
67,713. And you accepted their employment?—Yes.
67,714. And took their money?—Yes.
67,715. Did you not know that as an honest man you were bound to vote for them?—Yes.
67,716. And you did vote for them?—Yes.
67,717. And you knew afterwards, if you had not voted for them, they would not have paid you?—I should not have applied for the money.
67,718. Did you think they would have paid you?—I should think not.

JOSEPH DRURY sworn, and examined.

Joseph Drury.

67,719. Where do you live?—No. 1, Fillingham Buildings, William Street.
67,720. What rent do you pay?—£6 5*s.*
67,721. What business are you?—A boatbuilder.
67,722. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
67,723. How long have you been a freeman?—About 1826 I think it was. I would not say to a year or two.

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67,724. In the year 1826?—Yes.

67,725. Did you vote at any election before the Reform Bill?—Yes; I voted for Sykes.

67,726. Did you get four guineas and two guineas?—I got two guineas.

67,727. In 1841, who did you vote for?—Clay and some one else. I cannot say who.

67,728. Clay and Thompson?—I could not say who.

67,729. Did you vote orange or blue?—I cannot say who it was.

67,730. Did you get any money for it?—Not a farthing.

67,731. Was your name set down?—No.

67,732. Did you not expect any money?—No.

67,733. You swear that you got no money from the candidates or their party?—Yes.

67,734. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I believe it was Clay and Baines.

67,735. Did you get any money?—Nothing.

67,736. Any money at that election at all?—Nothing at all. I never was promised any, and never had any idea of any.

67,737. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

67,738. And was paid for it?—Yes.

67,739. How much?—I got 17*s.* 6*d.* before the election, and 17*s.* 6*d.* about five weeks after.

67,740. You were set down at Legitt's room, at the Minerva Terrace?—Yes, I was. I promised Legitt and George Hare; they came canvassing the Railway Dock side, and the day after they came and said they would set me down as a runner; they did set me down and I got 17*s.* 6*d.* before the election, and 17*s.* 6*d.* about five weeks after.

67,741. Who paid you?—Mr. Legitt paid me before the election, at the Minerva Hotel; and about five weeks after he brought it to the Victoria Dock, where I was working.

Thomas Drust.

THOMAS DRUST sworn, and examined.

67,742. Where do you live?—Humber Dock Street.

67,743. What rent do you yay?—£8.

67,744. What business are you?—A smith.

67,745. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

67,746. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1838.

67,747. Was it paid for for you, or did you pay for it yourself?—I paid for it myself.

67,748. And were not repaid?—I was not repaid.

67,749. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Hanmer and Clay.

67,750. Were you paid for it?—Yes.

67,751. How much?—10*s.*

67,752. Only?—Only.

67,753. For who was that?—For Hanmer, I think.

67,754. Who paid you?—I do not know. I was paid in Parliament Street. I do not know the gentleman who paid me. I think it was at Mr. Sidebottom's office.

67,755. Was it after you had voted?—After I had voted; perhaps four or five months. I cannot say to a month.

67,756. You got nothing from Mr. Clay?—No; not a farthing.

67,757. At the next election, in 1847, for whom did you vote?—Brown alone.

67,758. Were you paid for it?—Yes.

67,759. How much?—A pound.

67,760. Before or after?—After.

67,761. Who by?—Mr. Bannister.

67,762. At the Blue Bell?—Yes.

67,763. At the last election for whom did you vote?—Moore and Butler.

67,764. Were you paid for it?—Yes.

67,765. How much?—A pound.

67,766. By whom?—I do not know. I was in the committee room in Waverley Street. I do not know the gentleman.

67,767. Before or after you voted?—After.

67,768. Was that all you got?—That was all I got.

John Dunn.

JOHN DUNN sworn, and examined.

67,769. Where do you live?—Queen Square, Scott Street.

67,770. What rent do you pay?—£10.

67,771. What business are you?—A woodturner.

67,772. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

67,773. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1841.

67,774. Was it paid for for you, or did you pay for it yourself?—I paid for it myself.

67,775. And were not repaid?—No.

67,776. Did you vote in 1841?—No.

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67,777. Were you not entitled to vote?—No.
67,778. In 1847 for whom did you vote?—Baines and Brown.
67,779. Were you paid for it?—Not at the election. I got 5*s.* after the election.
67,780. Who from?—I cannot tell you the name. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Steeple were present. I cannot say whether they gave it or not; it was in the Market Place here, at Mr. Stamps's; where his place was.
67,781. Had you a 5*s.* ticket?—No.
67,782. Did you get anything for Mr. Baines?—No.
67,783. Did you get any money for Mr. Brown?—That was for Mr. Brown, the 5*s.*
67,784. And nothing more for Mr. Brown?—No.
67,785. Had you your name set down before?—No; not that I know of.
67,786. How came you to go for the 5*s.*?—Because they were paying it to all who went.
67,787. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
67,788. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
67,789. How much?—I had 30*s.* 6*d.* altogether.
67,790. Who paid you?—Mr. Atkin gave me a sovereign on the polling day, and 10*s.* 6*d.* the Saturday before. I was put down for six days' running.
67,791. That that was paid on the polling day, was paid after voting?—No; I was paid before.
67,792. Were you paid anything after you voted?—No; the 10*s.* 6*d.* was paid on the Saturday previous.
67,793. At the Market Place committee room?—At the Shakespeare.

OSWALD ETHERINGTON sworn, and examined.

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67,794. Where do you live?—Regent Street, Anlaby Road.
67,795. What rent do you pay?—The house is my own.
67,796. What is it rated at?—£6.
67,797. What is your business?—A coalporter.
67,798. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
67,799. How long have you been so?—About twenty-three years.
67,800. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Sir Walter James and Sir John Hanmer.
67,801. Were you paid for it?—I was three weeks at the committee room, at 30*s.* a week.
67,802. As a messenger?—Yes.
67,803. At which committee room?—In Waterworks Street.
67,804. Were you paid before or after the election?—I was paid every week; every Saturday night.
67,805. The last payment was after the election?—It was.
67,806. You had applied to be employed, had you not?—No; they applied to me.
67,807. And you agreed to be employed for them?—Yes; I agreed to be employed by them.
67,808. When you were to be employed by them and paid, you knew that they would expect you to vote for them?—Of course.
67,809. And when you were paid after the election, you knew that they would not pay you unless you had voted for them?—Certainly.
67,810. In 1847 who did you vote for?—For Baines and Brown.
67,811. Were you paid for either of those?—I was paid 10*s.* for Mr. Brown.
67,812. And anything else?—No, nothing for Baines.
67,813. Who paid you for Mr. Brown?—I do not know.
67,814. Where was it paid?—I was paid at Carlisle Street end; the Blue Bell.
67,815. By Mr. Bannister?—Yes, by Mr. Bannister.
67,816. Was it before or after?—After I voted.
67,817. Was that all you got that election?—Yes.
67,818. At the last election who did you vote for?—Lord Goderich and Mr. Clay.
67,819. Had you had your name set down for the blues?—No.
67,820. Were you employed by the blues at all?—No.
67,821. Nor paid?—No.
67,822. Before the election?—No.
67,823. Was your name set down?—Not that I know of.
67,824. Was it not set down in Mr. Wilde's list?—No.
67,825. Did you apply to have your name set down?—No.
67,826. Why did you not apply for employment at the last election?—I did not feel disposed.
67,827. You did not wish any money?—I did not want to lose my other employment. I did not want to spend my time there.
67,828. You were at work elsewhere?—Yes; I was at work at my own business.
67,829. Your name is down at two different committee rooms?—Then I did not know it.
67,830. When they canvassed you, did they ask you whether they should set your name down?—Not that I know of; I never got my name put down. I did not go to the

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committee room, neither did they ask me to have any name set down; they canvassed me, and asked me to poll for them.

67,831. What did you tell them?—I said I had not made up my mind. I did not know which way I should poll.

67,832. Did they tell you they should set your name down?—I do not know.

67,833. Do you recollect whether they did or not?—I do not at present; two gentlemen came, Mr. West and another.

67,834. Do you recollect anything of this sort; they said they would set it down, and you said they might if they liked?—No.

67,835. Nothing of that kind?—I said I had not made up my mind which way I should vote.

67,836. Did you say the same to the orange?—Yes; they solicited me afterwards, and then I told them I would poll for them.

67,837. When the orange first canvassed you?—When the orange first canvassed me, I said I should not poll for them, the same as I did for the blues.

67,838. Did they say they would set your name down?—No; I never got my name set down at all.

67,839. Are you quite sure they never said anything about setting your name down as a runner?—No; they did not say anything about it.

W. Etherington.

WILLIAM ETHERINGTON sworn, and examined.

67,840. Where do you live?—Finkle Street.

67,841. What rent do you pay?—£17 10*s.*

67,842. What business are you?—A porter.

67,843. Do you carry on business where you pay the 17*l.* 10*s.* rent?—Yes.

67,844. What business is it?—A grocer's shop. I am not always in the shop; I am out working.

67,845. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

67,846. How long have you been a freeman?—In 1848 it was taken up.

67,847. Have you ever been entitled to vote as a 10*l.* householder?—No.

67,848. Never been on the register?—No.

67,849. Was the last election the first at which you voted?—Yes.

67,850. Who for?—Moore and Butler.

67,851. Were you paid for it?—Yes.

67,852. How much?—I believe it was a month and some two or three days.

67,853. How much were you paid?—The first fortnight was a pound a week, and the other was a guinea.

67,854. Were you paid the whole before you voted, or part before and part after?—Part before, and part after.

67,855. Did they hold any part back each week?—I was paid every Saturday night.

67,856. The whole of your money?—For the week's work.

67,857. The first two weeks, were you paid the pound on Saturday night?—No.

67,858. You were not paid in full?—No; there was something kept back the first week.

67,859. Then they did keep part back till after you had voted?—Yes.

67,860. What was that for, to see which way you voted?—I expect so.

67,861. You knew that at the time?—I knew I should vote for them.

67,862. You knew that they would expect it; it was part of the agreement?—There was not a deal kept back.

67,863. Did you not know that they would expect you to vote for them if they employed you?—Yes, of course I should vote for them.

67,864. And they would not pay you what they held back, unless you had voted for them?—No.

67,865. Were you one of the parties who threatened to go over to the other side, unless the sum was raised, from a pound to a guinea?—No; I never spoke a word.

67,866. We have heard there were a great many that did?—I know two or three of them that did.

67,867. Mention who they are?—One they call Smithson.

67,868. William Henry Smithson?—I do not know what they call him; he is a butcher or a drover.

67,869. Who else?—I think there was another they call Todd.

67,870. Go on?—There were no others that I know of.

67,871. There were others, though you do not remember the names?—I do not know who they were exactly.

67,872. At which committee room was it that they complained?—At the Shakespeare.

WILLIAM EVERINGHAM sworn, and examined. *W. Everingham.*

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67,873. Where do you live?—Great Thornton Street.
67,874. What rent do you pay?—£6.
67,875. What business are you?—A shipwright.
67,876. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
67,877. How long?—Since 1847.
67,878. Did you pay for it yourself?—Yes.
67,879. Were you entitled to vote in 1847?—Yes; but I was away.
67,880. It was before 1847 that you took up your freedom?—Yes.
67,881. And you were away?—Yes; at sea.
67,882. At the last election, for whom did you vote?—Moore and Butler.
67,883. How much were you paid for it?—23*s.*
67,884. By Legitt?—Yes.
67,885. Was your name set down at the Minerva Terrace?—Yes.
67,886. At his room?—Yes.
67,887. Did he pay you before or after you voted?—After the election.
67,888. Was that all you got?—That was all I got.

ROBERT FEATHERSTONE sworn, and examined. *R. Featherstone.*

67,889. Where do you live?—In Dock Street.
67,890. What business are you?—A tinner.
67,891. What rent do you pay?—Nine guineas.
67,892. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
67,893. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1812.
67,894. Did you get the four guineas and the two in the old days?—Yes.
67,895. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
67,896. Were you paid for it?—I was paid for being employed as a runner.
67,897. How much?—I really cannot tell you.
67,898. About how much?—I am sure I cannot say to speak positively, for I never thought any more of it.
67,899. Was it more than a pound?—Yes; more than a pound.
67,900. More than two?—Not so much.
67,901. Between one and two?—Yes.
67,902. Who paid you?—I cannot say.
67,903. Before or after you voted?—After, I believe.
67,904. You were employed as a runner?—Yes.
67,905. Do you recollect whether you were paid through a window, or a hole, or anything of that sort?—No; I had it in a room, but I cannot remember where it was at present.
67,906. When they employed you, you knew that they would expect you to vote if they did employ you?—Yes; they would expect me to vote for them. I promised to vote before I was employed.
67,907. They would not have employed you, unless they expected that you would vote for them?—I expect that they would expect me to vote for them if they employed me.
67,908. And you accepted their employment upon those terms?—Yes.
67,909. You did vote for them?—Yes.
67,910. And you took the money?—I took the money.
67,911. And they would not have paid you after the election, if you had not voted for them?—I should not have looked for it, if I had not voted.
67,912. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Brown and Baines.
67,913. Were you paid for that?—I think I got 15*s.* or something of that sort, for Mr. Brown, and 5*s.* for Mr. Baines.
67,914. Was the 15*s.* paid you before or after you voted?—I think I got 5*s.* before, or else 10*s.* before; I did not get all before, I got something after.
67,915. Who paid it?—I was paid at Conkerton's.
67,916. Was that a committee room?—No; I think it was only a paying place. I do not know whether it was or no; I did not see that it was a committee room.
67,917. Was it Mr. Conkerton who paid you?—Yes, he paid me himself.
67,918. That was your 15*s.* for Mr. Brown?—Yes.
67,919. Where did you get the 5*s.* for Mr. Baines?—At Mr. Sidebottom's, in Parliament Street.
67,920. That was some time after the election?—Yes.
67,921. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
67,922. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
67,923. How much?—I do not remember; I think it was four days at 3*s.* 6*d.* a day, and two days at 5*s.* a day; I believe that was it.
67,924. That is about 24*s.* 6*d.* altogether?—Yes.
67,925. Was it paid before or after you voted?—Part of it was paid before, and part after.

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67,926. Who paid it?—Mr. Purdon before, and a gentleman that I did not know paid after, but Mr. Purdon was in the room.

67,927. You, as an old freeman, know that in Hull the vote is always considered as part of the bargain, where a person is employed; the man does not get money unless he votes?—I should look on it as this; I should never take employment if I did not vote that way.

67,928. As an old freeman you know that the vote always is considered as part of the bargain?—I do not know but what it is.

67,929. Everybody else has said so?—Yes.

67,930. That is so, is it not; it is always considered so?—It is considered so, I believe.

Robert Fewlass.

ROBERT FEWLASS sworn, and examined.

67,931. Where do you live?—Cumberland Street.

67,932. What rent do you pay?—£10.

67,933. What business are you?—A grocer and flour dealer.

67,934. Are you a freeman?—No.

67,935. How long have you been entitled to vote?—Four or five years ago.

67,936. Is the last election the first at which you voted?—Yes.

67,937. Who for?—Moore and Butler.

67,938. Were you paid for it?—Yes.

67,939. How much?—A pound.

67,940. Who by?—It was left for me in Waverley Street, next door to the committee room.

67,941. At a friend's house?—Yes.

67,942. Was that after you had voted?—Nine or ten days after.

John Ford.

JOHN FORD sworn, and examined.

67,943. Where do you live?—Grimstone Street.

67,944. What rent do you pay?—£15.

67,945. What is your business?—Bricklayer.

67,946. Are you a freeman?—No.

67,947. How long have you been entitled to vote?—Only this last election.

67,948. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

67,949. Were you paid for it?—Not for my vote. I had 10*s.* for my day: I was fetched out of the country.

67,950. Where did you come from?—From Lincolnshire.

67,951. How far from Hull?—Two miles across the water.

67,952. Did you come across in the ferry-boat?—The New Holland boat.

67,953. What is the fare?—4*d.*

67,954. Fourpence there and back?—Each way.

67,955. How did you come those two miles?—I had to walk.

67,956. You walked it both ways?—Yes.

67,957. And I suppose you took the trouble to walk into Hull?—Yes, from South End.

67,958. Your expenses were 8*d.* and you got 10*s.*; is that so?—Yes, and there was the day's wages.

67,959. When were you paid?—As soon as I had voted.

67,960. Who paid you?—It was paid at Quay Street.

J. Faulkner.

JEREMIAH FAULKNER sworn, and examined.

67,961. What is your business?—I am a joiner.

67,962. Where do you live?—No. 78, Lowgate.

67,963. What rent do you pay?—None.

67,964. You are sexton?—I am sexton of St. John's church; I keep the Conservative news-room; I have a small salary, and they allow me to live rent free. I am rated at 28*l.*

67,965. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

67,966. How long have you been a freeman?—It was taken up by the blue party in July 1839, and was paid for by them.

67,967. Was it understood that if they did take up your freedom you were to vote for them?—Certainly.

67,968. Who did you vote for in 1841?—Hanmer and James.

67,969. Did you receive any money?—Not at the time of the election. I was employed four days at the central committee room, and I took the state of the poll every half hour on the election day from one of the polling booths to the central committee in Bowlalley Lane.

67,970. Were you paid for that?—I was paid 1*l.*

67,971. After the election?—After the election.

67,972. Did they understand from you that if you were paid you would vote for Hanmer and James?—That did not influence my vote; if I had not got a farthing, I should have voted the same.

67,973. Did you believe you would have been paid, if you had not voted for them?—They would have paid me for my services.

67,974. How many persons did they pay who voted against them; did you ever hear of a single instance of their paying a runner who had voted against them?—Not since this inquiry.

67,975. Did you ever hear of it?—No; I should think not.

67,976. Do you think they would have made you the exception?—Perhaps not. I know I worked for the money, and I got it.

67,977. The question you are asked is, whether they would have done it?—If I had voted for Clay and Thompson, of course they would not have paid me

67,978. You knew that when they gave you the employment?—Certainly.

67,979. You accepted the employment on that condition?—I intended to vote for them.

67,980. You knew that was the condition they made, and you accepted it on that condition?—Yes.

67,981. Who did you vote for in 1847?—Baines and Brown.

67,982. Did you receive any money at that election?—Yes.

67,983. How much?—7*s.* 6*d.*

67,984. For whom was that?—It was paid me as a messenger.

67,985. For which candidate?—For Brown.

67,986. That was the same in terms as in 1841, was it not?—Yes, I was engaged at the central committee two days, the nomination day and the polling day.

67,987. Before or after the election were you paid?—After the election.

67,988. Was that all you got?—I only got 7*s.* 6*d.* I was done out of half-a-crown; I always thought so.

67,989. How came that?—I do not know. They ought to have given me 10*s.* but I only got three half-crowns.

67,990. Who was it paid by?—It was paid at the central committee by Mr. Side-bottom.

67,991. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Moore and Butler.

67,992. Did you get paid this time?—Yes.

67,993. How much?—I was engaged, from the 8th of June to the 10th of July, as the messenger to the Lowgate ward committee room—that is the house I live in, and I had the charge of the committee room and the papers. I was engaged the whole of the time, from the 8th of June to the 10th of July, the first two weeks at a pound a week, and the rest of the time at a guinea a week.

67,994. Was it your house that they took as the committee room?—They did not take it from me; I lived in it.

67,995. You were engaged then on the same conditional understanding as in 1841?—Exactly.

67,996. Were you paid for the use of the room?—No; it went to the funds of the society; the Conservative Society; I never saw it.

67,997. Was it engaged for about a week or a fortnight?—I was engaged from the 8th of June to the 10th of July; the first two weeks at a pound a week, and the rest of the time at a guinea a week. It came to betwixt 5*l.* and 6*l.* I suppose.

67,998. At that time was there a strike among some of the runners who threatened to go over to the orange party unless an extra price was given?—That was about the middle of June.

67,999. Did you join the party?—No.

68,000. Who were the parties that struck?—Several of the persons who were employed as messengers.

68,001. What are their names?—George Dix, I remember, was one; but he has left the country; he has gone to Australia.

68,002. Tell us one that has not gone to Australia?—I cannot just now; I could easily hand in a list on another day.

68,003. Can you hand in a list of all the persons who were the messengers at that ward?—Yes, it is very likely I could, by just consulting the poll book.

68,004. Perhaps you will do that by Monday morning, and distinguish the names of the gentlemen who struck?—Yes.

68,005. What did they say?—That they would go over to the other side and vote for Clay and Goderich.

68,006. How many were there of them?—Well, I should think half of them.

68,007. And how many were there at that room at that time?—About twenty.

68,008. About ten of them struck?—Yes.

68,009. How many men were set down at that committee room altogether during the election?—Well, I could not tell to half a dozen; I should think from thirty to forty.

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5*s.* for you." I said, "I am to have 10*s.*, you want to sack the other 5*s.* yourself." However, he gave me no more than that 5*s.*, and he had lots of money, I know.

68,010. You think you can give us the names?—I think I can by consulting the poll book.

68,011. Can you give us, as near as you can, the date of that strike?—Yes, I should say it was the 19th of June.

68,012. At that time there were about twenty employed there?—Yes, and after that from twenty to thirty.

68,013. Did this happen at the end of a week?—Yes, it did; on a Saturday.

68,014. What did the parties do; did they go into the committee room, or whom did they complain to?—To Mr. Pulleyn.

68,015. At the committee room?—Yes.

68,016. Did they go into the room to him?—They did; I let them in.

68,017. What did they say to him; all or some of them?—They said the orange party were giving a guinea a week, and they were not willing to be employed at the rate of a pound.

68,018. They said that to Mr. Pulleyn?—They said that to Mr. Pulleyn.

68,019. And what did he say?—He said he could not do anything in it; then it was represented to the aggregate meeting of the chairmen at the central committee room on the following Monday, and the extra, I believe, was paid to them—that they said they would stop for.

68,020. Who was the chairman?—Mr. Brodrick was the chairman, but I am speaking of the aggregate meeting of the chairmen at the central committee; Mr. Pulleyn paid them after that meeting, some on the Monday and some on the next day, and they came back.

68,021. Did he pay them for the bygone time,—for the weeks gone past?—Yes, they were all paid at the rate of a guinea a week from the commencement, after that.

68,022. Not in advance?—No, they were engaged at a pound a week, and they struck, and then they were paid all back arrears.

68,023. The back money was paid them?—Yes.

68,024. You mean all the previous payments were made up to a guinea?—Yes, they were paid at the rate of a guinea a week from the first to that time.

68,025. They had received the 1*l.*?—Yes.

68,026. And they received a shilling more for those weeks?—Yes, exactly.

68,027. And a guinea afterwards?—Yes.

68,028. Do you think they would have carried their threat into execution?—Well, I do not know; men are not to be depended upon at election times; they are a sad set, some of them; men are to be bought any way at elections.

68,029. Would the difference between a pound and a guinea turn the scale?—Yes, it will actually turn a man's vote.

68,030. A shilling?—Yes, the shilling.

John Newmarch.

JOHN NEWMARCH sworn, and examined.

68,031. Where do you live?—I live in Kingston Square, North Street.

68,032. What rent do you pay?—Five guineas.

68,033. What is your business?—I am a mariner, a sailor by trade.

68,034. You are a freeman?—Yes.

68,035. How long have you been a freeman?—In 1825, I believe, I took up my freedom.

68,036. Did you take it up yourself?—Yes, independent of anybody.

68,037. In 1841 did you vote for Hanmer and James?—I voted for O'Neil the first election.

68,038. But in 1841 did you vote for Hanmer and James?—Yes.

68,039. Were you paid for that?—Yes.

68,040. How much?—I got 30*s.* for the week, and I got a pound after; it would be twelve months after, I cannot say exactly.

68,041. Who paid you the first, the 30*s.*?—Mr. Bannister.

68,042. Who paid you the second sum?—I am sure I could not say; there was a lamp before the man, and I could not say who he was.

68,043. Where were you paid?—In Medley Street.

68,044. At the schoolmaster's house?—I think he was a painter.

68,045. Mr. Conkerton?—Yes, that is the name.

68,046. In 1847 who did you vote for?—For Baines and Brown.

68,047. Were you paid for that?—Yes.

68,048. How much were you paid?—I got 10*s.*

68,049. Who from?—From Mr. Brown, and I should have had 10*s.* from Mr. Baines, but Mr. Sidebottom robbed me of 5*s.* out of that; he only gave me 5*s.* instead of 10*s.*

68,050. Who paid you for Mr. Brown?—Mr. Bannister.

68,051. At the Blue Bell?—At his own office in Humber Street.

68,052. Before or after the election?—After the election.

68,053. Were you at Mr. Sidebottom's after the election?—Yes; he says to me, "I have

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68,054. Was there a riot?—No, it was all quietness.

68,055. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

68,056. Were you paid for that?—I was paid for being a messenger at the Prospect Street committee room.

68,057. Were you paid by Mr. Charles Wilkinson?—No.

68,058. Were you set down by him?—By a man called Steeple; I was at work three weeks there.

68,059. Is that the elder or the younger Steeple?—The younger set me down; the clerk in the committee room.

68,060. Who was the chairman there, Mr. Wilkinson?—Yes; I was paid on the Saturday night; I got put down on the Thursday, and I was paid 10*s.* on the Saturday night for the three days; and the next week I got three days more; the week after I got a sovereign for the full week, and the week after that I got 17*s.*, and the week after 13*s.* to make it up 30*s.* for the election week.

68,061. Was the 13*s.* money kept back from your weekly payments?—They were short of money.

68,062. They did not pay you in full?—No, they did not, and I was very sorry for it.

68,063. What did they back some of it for?—Well, they had not money enough to pay the men, and so they said they would give us a little on account.

68,064. Do you think it was to see which way you voted?—We had voted.

68,065. When did they pay you the difference?—The election was on the Thursday, if I am right, and on the Saturday night they gave us 17*s.*, and we said we always looked for 30*s.* for the election week, and they said they would see, and the week after we got 13*s.* which made up the 30*s.*

68,066. Do you think you would have got that if you had not voted for them?—I should not have voted for the other party.

68,067. Would they have paid you if you had not voted for them?—Well, I am sure I do not know; I should not have voted any other way.

68,068. You have told us that the blue party employed you?—Yes, I was always a blue.

68,069. When they employed you, you knew that they would expect you to vote for them if they did?—I was invited to Clay and Goderich's committee.

68,070. Answer my question. When they employed you, you knew that if they did so they would expect you to vote for them?—Yes, of course.

68,071. And they would not have given you employment unless they did know it?—I should have gone to the other party.

68,072. Did you not know that they would not have given you employment unless they did know it?—Well, I generally get a job that way at election times.

68,073. Will you answer my question: did you think they would have employed you unless they expected you to vote for them?—No, of course not. I did not know what you meant; I beg your pardon.

68,074. It was part of the agreement that you should vote for them?—I never promised them; as soon as the election comes, I go right away there, they know what I am.

68,075. You knew that they would not employ you unless they had expected you to vote for them?—I do not think they would have given me a job if they had not expected it.

68,076. Did you not accept it knowing that?—Yes.

68,077. And you took their money knowing that?—Of course, I got paid for my labour.

68,078. And you knew that if you did not vote for them they would not pay you anything after the election?—They knew I would vote for them.

68,079. Did you not know that if you did not vote for them they would not pay you?—Well, if they had not seen my name in the book, they would not have given me anything after the election on the Saturday; I did not understand you before.

John Hall.

JOHN HALL sworn, and examined.

68,080. Where do you live?—No. 2, Baker Street.

68,081. What rent do you pay?—I live in my own house; I pay no rent.

68,082. What is it rated at?—It is 30*l.* I think; but I am a freeman as well.

68,083. What is your business?—A merchant and a manufacturer.

68,084. You are a freeman you say?—Yes.

68,085. How long have you been a freeman?—Upwards of fifty years.

68,086. You have been well acquainted with the Hull elections?—Yes, at times.

68,087. You know what the system was before the Reform Bill?—I believe I do.

68,088. Did they give the two guineas, and the four?—They gave 2*l.* or two guineas.

68,089. They gave it without any disguise?—It was perfectly understood by the freemen.

68,090. Then after the Reform Bill, did the system a little change?—There was a revolution at the Reform Bill, and they did as well as they could.

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68,091. After the Reform Bill did they begin to give them some employment?—I believe they did.

68,092. It was employment to save appearances, was it not?—Possibly it might be so.

68,093. Do you believe it was?—I believe it was; it was an inference drawn by them that it should be so.

68,094. Did you vote at the election in 1841?—Yes.

68,095. Who for?—I think it was Hanmer and James.

68,096. Were you upon any committee?—I cannot answer that question, it is so long since.

68,097. Did you then canvass?—I might do so probably, if I was upon a committee, but I cannot charge my memory whether I was or not.

68,098. Can you recollect whether you took any part in the election of 1841?—No.

68,099. Do you think you did?—I think that I did not,—not as a committee man.

68,100. As a canvasser for the party?—I might possibly canvass a few.

68,101. Tell me whether you recollect doing so?—I cannot recollect that I did.

68,102. You do not know anything about it?—No, I do not.

68,103. You have no memory about it?—No.

68,104. Do you recollect making any arrangement at that election with any of the voters?—I do not think I did.

68,105. Do you know where you lived in 1841?—In George Street, I think.

68,106. John Hall, Dock Street, is that it?—That is it.

68,107. Now, in 1847 who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.

68,108. Were you acting for either ot those gentlemen?—Not particularly so.

68,109. What were you doing?—I was not on any committee, that is what I mean.

68,110. Do you recollect canvassing for either of those gentlemen?—Yes, I have canvassed for Mr. Baines.

68,111. Did parties apply to you to have their names set down?—No.

68,112. None?—None.

68,113. Did you not meet with that at all in your canvass, with any application to be set down as a runner?—I did not canvass as a committee man. If I fell in with any individual who I knew was a freeman, I gave him my opinion of the eligibility of the candidates.

68,114. You did not make any arrangements with the voters?—None whatever.

68,115. Did you make any arrangement with the Barton voters?—No.

68,116. Not on that occasion?—No.

68,117. Did you at all, in company with Mr. Joseph Mackerill?—No.

68,118. Do you know him?—Yes.

68,119. Did you take no part at that election?—None, but canvassing a few, as I have said.

68,120. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Moore and Butler.

68,121. Were you on any committee the last time?—No.

68,122. Did you take any active part this last time?—No; none whatever.

68,123. Did you make any arrangement with the Barton voters this time?—No.

68,124. Or with any of the outlying voters?—No, not one.

68,125. Have you had anything to do with the Barton voters at all?—A very great deal.

68,126. Have you, at any of the elections, used your influence at Barton?—No.

68,127. Or make any arrangement with the Barton voters?—No, not once.

68,128. Have you canvassed them?—Not once; I will tell you who did it, my late partner, Mr. William Burton; he had a great deal to do with them.

68,129. Is he alive?—No, he is dead; he had the control of the whole of them, I think.

68,130. At this election?—At most all of them, for the last thirty years.

68,131. Those are the Barton voters in the blue interest?—Yes.

60,132. Can you tell me whether he did so in 1841?—I do not know; I cannot answer that question.

68,133. Did he do so in 1847?—He was dead I think at that time.

68,134. It is a long time ago, then, since he did, if you think he did not arrange with them in 1841?—He has been dead about ten or eleven years.

68,135. You could not give me the names of the parties with whom he made the arrangement?—No; I am sure I cannot now, there are several of them dead.

68,136. Do you carry on business at Barton?—Yes, I do.

68,137. What are you?—A manufacturer.

68,138. Of what?—Of cordage and canvass.

68,139. Do you employ a good many men?—I do, a good many.

68,140. Can you give us any information about the monetary transactions of the lection?—All I know is, that the Barton voters, the generality of the voters there, the operatives, always expect to be paid; and from what I have known of them, they have received pay.

68,141. I dare say you know that the general understanding is, that whenever a man is employed, he is to vote for the party employing him?—Yes.

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68,142. And that if they are discharged from the employment, they take the vote with the employment?—Yes, they very often do.

68,143. If the employment goes the vote goes?—Of course.

68,144. And also at present, as to these outlying voters in the outlying towns, within the area of seven miles, is it not part of the system that they expect a considerable payment as for travelling expenses?—They do.

68,145. And they will not vote without it?—They will not.

68,146. They make that payment the condition of their vote?—Yes; there are very many of them to deal with. They band together in a clique, and there is a spokesman who acts for them.

68,147. The circumstance of a few living together in a village a few miles off, does that not in your judgment afford great facilities for combination among themselves to sell their votes?—It is a very convenient system to act upon. They band together as a body, and they generally have a spokesman amongst them who acts for the body.

68,148. Do you not know that there are many small clubs, as they may be called, in Hull also?—There are many parties who unite in Hull in the same kind of way no doubt; for instance, in the same trade. They work together, they combine together.

68,149. Or meet at some public house?—Yes; they meet at a public house, and they often have a club.

Henry Atkinson.

HENRY ATKINSON sworn, and examined.

68,150. Where do you live?—In York Street.

68,151. What is your business?—Oil miller.

68,152. What rent do you pay?—£6.

68,153. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

68,154. How long have you been a freeman?—Six years.

68,155. Did you pay for it yourself?—Yes.

68,156. Was the last election the first you voted at?—Yes.

68,157. Who did you vote for then?—Moore and Butler.

68,158. You were paid for that?—Yes.

68,159. How much did you get?—A sovereign.

68,160. Who from?—Mr. Croft, in Waverley Street.

68,161. Was that before or after you had voted?—A week after.

68,162. Were you paid at the committee room?—I was.

Adjourned until Monday, at ten o'clock.

FORTY-SEVENTH DAY.—August 1st, 1853.

G. W. Marshall.

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GEORGE WALTON MARSHALL recalled, and examined.

68,163. What is it you wish to explain; you said that you had 10*s.* from Colonel Thompson?—No; I said from his party.

68,164. Who paid you?—I could not recollect then, but John Peck paid me.

68,165. When did he pay you?—About a week after Colonel Thompson came out.

68,166. Where did he pay you?—In his own house.

68,167. How came you to remember this matter?—There is a paper put me in mind of it.

68,168. What paper?—The Hull news.

68,169. Have you been speaking with anybody about your evidence?—No; I only spoke to one of the people there; that is Mr. Larrard's son. He went with me to Mr. Peck's.

68,170. Who did?—Mr. Larrard's eldest son.

68,171. What did he take you to Mr. Peck's for?—He said I was set down, and he gave me the money when he went. His father was with Colonel Thompson.

68,172. Who remembered the matter?—My wife, when I came to speak to her.

68,173. Did Larrard come to you about the evidence you had given?—No; I never mentioned anything about the evidence.

68,174. He came to you about what you had said?—No, I went to his shop. My wife recollected it.

68,175. You are sure of that?—Yes.

68,176. You had the money from a Mr. Peck?—Yes.

68,177. And what from Colonel Thompson?—Four half-crowns they gave me; but Mr. Larrard did not see what money he gave me.

68,178. Was Mr. Larrard present?—Yes, when he paid it; but he did not see it. He gave it me all in a lump.

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68,179. Anything else?—No.

68,180. How long have you been in this ill state?—Twenty-three years.

68,181. Not able to get about except in a carriage?—No; I have had this invalid chair that I am now in for nineteen years last June.

Thomas Wilde.

THOMAS WILDE recalled, and examined.

68,182. We have understood, and wish to know whether it is correct, that the persons whose freedoms were paid for by the orange party in 1839 signed a paper?—They did.

68,183. All of them?—All of them, except two or three.

68,184. And those who would not sign that paper, you would not take the freedom up for?—We would not.

68,185. That paper was to the effect that they would pledge themselves?—It runs in these terms:—"We, the undersigned, pledge ourselves to vote for James Clay, Esq., and Colonel Thompson at the next general election." It was but very short. That is about the substance of it.

68,186. One person who has been here before stated that he signed a paper, but denied all knowledge of its contents?—That is impossible; he could not do that. He made himself look very simple in this court, but I assure you he is very sharp out of it.

68,187. Would the officers of the corporation be cognizant of such a paper being signed?—Yes.

68,188. Those officers who were present when the freedoms were taken up?—Yes; there was an officer present, but, as usual, he is dead; but I think the town clerk must have a copy of the payments.

68,189. Would the officers of the corporation then present have any opportunity of seeing that paper which was signed by the voters to vote for Mr. Clay?—I would not say that they saw it signed.

68,190. Would they have any opportunity of seeing the paper, so that they would know what was going on?—Yes.

68,191. The number was very large?—Yes.

68,192. Probably larger than ever occurred on any occasion of freedoms being taken up?—Never since the Reform Bill was there such a number of freedoms taken up in so short a time, and I can scarcely say so many in twelve months.

68,193. That alone is a circumstance that would attract the attention of the corporation, and would induce them to make inquiries?—Yes.

68,194. Do you know whether any paper was signed by the parties when freedom was conferred upon them by the blues?—No; there was not I believe.

68,195. You who were present can tell us whether they were actually cognizant of the circumstance?—They were equally aware of what was doing by the blues as well as the orange.

68,196. Immediately after the election in 1841 also some freedoms were taken up by the blue party as it has been stated to us. Are you cognizant of that?—Not personally; only from hearsay. I never went there any other time after that July.

68,197. It has been stated to us that the fact was so, and that the money was paid by a person of the name of Brown. Was that the same person who was present in 1839?—Yes.

68,198. Do you know who was the alderman or person who admitted these men to their freedom on that day?—They are admitted in public council assembled.

68,199. Do you know who presided?—The mayor would take the chair in 1839.

68,200. Who was that?—I think it was Mr. Cookman, but I am not certain.

68,201. Is he in Hull now?—Yes.

68,202. Have there been any freedoms taken up since that period by the orange party?—Not to my knowledge.

68,203. Taken up by themselves?—Yes, there have been plenty of freedoms taken up by the parties themselves.

68,204. But not in that way?—Not in that way, to my knowledge.

68,205. Nor by the blues?—Yes, I am told that they have on the other side.

Thomas Forsey.

THOMAS FORSEY sworn, and examined.

68,206. Where do you live?—North Street, Bridge Street.

68,207. What is your business?—A coal dealer.

68,208. What rent do you pay for a house?—My rent comes to about 7*l.* a year altogether.

68,209. When were you made a freeman?—In 1831, I think.

68,210. At your own expense?—No.

68,211. What party paid for it?—Mr. Samuel Brown paid my expenses.

68,212. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—I did.

68,213. Who for?—Hanmer and James.

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68,214. Did you get some money for your vote?—I got paid for my employment; I got a sovereign or 30*s.* for running., I am not able to say to a few shillings.

68,215. Would you say 25*s.*?—You may say that would be the outside; 30*s.* would.

68,216. Shall I say a pound?—Yes.

68,217. Who paid you?—I think Mr. Brown. If I recollect right, the same Mr. Brown that took the freedoms up.

68,218. Where did he pay you?—In Bowlalley Lane.

68,219. As he had taken up your freedom you felt yourself a little obliged to that party?—I do not know that. I had given him part of the money towards taking it up.

68,220. Did you apply to be set down as a runner?—I did.

68,221. How long before the election?—I think the election had started at the time.

68,222. And you meant to vote for that party?—Yes, I did.

68,223. And you intended them to understand you so?—I never was asked such a question when the freedom was taken up.

68,224. But you intended that they should understand that you meant to vote for them when you got the employment?—Yes, I did

68,225. And you did vote for them?—Yes.

68,226. Who did you vote for in 1847?—Baines and Brown.

68,227. Were you employed then?—Yes.

68,228. Where?—For Mr. Baines.

68,229. Did you get any money for your vote and services?—Yes; about three weeks after I went to Mr. Sidebottom. I had to go out of town three days after the election and came back in three weeks; and then I went to Mr. Sidebottom, and he gave me three half-crowns.

68,230. Where?—In his office, Parliament Street.

68,231. What for?—For services, three days' running at the election.

68,232. Did you get something from Mr. Brown?—Half a sovereign.

68,233. Was that all you got from Mr. Baines?—Yes.

68,234. When were you paid for Mr. Brown?—I got half a sovereign the night before the election.

68,235. Where?—I think at the Bay Horse, Scott Street Corner.

68,236. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

68,237. How much did you get then?—A guinea.

68,238. Who paid you?—Mr. Purdon.

68,239. Where did he pay you?—He paid me half a sovereign the Monday morning before the election; and the other two or three days after.

68,240. Did you apply to be set down?—Yes.

68,241. And you meant to vote for them?—Yes.

William Forsey.

WILLIAM FORSEY sworn, and examined.

68,242. Where do you live?—In Sykes Street.

68,243. What business are you?—A cordwainer.

68,244. What rent do you pay?—£10 5*s.*

68,245. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

68,246. When were you made a freeman?—About forty-one years since.

68,247. At whose expense?—My own.

68,248. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes.

68,249. Who for?—Clay and Hanmer.

68,250. Did you get any money at that election for your vote?—I do not know that I did.

68,251. You have been thinking of it, I suppose. Now what do you say,—did you get any money?—I do not recollect whether I did or not.

68,252. Will you swear you did not?—No; I will not swear I did not.

68,253. How much do you think you got; how much would it be?—I do not know whether they gave me 10*s.* or no.

68,254. It was 10*s.*, in consequence of your having split, instead of a sovereign?—Most likely.

68,255. In 1847 were you a runner for Mr. Brown?—No; I did not run for Mr. Brown.

68,256. Clay, Baines, and Brown were the candidates?—I voted for Baines and Brown.

68,257. How much money did you get then?—I think I got nothing but pay for a committee room.

68,258. How much?—30*s.*, for five days.

68,259. Where was your room?—In Sykes Street.

68,260. What committee met at it?—Mr. Newmarch's.

68,261. Were there other men there?—Yes, ten or a dozen.

68,262. Was that a room for Mr. Baines or Mr. Brown?—Mr. Baines.

68,263. What number in Sykes Street?—No. 14.

68,264. Do you live there now?—I live at No. 12 now.

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68,265. Did you then live at No. 14?—Yes.
68,266. You got some money besides that, did you not, for your vote?—No.
68,267. Or services?—No; I got no money but that.
68,268. None?—No; not that I know of.
68,269. When were you paid for that room?—Three weeks after the election. I was out of town at the time.
68,270. Who were you paid by?—At Mr. Sidebottom's.
68,271. Did you apply to have your room taken?—No; they were looking for a room.
68,272. Did they come to you?—Yes, they did.
68,273. Did you say that Mr. Newmarch came there after he took the room?—Yes.
68,274. Every day?—I do not know for that. Most likely they were in and out to do as they thought proper.
68,275. How many days?—Five days.
68,276. What did they do there?—They took names down for people for promises, and such like.
68,277. And they took your name down, did they?—Yes, most likely.
68,278. They put you down?—Yes.
68,279. For a promise?—Yes.
68,280. Just remember whether you did not get some money besides that for the room?—No, I think not.
68,281. Did you get some of Mr. Brown's money?—I do not know that I did.
68,282. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
68,283. How much money did you get?—1*l.* 4*s.*
68,284. Who paid you?—I do not know what they call him. It was a young man, a clerk.
68,285. Where?—In Saville Street.
68,286. When?—I do not know the day when.
68,287. Was it before the election, or after?—After the election, I think.
68,288. Did you get it all at once?—Yes.
68,289. Were you set down?—Yes.
68,290. As a runner?—Yes.
68,291. And you meant to vote for them?—Yes.
68,292. And you did vote for them?—Yes.

John Foster.

JOHN FOSTER sworn, and examined.

68,293. Where do you live?—Church Street, Drypool.
68,294. What is your business?—A whitesmith.
68,295. What rent do you pay?—£8.
68,296. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
68,297. When were you made a freeman?—In 1839.
68,298. At whose expense?—I paid a trifle, 4*s.*, a part of it. I do not know whether it was at my own expense or not.
68,299. Was it your own money?—Yes, that part.
68,300. How much did they pay towards your freedom?—I do not know.
68,301. Who did you vote for in 1841?—The orange party.
68,302. Clay and Thompson?—Yes.
68,303. Then, in consequence of their taking up your freedom, you voted for them at the next election?—Yes; I voted for them.
68,304. You voted for them because they paid for your freedom?—Not exactly that; my inclination was that way.
68,305. Did you sign the paper to say that you would?—I signed no paper.
68,306. It is sworn that you did, and the paper is in existence now?—Not that I am aware of.
68,307. Every party whose freedom was taken up by the orange party, in 1839, signed a paper. It has been proved by Mr. Wilde this morning, and your name is in it. Do you deny it?—I am not aware that I signed any paper to promise.
68,308. You do not recollect it?—No.
68,309. Were you set down as a runner that election?—No.
68,310. Did you get any money?—No.
68,311. Did you get any money at all at that election?—No.
68,312. Who did you vote for in 1847?—The orange party.
68,313. Who did you vote for?—It would be for Clay. I never voted for any other party but for the orange.
68,314. Were you not a runner for Mr. Brown?—No.
68,315. How much money did you get, in 1847, for Mr. Clay?—None.
68,316. Were you set down anywhere?—No.
68,317. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
68,318. Did you receive any money then?—Yes.
68,319. How much?—17*s.* 6*d.* for five days' services.
68,320. Where were you paid?—At Mr. Galloway's office.

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68,321. When ?—I got part before the election and part after.
68,322. Were you set down as a runner ?—I believe so.
68,323. Did you intend them to understand that you should vote for them ?—No ; they did not know anything about that.
68,324. You did not say so ?—No ; I never promised.
68,325. When you applied for employment did you tell them you should not ?—There was never anything said about that.
68,326. Did you mean to vote for them ?—Yes.
68,327. Do you think that they understood you did mean to vote for them when they paid you ?—Yes, I should think they would.
68,328. When you went into the orange committee, and took the orange money, they would expect you to vote for them ?—Of course they would.
68,329. And they would not have paid you without ?—No.

Joseph Foster.

JOSEPH FOSTER sworn, and examined.

68,330. Where do you live ?—Foster's Court, Humber Street.
68,331. What is your business ?—A mariner.
68,332. What rent ?—£5.
68,333. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.
68,334. When were you made free ?—1818.
68,335. At whose expense ?—Mr. Mitchell's.
68,336. Did you vote at the election in 1841 ?—No, I think not; not to my recollection, I think ; but if I did vote it would be for Colonel Thompson, but I do not recollect.
68,337. Did you live in Church Lane then ?—Yes.
68,338. Clay and Thompson ?—Then I did vote.
68,339. Do you recollect if you got any money ?—No ; that I am certain I did not.
68,340. In 1847 who did you vote for ?—Brown and Baines.
68,341. Did you get some money at that election ?—Yes.
68,342. What for ?—Ten shillings, for a runner.
68,343. Who for ?—Brown.
68,344. Was your name set down anywhere ?—Yes ; set down in the committee room in Hale's Entry.
68,345. Did you apply to have it set down ?—I did.
68,346. And you meant to vote for them, of course ?—I did.
68,347. When paid ?—A few days after the election. I cannot say to a day.
68,348. Who paid you ?—I think Mr. Mitchell, the tobacconist.
68,349. Did you get any money for Mr. Baines ?—No.
68,350. Who did you vote for in 1852 ?—Bramley Moore, and Butler.
68,351. Set down ?—I was.
68,352. Did you apply to be set down ?—I did.
68,353. And you intended them to understand you would vote for them, I suppose ?—I attended at the committee room four days as a runner.
68,354. Did you intend them to understand you would vote for them ?—Yes.
68,355. How much money did you get ?—£1.
68,356. When were you paid ?—The day after the election.
68,357. Who paid you ?—I think one of the clerks, but I do not know the man's name.

Joseph Fox.

JOSEPH FOX sworn, and examined.

68,358. Where do you live ?—No. 7, Damoris Square, Garden Street.
68,359. What is your business ?—A sailmaker.
68,360. What rent do you pay ?—£6.
68,361. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.
68,362. When were you made free ?—In 1818.
68,363. Did you vote at the election of 1841 ?—Yes.
68,364. Who for ?—Hanmer and James.
68,365. Were you a runner then ?—Yes.
68,366. Did you apply to have your name set down ?—Yes.
68,367. How much did you get ?—Thirty shillings.
68,368. When were you paid ?—10*s.* before and 1*l.* after.
68,369. Who paid you ?—Mr. Bannister.
68,370. Both sums ?—I do not know whether he paid me both or not, I am sure ; or whether his clerk paid me the 10*s.*, and he paid me the 1*l.*, I could not say.
68,371. Where were you paid ?—In Waterwork Street, at Tesseyman's.
68,372. In 1847 who did you vote for ?—I bulleted for Baines.
68,373. Did you get any money then ?—Ten shillings.
68,374. What for ?—Running. It ought to have been a pound.

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68,375. Did you apply to have your name set down ?—Yes.
68,376. Where ?—At the Paragon.
68,377. How long did you run ?—Five days.
68,378. Did you say you should vote for them ?—Yes.
68,379. When you applied ?—Yes.
68,380. And when were you paid ?—I was paid three weeks after.
68,381. Who by ?—Mr. Sidebottom.
68,382. At the last election who did you vote for ?—Moore and Butler.
68,383. Did you get your name set down ?—Yes.
68,384. On your own application ?—Yes.
68,385. How much money did you get ?—45*s.*, I think.
68,386. When were you paid ?—Before and after.
68,387. How much before, and how much after ?—I could hardly say ; I was paid by the week.
68,388. Who paid you ?—Mr. Wride.
68,389. Were you paid the last after the election ?—Yes.
68,390. Was there some money in arrear besides that week ?—No, I think not ; they paid us up, I believe, or else they would not give us any.
68,391. You were at Legitt's, were you ?—Yes.

John Frankland.

JOHN FRANKLAND sworn, and examined.

68,392. Where do you live ?—In Grimston Street, No. 4.
68,393. What is your business ?—A dealer in marine stores.
68,394. What rent do you pay ?—£12.
68,395. Are you a freeman ?—No.
68,396. At what election were you first entitled to vote ?—The last one. I was out of town before.
68,397. Were you entitled to vote at the election of 1841 or 1847 ?—Both, but I was out of town both times.
68,398. You were on the register ?—I am sure I could not say.
68,399. At the last election who did you vote for ?—Moore and Butler.
68,400. Were you set down as a runner ?—Yes ; two days.
68,401. At which room ?—At the committee room.
68,402. Did you apply ?—Yes, I did.
68,403. And ask them to set you down ?—Yes.
68,404. When were you paid ?—About, I think, three weeks after the election.
68,405. How much ?—Half a sovereign.
68,406. Who by ?—Purdon, the clerk.

Thomas Garforth.

THOMAS GARFORTH sworn, and examined.

68,407. Where do you live ?—Brook Street.
68,408. What business are you ?—A poultry man
68,409. What rent do you pay ?—£15.
68,410. Are you a freeman ?—No.
68,411. At which election were you first entitled to vote as a householder ?—I polled for Colonel Thompson in 1841.
68,412. Anybody else ?—Only Thompson.
68,413 Did you get any money for your vote ?—No.
68,414. Did you receive any money at all that election ?—No ; not a farthing.
68,415. Not anything ?—Not at all.
68,416. Did you not vote for Mr. Clay also ?—No ; only Thompson.
68,417. The next election, 1847, who did you vote for ?—Mr. Brown.
68,418. Did you get some money then ?—Yes.
68,419. How much ?—I got a sovereign.
68,420. When were you paid ?—Mr. Bannister paid me.
68,421. Where did he pay you ?—He paid me at the Blue Bell.
68,422. After the election ?—A day or two after.
68,423. In 1852 who did you vote for ?—Moore and Butler.
68,424. Did you get any money ?—Yes ; I got a sovereign.
68,425. Whose money was it ?—M. Steeple paid me.
68,426. Was it paid before or after you voted ?—About a week after.
68,427. Were you set down as a runner ?—Yes.
68,428. Did you apply to be put down ?—Yes.

JOHN CLARKSON sworn, and examined. *John Clarkson.*

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68,429. Where do you live?—No. 35, Hessle Road.
68,430. What is your business?—Hair dealer.
68,431. What rent do you pay?—Ten guineas.
68,432. Are you also a freeman?—No.
68,433. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—1852.
68,434. You did not vote before that?—No.
68,435. Why did you not vote before 1852?—I had not the opportunity; the rent did not entitle me at that time.
68,436. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Clay and Goderich.
68,437. Were you set down as a runner?—No.
68,438. Did you receive any money?—No.
68,439. Had you a room?—No.
68,440. Did you receive any money at all?—No.

ISAAC GIBSON sworn, and examined. *Isaac Gibson.*

68,441. Where do you live?—No. 3, Waterwork Street.
68,442. What business are you?—My business is certainly an engineer, but carrying on in the shop the confectionery business.
68,443. What rent do you pay?—About nineteen guineas.
68,444. Are you a freeman?—No; not of Hull at least.
68,445. At which election were you entitled to vote first?—The last.
68,446. Who for?—Moore and Butler.
68,447. Were you employed at all in any way?—No.
68,448. You were set down at the Minerva Terrace?—Not that I am aware of.
68,449. Where were you?—I was working out of town, at Grimsby.
68,450. Did they not talk to you about your vote?—I had several parties asked me both sides; I never promised.
68,451. Did they ask to set your name down?—They did ask to set my name down, but I would not promise.
68,452. Did you say "Do as you like"?—Not that I am aware of.
68,453. Was that the answer you gave?—As near as I could tell I should not promise anyone.
68,454. There is a difference between making a promise and saying they may set your name down?—I made no promise further than that.
68,455. That you should not promise?—I should not promise anyone.
68,456. Are you one of the men that Mr. Barkworth's clerk fetched over from Grimsby?—No.
68,457. You got no money at all, did you?—Not that I am aware of; I did not see any.
68,458. Do not say aware of. If you got money you must be aware of it?—I did not see any money at the election.
68,459. Answer the question?—I can tell you what I did. I came from Grimsby at my own expense, and was here three days, and got nothing for it.
68,460. Did your wife get anything?—She did not know which way I was going to vote.
68,461. She might have got it after?—I cannot say.
68,462. Did anybody get any money on your account?—I cannot say.
68,463. Did anybody get any to hand over to you?—Not that I am aware of.
68,464. Do you mean to swear you never had any money?—I do not know that I got anything.
68,465. Do you think you could have got it without knowing it?—Decidedly; at times you may get it, and not know it.
68,466. You will not swear you did not get it?—I will not swear I did not get it, and I will not swear I did.
68,467. Your name being down in Minerva Terrace, we shall most likely conclude you did?—You can do so.
68,468. Will you swear you did not get any money?—Not for the election, I did not.
68,469. In any way connected with the election?—Not before or after.
68,470. Afterwards did you?—I received some few shillings after the election towards my expenses, but that was about six weeks after.
68,471. How much did you get?—Something like between 15*s.* and 16*s.*, I cannot say exactly.
68,472. You came from Grimsby?—I did so at my own expense.
68,473. How much did it cost?—I took a second class ticket here and back, and lost three days' wages.
68,474. Tell me the fare?—2*s.* each way, and then there is my 5*s.* 6*d.* a day during the time I was here.

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68,475. Do you mean to say the fare is the same each way if you take a return ticket?—I had not the chance of doing that.

68,476. You might have got a return ticket and not used it?—Perhaps I might if I had come the Thursday morning.

68,477. What made you stay so long?—Business caused me to stop.

68,478. Your own business?—No; the master's business that I came on.

68,479. He paid you for that?—No, he did not.

68,480. Who canvassed you to come?—No one.

68,481. Do you mean you were not canvassed at all at Grimsby?—I never was canvassed; I never saw the members, nor yet an agent at Grimsby.

William Good.

WILLIAM GOOD sworn, and examined.

68,482. Where do you live?—No. 10, Russell Street.

68,483. What business are you?—A grocer.

68,484. What rent do you pay?—£16.

68,485. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

68,486. When were you made a freeman?—In 1838, I think.

68,487. At your own expense?—No.

68,488. By which party?—The Conservative.

68,489. The blue party you mean?—Yes.

68,490. In consequence of that did you vote for the blues at the 1841 election?—Yes.

68,491. That would be for Hanmer and James?—Yes.

68,492. Did you receive any money at that election?—I received a sovereign.

68,493. Were you on any committee?—Yes.

68,494. Were you a committee man?—Only just to put casual names down.

68,495. Where did you do that?—I cannot remember where the committee room was.

68,496. You can remember that?—I can tell you where I was paid.

68,497. I want to know where you set the names down, and what sort of names they were?—Anyone who came casually into the room.

68,498. And applied for employment as runners?—Yes.

68,499. Who employed you to do that?—I cannot tell, I am sure.

68,500. Who paid you; you told me you could tell me that?—I cannot tell the gentleman, but I was paid in Medley Street.

68,501. Do you not remember the person who paid you or employed you?—I do not; I do not know the gentleman who paid me.

68,502. Was it the same committee?—It was the committee room in Medley Street.

68,503. Were you employed by the committee to do this?—Yes.

68,504. Did you have a separate room for the purpose?—I was with others.

68,505. Other committee men, or who were they?—Connected with the committee.

68,506. Was there a committee sitting at the same place?—Yes.

68,507. How much were you paid?—I received a sovereign after the election was over.

68,508. How long were you employed?—About a week.

68,509. Was your name set down on any list?—I believe it was.

68,510. Did you apply to have it on?—No; I did not apply for it.

68,511. Do you mean you were employed as a clerk?—Yes.

68,512. Were you a member of the committee also?—No.

68,513. Surely you can tell us who employed you. Did they come to your house an ask for employment or what?—I cannot tell you for that election; I can for the last.

68,514. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Brown and Baines.

68,515. Did you receive any money then?—No.

68,516. No money at all?—No.

68,517. Were you employed at all?—No.

68,518. Not for either party?—No.

68,519. Did you have any room taken?—No.

68,520. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

68,521. You were set down, were you not?—Yes.

68,522. In West Sculcoates was it?—Yes.

68,523. Did you apply to be set down?—No.

68,524. What were you put down for?—To attend at the committee room to take casual names down of any voters that might come.

68,525. The same way as in 1841?—Yes.

68,526. Can you tell us who employed you?—Mr. Cattley.

68,527. Did you do that in a separate room?—No.

68,528. Or in the committee room?—In the committee room.

68,529. How much did you get?—25*s*.

68,530. Did you apply for employment that time?—No.

68,531. Did they send for me?—They sent for me.

68,532. When were you paid?—About a fortnight after the election.

68,533. Who paid you?—Mr. Richard Cattley, junior.

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68,534. At the committee room?—No; at his own office in High Street.
68,535. How much?—25*s*.
68,536. How long were you clerk this time?—Above a week.
68,537. Did they pay any part of it before?—No; about a fortnight after.
68,538. How many days did you attend the committee?—Seven or eight days; eight or nine days probably.
68,539. What is your business generally?—A merchant's clerk in this town.
68,540. Was the gentleman obliged to get another clerk while you were away?—I was out of a situation at the time.
68,541. Have you got one now?—No.
68,542. Were you out of work in 1841?—No.
68,543. What did you do with your own employment?—I got leave.
68,544. Did you get paid?—I got paid for my situation.
68,545. And got paid during your leave for those who employed you then?—Yes.
68,546. Why did you not get paid till after the election; was it because they wanted to see which way you voted?—No.
68,547. Why not?—I never promised any one.
68,548. In 1841 you voted, because they took up your freedom?—Yes.
68,549. You made them that return?—Yes; in 1838 they took it up.
68,550. When they took your freedom up you knew that was the condition of their paying?—I was under no control to vote for them at all; I never promised them.
68,551. You knew when they paid for your freedom they did so in order that you might vote for them at the next election?—That was not the understanding.
68,552. Why did they pay for it?—I could have voted for the orange or the blues.
68,553. Did they tell you so?—No; they never named it.
68,554. Do you think they would have paid for your freedom if you had not voted blue?—I never told them.
68,555. Do you think in your own mind they would have paid for you if you had told them you would vote orange?—I do not think they would.
68,556. Were you not convinced in your own mind that they would not?—It is not very natural they would.
68,557. You took the money on that condition?—As an honourable man I voted for them because they had done so.
68,558. You had no agreement in writing?—No.
68,559. Supposing you had voted orange, should you not have thought yourself bound as an honest man to pay the money back to the blues, who took your freedom up?—I should.

Charles Goodreck

CHARLES GOODRECK sworn, and examined.

68,560. Where do you live?—Jackson Street, Neptune Street.
68,561. What business are you?—A shipwright.
68,562. What rent do you pay?—£9 4*s*.
68,563. When were you made a freeman?—In 1846, I think.
68,564. At your own expense?—Yes.
68,565. Did you vote in 1847?—I did not.
68,566. Why not?—I was not on the book.
68,567. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
68,568. Did you apply to get set down?—No, I did not.
68,569. Did they set you down?—No.
68,570. As a runner?—No.
68,571. Did you get any money?—No.
68,572. Your name is down, I think, in the South Myton list as a runner?—Yes; it may be down in the South Myton, but not as a runner.
68,573. The South Myton gentlemen have sent your name in to us as one of the runners?—They have done wrong, I was no runner.
68,574. Did you get any money?—Not a farthing.
68,575. Were you asked for any?—Never asked for it.
68,576. They canvassed you?—I told them I should poll for who I chose, and being an independent man I polled for who I chose. I was not compelled.
68,577. Did they say they would set you down as a runner?—They said they should set me down, and I told them they need not, because I should not tell them I should poll that way.
68,578. It was at the Pottery they were set down?—Yes.
68,579. When did you first know you were set down at the Pottery?—I did not know I was set down as a runner.
68,580. What time were you first set down in the Pottery?—I have always lived in the Pottery.
68,581. They canvassed you there?—Yes, both parties.
68,582. Did they ever tell you they had set your name down as a runner?—No; they did not.
68,583. Was ever anything said about it?—No; they never asked me to be a runner, and I never applied for a situation.

Samuel Gould.

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SAMUEL GOULD sworn, and examined.

68,584. Where do you live?—Thornton Terrace.
68,585. What business are you?—Currier.
68,586. What rent do you pay for a house?—£8.
68,587. When were you made a freeman?—I think about eleven years ago.
68,588. In 1839 was it?—I do not know I am sure exactly.
68,589. Which party took up your freedom for you?—I took it up myself.
68,590. In 1841 did you vote?—No.
68,591. Were you not entitled to vote?—No.
68,592. In 1847 did you vote?—Yes.
68,593. Who for?—Mr. Brown.
68,594. Did you get any money?—Yes.
68,595. How much?—A sovereign.
68,596. When did you get paid?—I got paid half before and half after.
68,597. Were you set down on a list?—Yes; I believe so.
68,598. Did you apply to be?—I was sent for.
68,599. And you gave them leave to put your name down?—Yes.
68,600. Who paid you?—Mr. Collison I think they call the man; I am not sure.
68,601. Where?—The Black Horse, Carr Lane.
68,602. The last election did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
68,603. I believe your name was put down in the Market Place?—Yes.
68,604. Did you apply to be set down?—I was called on, and I was in their favour I told them, and I went to the committee room.
68,605. And they set your name down?—Yes.
68,606. Did you get some money?—Yes.
68,607. How much?—35*s.*
68,608. When paid?—Part before and part after.
68,609. Who paid you?—Mr. Atkin paid me part, and I am sure I do not know who paid the other, I cannot say.

Thomas Gould.

THOMAS GOULD sworn, and examined.

68,610. Where do you live?—In Moxon Street.
68,611. What business are you?—A tailor.
68,612. What rent do you pay?—I pay none.
68,613. Are you a lodger?—I am in lodgings with a daughter of mine.
68,614. When were you made a freeman?—In O'Neil's election.
68,615. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.
68,616. Who for?—Hanmer and James.
68,617. Did you get any money?—Yes.
68,618. How much?—I cannot tell you, to tell you honest.
68,619. £1?—It may be 30*s.*, I will not say.
68,620. Do not put it too high?—About 1*l.*
68,621. Who paid you?—I am sure I cannot tell who paid me then.
68,622. Where was it?—I believe in Osborne Street, at Mr. Walker's, the Tynemouth Castle.
68,623. After you voted?—Yes.
68,624. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I bulleted for Brown.
68,625. Did you get any money for your vote then?—Yes.
68,626. How much?—Half a sovereign.
68,627. Was that before?—Before the polling day.
68,628. Who paid you that?—Mr. Collison, and then I got 25*s.* after.
68,629. Who paid you that?—Mr Collison.
68,630. In 1852 who did you vote for, the last election?—Moore and Butler.
68,631. How much did you get for your vote?—I got nothing for my vote.
68,632. How much money did you get?—I got 3*l.*
68,633. Did you apply to have your name set down?—Yes.
68,634. Where did you apply?—At the committee room.
68,635. When did they pay you?—Some before and some after.
68,636. How much before?—I got 30*s.* after the election.
68,637. Who paid you that?—Mr. Collison.
68,638. And who paid you before?—Mr. Collison.
68,639. He paid you both?—Yes.
68,640. What was it for if it was not for your vote?—For running; for work.
68,641. What was the sum paid after?—30*s.*
68,642. How much?—30*s.*
68,643. How much of that 30*s.* do you think you would have got if you had not voted for Moore and Butler?—I was always a blue.
68,644. How much would you have got if you had not voted for them?—I should have got it if I had been at work.

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68,645. Supposing you had voted for Clay and Goderich?—I should have got the same.

68,646. If you had voted for the orange do you think the blues would have paid you?—The man told me so.

68,647. Who told you so?—Mr. Whinam.

68,648. Did he tell you he should pay the money whether you voted for them or not?—No.

68,649. What did he say?—He asked me if I would be put on as a runner for so many days, and I said no, I was on for the blue party.

68,650. Mr. Whinam is for the orange party?—Yes.

68,651. And he said he would pay you as much if you voted for them?—Yes.

68,652. You got 30*s.* afterwards from Mr. Collison?—Yes.

68,653. How much money do you think Mr. Collison would have given you for the blues, if you had voted for the orange party?—He would not have given me a farthing.

W. Goldsmith.

William Goldsmith sworn, and examined.

68,654. Where do you live?—No. 3, Elijah Street.

68,655. What business are you?—I am out of business.

68,656. What rent do you pay?—I am a lodger.

68,657. When were you made a freeman?—In 1810.

68,658. At your own expense probably?—Yes, I believe it was.

68,659. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes, I believe I did.

68,660. Who did you vote for?—Thompson.

68,661. Only?—I think I split my vote.

68,662. Did you receive any money that election?—Yes, I believe I did.

68,663. How much did you get?—30*s.*, I think.

68,664. Had you your name set down?—Yes.

68,665. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Brown.

68,666. How much money did you get then?—£1.

68,667. When were you paid?—After the election.

68,668. Who paid you?—I cannot tell you.

68,669. Where were you paid?—It was, I believe, in Chariot Street.

68,670. Was your name set down at that election?—No; it was not set down, I believe; they paid me for my vote.

68,671. In 1852?—Moore and Butler.

68,672. Did they pay you for your vote?—Yes.

68,673. How much?—A sovereign.

68,674. Who paid you?—Charles Brown.

68,675. After the election?—After the election.

68,676. At what place?—At his own house.

68,677. Where does he live?—On the Drain side, Cottingham Terrace.

68,678. How long after?—Perhaps a fortnight after.

68,679. Will you yourself say, as an old freeman, that when people are paid in this kind of way, the vote is always understood to go with the employment; is that not so?—Yes; I voted for it.

68,680. Was it at the committee room Charles Brown paid you?—No; at his own house.

68,681. Were there other people paid at the same time?—I did not see any one else paid.

68,682. Did you see other people waiting?—No.

William Graby.

William Graby sworn, and examined.

68,683. Where do you live?—No. 4, Richard's Place, Osborne Street.

68,684. What is your business?—A wood turner.

68,685. What rent do you pay?—£7 10*s.*

68,686. When were you made a freeman?—1832.

68,687. At whose expense?—My own expense.

68,688. Did you vote in 1841?—I believe I did.

68,689. Who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.

68,690. Did you receive any money for your vote at that election?—30*s.*

68,691. Who paid you?—I did not receive it myself, my wife received it.

68,692. Did she not tell you where she got it from?—I think not.

68,693. Was it after the election?—Yes.

68,694. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.

68,695. Did you get any money at that election?—Yes.

68,696. How much?—30*s.*

68,697. Who paid you?—Mr. Bannister.

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68,698. When were you paid?—After the election.
68,699. At what place?—The Blue Bell, in Prospect Street.
68,700. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
68,701. Did you receive any money at that election?—Yes.
68,702. How much?—30*s.*
68,703. Who paid you?—Mr. Croft.
68,704. When did he pay you?—After the election.
68,705. Where did he pay you?—At the committee room in Waverley Street.

William Gray

WILLIAM GRAY sworn, and examined.

68,706. Where do you live?—Cook's Court.
68,707. What is your business?—A beer retailer.
68,708. What rent do you pay?—£16.
68,709. Are you a freeman also?—No.
68,710. At what election were you entitled to vote first?—1847.
68,711. Who did you vote for then?—Clay and Baines, I believe.
68,712. Did you receive any money for your vote?—No.
68,713. Did you receive any money at all?—No.
68,714. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
68,715. Did you get your name set down?—Yes.
68,716. Did you apply for it?—Yes.
68,717. Where did you get it set down?—Osborne Street.
68,718. South Myton?—Yes.
68,719. You voted for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
68,720. What money did you get?—A sovereign.
68,721. Who paid you?—Charles Wells.
68,722. Where did he pay you?—At his office in George Yard.
68,723. When?—Three weeks after the election.
68,724. Is that all you got?—All, every farthing.

W. S. Griffin.

WILLIAM SEMMERS GRIFFIN sworn, and examined.

68,725. Where do you live?—I live at the Pottery, English Street.
68,726. What is your business?—I am a labourer.
68,727. What rent do you pay for your premises?—The house is my own.
68,728. What are you rated at?—£10.
68,729. When were you made a freeman?—It was at Wrightson and Sebanswar's election.
68,730. At the election of 1841 did you vote?—Yes, I did.
68,731. Who did you choose?—The two blues.
68,732. Hanmer and James?—Yes.
68,733. Did you get your name set down for them as a runner?—I am sure I cannot answer that question; my recollection has run away from me, so I will not answer.
68,734. Did you get any money?—I am sure I cannot tell whether I did or not, I cannot say; that is a question I cannot answer.
68,735. You got something, did you not?—I do not know whether I did or not, I cannot answer at this time.
68,736. Did you run anywhere?—No; I never ran anywhere.
68,737. At that time, in 1841?—No.
68,738. What do you believe; did you get any money or not?—I do not think I did; I really cannot answer the question.
68,739. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I voted for Baines and Brown.
68,740. Did you get set down at that election?—No; I never received a farthing for anything, I believe; I can answer that.
68,741. Did you get nothing for either of them?—No; neither for Mr. Baines nor Mr. Brown; I can answer that.
68,742. You got a good deal of money then?—No; I do not know anything at all about it.
68,743. At the last election, 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
68,744. Your name was set down, I think?—I got 17*s.* as a runner; it was Mr. Side-bottom, Baines' people.
68,745. At the Minerva?—I am sure I do not know whether it was there; somewhere I know.
68,746. Who did pay you?—That I do not know.
68,747. When?—After the election.

GEORGE GROVER sworn, and examined.

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68,748. Where do you live?—No. 7, Caroline Street, Spencer Street.
68,749. What is your business?—A carpenter.
68,750. What rent do you pay?—I live with my father.
68,751. Are you a lodger?—Yes.
68,752. When were you made a freeman?—In 1847.
68,753. Did you vote at that election?—No.
68,754. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Moore and Butler.
68,755. I believe your name was set down at the South Myton district committee room?—North Myton, Prospect Street.
68,756. Did you apply to get your name set down?—Yes.
68,757. As a runner?—Yes.
68,758. Did you receive some money?—Yes.
68,759. How much did you get?—A sovereign.
68,760. When were you paid?—A fortnight after the election.
68,761. Who by?—Mr. Steeple.
68,762. Were you paid at your house?—At his house.
68,763. You went there?—Yes.
68,764. How came you to go to Mr. Steeple?—I heard parties talking that he was paying a sovereign, and so I went there.

JAMES YEAL GROVER sworn, and examined.

J. Y. Grover.

68,765. Where do you live?—Caroline Street, Spencer Street.
68,766. What is your business?—A cabinetmaker.
68,767. What rent do you pay?—£6 10*s.*
68,768. When were you made a freeman?—In 1820.
68,769. At your own expense?—Yes.
68,770. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.
68,771. Who did you vote for?—I voted for the blues.
68,772. Hanmer and James?—Yes.
68,773. Did you apply to be set down as a runner?—Yes.
68,774. How much did you get?—A sovereign.
68,775. Who paid you?—I do not recollect; I think Mr. Bannister.
68,776. After the election?—Yes.
68,777. Where?—At the Blue Bell, I believe.
68,778. In 1847 that would be?—It would be Mr. Brown's election.
68,779. In 1847 who paid you?—I am sure I cannot recollect.
68,780. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.
68,781. Did you get some money then for your vote?—A sovereign.
68,782. Who paid you?—Mr. Bannister.
68,783. After you voted?—Yes.
68,784. In 1852 who did you vote for; at the last election?—The blues.
68,785. Moore and Butler?—Yes.
68,786. Did you apply to have your name set down?—I did.
68,787. How much money did you get?—A sovereign.
68,788. Who paid you?—Mr. Steeple.
68,789. At his house?—Yes.
68,790. After the election?—Yes.
68,791. You voted in 1837, I think?—Yes.

JAMES HADDON, jun., sworn, and examined.

J. Haddon, jun.

68,792. Where do you live?—Pease Street.
68,793. What is your business?—A painter.
68,794. What rent do you pay?—It is my own house.
68,795. What is it rated at?—I am rated with other houses; I pay rates about 50*l.* a year.
68,796. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
68,797. When were you made a freeman?—1841.
68,798. 1839, perhaps?—It was just before the election.
68,799. A good many were taken up in 1839; was yours, do you know?—I do not think so; I am thirty-three years old, and I took my freedom up directly I was one and twenty.
68,800. Did you take it up yourself?—Yes.
68,801. At your own expense?—Yes.
68,802. Who did you vote for?—The blues.

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68,803. Hanmer and James?—Yes.
68,804. Did you receive any money?—No, none at all.
68,805. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Baines and Clay.
68,806. Did you receive any money at that election?—No.
68,807. Who did you vote for in 1852?—Moore and Butler.
68,808. Your name was set down in South Myton, the Pottery?—Yes.
68,809. Did you apply to have it put down?—No.
68,810. How came you to be set down on the list?—Because I was at a place where I go to; a gentleman, of the name of Hopwood, came and promised to put my name down for four days if I would vote for the orange party; I told him I would not, I would vote for the blues. In consequence of that, some one told me I should be afterwards paid; they sent for me——
68,811. The blues did?—Yes; they asked me if I minded voting for them; I said I always had done, and I intended to do so again; they said they would give me the same. I got a sovereign.
68,812. How long before the election was that?—That was the Monday morning before the election.
68,813. How much was it?—A sovereign.
68,814. When were you paid?—A day or two after the election.
68,815. Who paid you?—There was Mr. Sidebottom and the chairman, together.
68,816. Who was it for?—The blues.
68,817. Do you know who the chairman was?—I have seen him in the court this morning; I know the name when I hear it.
68,818. Where was it?—In Waverley Street.
68,819. Mr. Croft?—That is the name.
68,820. Is he the gentleman who promised you a sovereign?—He said if they had offered to give me a sovereign for voting, he would do the same.
68,821. He paid it to you?—He did, and Mr. Sidebottom was in the room.

Edward Hall.

EDWARD HALL sworn, and examined.

68,822. Where do you live?—No. 5, Winter's Square, Broadley Street.
68,823. What is your business?—A shipwright.
68,824. What rent do you pay?—£5.
68,825. When were you made a freeman?—In 1826.
68,826. At your own expense?—No.
68,827. Which party?—It was O'Neil's.
68,828. In 1841 did you vote?—Yes; for Hanmer and James.
68,829. Did you get any money for your vote?—Yes, a sovereign.
68,830. Who paid you?—I cannot say, I only saw the hand, I did not see the body.
68,831. Where did you see the hand?—At a shop in High Street.
68,832. Binks's?—I believe it was.
68,833. After the election?—After the election.
68,834. Was it a lady's hand or a gentlemanlike hand; did it look like a lady's hand, small and delicate?—Perhaps the size of mine.
68,835. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Brown and Baines.
68,836. Did you ever hear who the hand belonged to?—No, never.
68,837. You have asked a good many times?—I never knew who the hand belonged to.
68,838. You never found out?—No; I did not know who it belonged to.
68,839. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Brown and Baines.
68,840. Did you get any money for your vote?—Yes, 10*s*.
68,841. Who paid it?—I do not know who paid me; it was paid at Bishop's Lane, but I do not know the gentleman that gave it.
68,842. Was it after the election?—No, before the election; the night before.
68,843. In 1852 did you get anything from Baines?—No.
68,844. Neither before nor after?—No.
68,845. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
68,846. I believe you were set down in Lowgate?—Lowgate, the Conservative room.
68,847. Did you apply to have your name set down?—I applied to be a runner.
68,848. How much money did you get?—27*s*.
68,849. Who paid it?—Mr. Pulleyn paid me 10*s*., and Mr. Steeple paid me the other.
68,850. Was one before the election, and one after?—Both after.
68,851. Where did Mr. Steeple pay you?—At his own house.
68,852. And where did Mr. Pulleyn pay you?—At the Conservative room in Lowgate.
68,853. You heard other people were getting money, so you went to see whether there was money to be had?—I heard that Mr. Steeple was paying.

JOHN HALL sworn, and examined. *John Hall.*

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68,854. Where do you live?—Steeple's Entry, Scale Lane.
68,855. What is your business?—A mariner.
68,856. What rent do you pay?—£4, I think.
68,857. When were you made a freeman?—In 1819, I think it was.
68,858. In 1841 who did you vote for?—I voted for Hanmer and James.
68,859. Did you get any money for your vote?—I do not think I did.
68,860. Nothing?—I think not; I have forgot.
68,861. Were you set down as a runner?—No, I think not; I cannot say that I was.
68,862. In 1847 what did you do; who did you vote for?—I did not vote at all.
68,863. Were you at sea?—I went to vote, and when I got there I was voted for; I did not vote at all.
68,864. What do you mean?—Some person had gone and personated me.
68,865. Did you get any money?—No.
68,866. Had you your name set down as a runner?—No.
68,867. Were you paid afterwards?—No.
68,868. At the last election you were set down, I think, in Lowgate?—Yes, I was.
68,869. On Mr. Bamford's list?—Yes.
68,870. Who did you vote for?—I voted for Moore and Butler.
68,871. How much money did you have?—I think I got about 24*s*.
68,872. Who paid you?—Mr. Pulleyn.
68,873. All of it?—Yes.
68,874. All at once?—No, at twice.
68,875. Where did he pay you?—The first payment I got was on Saturday night, and a payment I got after the poll was over.
68,876. Where, at the same place, the committee room?—Yes.

WILLIAM HAMMERTON sworn, and examined. *W. Hammerton.*

68,877. Where do you live?—No. 29, Myton Gate, the last election.
68,878. What is your business?—A brazier.
68,879. What rent do you pay?—£51.
68,880. Are you a freeman?—No.
68,881. Was the last the first election you voted at?—No; I voted before the last election.
68,882. In 1841 did you vote?—I could not say; I was entitled to vote; I cannot charge my memory whether I did or not. I was entitled to vote; I think I did not vote, I am not ceatain, though I was entitled.
68,883. How came that about?—I do not know.
68,884. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Baines and Clay.
68,885. Did you get your name set down?—No.
68,886. Did you receive any money?—No.
68,887. Nothing at all?—No.
68,888. Before or after the election?—No.
68,889. Did you receive any money, coming from the candidates or any committee?—No.
68,890. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
68,891. You got your name set down at East Sculcoates ward, the Market Place?—Indeed I never got it set down anywhere.
68,892. Did they ask you to get your name set down?—They asked me if I would favour them with my vote.
68,893. Did they ask if they might put your name down as a runner?—No.
68,894. They took a great liberty with you?—They might have done what they thought proper.
68,895. Did you tell them so, that they might do what they thought proper?—No, I did not.
68,896. They put you down in East Sculcoates ward, the Market Place?—They might have put me down a dozen, I cannot help that.
68,897. Was anything said about it?—No.
68,898. Did they tell you that before you voted?—No. I never was in East Sculcoates ward, I know that.
68,899. Did you receive any money?—No.
68,900. At any time?—No.
68,901. Did they occupy your room?—No.
68,902. Have you got anything that you can tell about the election?—There was a note delivered into Mr. Stamps'.
68,903. What was that?—I dare say you have got it.
68,904. What is it?—A note about some party that received some money from the orange, which I have no doubt you have.
68,905. That is all you know?—Yes.

George Hanger.

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GEORGE HANGER sworn, and examined.

68,906. Where do you live?—No. 18, Windsor Street.

68,907. What is your business?—A grocer.

68,908. What rent do you pay?—The house is my own; it is rated at 12*l.*

68,909. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

68,910. When were you made a freeman?—I cannot positively say whether it was before Hanmer and James and Clay and Brown's election or not. I am not certain whether it was before 1841 or not.

68,911. Did you vote at that election?—If I was entitled, I voted for the blue side.

68,912. Did they take up your freedom for you?—No.

68,913. You took it up yourself?—Yes.

68,914. You did not vote, I suppose, in 1841?—I am doubtful of that.

68,915. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.

68,916. Did you get any money at that election?—No.

68,917. Were you promised any?—No.

68,918. Did you get your name set down?—No.

68,919. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

68,920. Did you get your name set down in Lowgate?—Yes.

68,921. On Mr. Bamford's list?—I am not certain which list it was.

68,922. Did you apply to have your name set down?—Yes.

68,923. As a runner?—Yes.

68,924. How much money did they pay you?—10*s.*

68,925. Who paid you?—I cannot say; it was the man that put my name down.

68,926. At the same time did he?—No; it was after the election.

68,927. Where did he pay you?—The same ward, in Lowgate.

68,928. Do you know Mr. Bamford?—No; I cannot say that I do.

James Harrison.

JAMES HARRISON sworn, and examined.

68,929. Where do you live?—No. 6, Mill Street.

68,930. What is your business?—A cowkeeper.

68,931. What rent do you pay?—£10.

68,932. When were you made a freeman?—I am free born. I voted for Clay and Thompson the first time I voted.

68,933. In 1841?—Yes.

68,934. Did they take up your freedom?—No.

68,935. You are not a freeman?—No.

68,936. Did you get your name put down?—No.

68,937. Did you get any money?—No.

68,938. In 1847 who did you vote for?—The blues.

68,939. Who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay.

68,940. Mr. Clay only?—Only.

68,941. You do not call him a blue?—However, I voted for the blues.

68,942. Which do you say you voted for in 1847?—Either Clay or Baines, I will not say which.

68,943. Are you sure you voted in 1847?—I am not sure. I know I did vote once, I am sure. I voted for Thompson.

68,944. In 1852, are you sure of anything?—I am sure I voted for the blues.

68,945. How much did you get?—Nothing.

68,946. You got your name set down, did you not?—No.

68,947. They have put your name down in North Myton district, on Mr. Bamford's list?—I never got my name down for that.

68,948. They canvassed you, did they not; the blues?—No.

68,949. What did you tell them?—I did not promise any one. I would not promise either party.

68,950. What did you say?—I told them I would not promise either party.

68,951. Did you get any money?—No.

68,952. Neither before nor after the election?—No, nothing at all.

William Frazer.

WILLIAM FRAZER sworn, and examined

68,953. Where do you live?—Higson's Court, Blanket Row.

68,954. What is your business?—A mariner.

68,955. What rent do you pay?—£4.

68,956. When were you made a freeman?—In 1802.

68,957. In 1841 did you vote?—I do not recollect it.

68,958. For James and Hanmer?—I do not recollect it.

68,959. Did you get any money?—I do not know, indeed. I am sure I have forgotten.

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68,960. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Brown and Baines.
68,961. How much money did you get for your vote?—Nothing.
68,962. You have always got a little something, have you not?—I got nothing.
68,963. You got nothing in 1847?—No.
68,964. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
68,965. Your name was down in Market Place ward as a runner?—No; it was not in Market Place ward.
68,966. Where was it put down?—Humber Street.
68,967. At Lidgard's?—A public house there.
68,968. The Shakespeare?—Yes.
68,969. Did you apply to be set down as a runner?—Yes, I did.
68,970. How much did they pay you?—I got 27*s.* 6*d.* altogether.
68,971. When were you paid?—I was paid the Saturday before the election; and I think I was paid the day after the election.
68,972. Who paid you?—Mr. Atkin, the currier.
68,973. How old are you?—In my eighty-sixth year.
68,974. Before the Reform Act, did you get two guineas and four?—I am sure I cannot tell you. I have had four in former times.

James Hart.

JAMES HART sworn, and examined.

68,975. Where do you live?—Collier Street.
68,976. What is your business?—A carpenter.
68,977. What rent do you pay?—Six guineas.
68,978. When were you made a freeman?—I am sure I cannot tell what year it was in.
68,979. About the time; cannot you say how many years ago?—Perhaps, nine years.
68,980. At your own expense?—I think it cost me 4*s.*
68,981. Who paid the rest for you?—I think the Conservatives.
68,982. The blues?—Yes.
68,983. Did you vote for them in consequence, at the election of 1841?—No, I was not free then.
68,984. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Brown and Baines.
68,985. Did you get your name put down?—Yes.
68,986. Who paid you that money; how much did you get?—10*s.*
68,987. Who paid you?—Mr. Anthony Bannister.
68,988. After the election?—He paid one 5*s.*, and I got 5*s.* of Mr. Mitchell.
68,989. Afterwards?—No, before.
68,990. All before, was it?—Yes, 10*s.*
68,991. At the last election of 1852, I believe, you got your name put down; did you apply?—Yes.
68,992. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
68,993. How much did they pay you?—30*s.*
68,994. Before or after the election?—Part before, and part after.
68,995. A 10*s.* before, and a sovereign after?—Yes.
68,996. Where were you paid?—At Mr. Steeple's.
68,997. All of it?—No, the sovereign.
68,998. The last part?—Yes.
68,999. Who paid you the former part?—I cannot tell who it was.
69,000. Where was it paid?—At the committee room, Prospect Street, the Blue Bell.
69,001. At the last election, were you paid at the Blue Bell, in Prospect Street?—Yes.
69,002. Are you sure of that?—Yes.
69,003. What is the landlord's name?—Martindale, I think.
69,004. How came you to go there to get it down?—It was a committee room.
69,005. Stephenson's?—Perhaps it might be Stephenson's; it was against the Blue Bell.

Isaac Kay.

ISAAC KAY sworn, and examined.

69,006. Where do you live?—Upper Union Street.
69,007. What is your business?—A mariner.
69,008. What rent do you pay?—£5 4*s.*
69,009. When were you made a freeman?—In 1815.
69,010. Did you get four guineas and two?—I never polled but four times.
69,011. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
69,012. Did you apply to get your name set down?—No.
69,013. As a runner?—No.
69,014. Did you get any money?—Yes.

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69,015. How much?—A sovereign.
69,016. What was it for?—I suppose for a vote.
69,017. After?—After.
69,018. Who paid it?—I believe Mr. Binks; I was not at home; my wife received it.
69,019. Did you get anything for Clay and Thompson that election?—No; I did not vote for Clay and Thompson.
69,020. I ask, did you get any money for them?—No.
69,021. Just remember?—I voted for Hanmer and James.
69,022. Did you get any money on account of Clay and Thompson at that election?—No.
69,023. Are you sure of that?—Yes.
69,024. I am told that you did; that you got some money before you voted?—No.
69,025. You are sure you did not?—Yes.
69,026. Have you got a son?—Yes.
69,027. What is he?—A surgeon.
69,028. In 1847 did your son get any money for you for the '41 election?—Not that I know of.
69,029. Did he hand any over to you?—No, he did not.
69,030. What is your son's name?—William Banks Kay.
69,031. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.
69,032. What money did you get for your vote?—I got *5s.* for Mr. Baines, from Mr. Sidebottom.
69,033. When did he pay you?—I think two months after the election.
69,034. Where did you get it?—I got it in Parliament Street.
69,035. At his office?—Yes.
69,036. Did he pay it to you himself?—I cannot say exactly.
69,037. Or was it a clerk?—One of his clerks, a young man in the office.
69,038. How came you to go there and get it?—I was ordered to go.
69,039. Who sent word that it would be paid?—Mr. England told us that we were to go to be paid by Mr. Sidebottom.
69,040. Was he a committee man?—Yes, in Saville Street.
69,041. When did he tell you that?—At the time; somewhere about the time; a day or two before the election; I do not exactly know.
69,042. That you would be paid at Mr. Sidebottom's?—That we should be paid for the running, four days; *5s.* a day.
69,043. Did many go?—Several went.
69,044. Did you have your name put down?—I had my name put down as a runner before the election.
69,045. You applied to do so?—Yes, I did.
69,046. Where was it set down?—Saville Street, at the committee room.
69,047. Was that all the money you got at that election?—Yes.
69,048. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
69,049. And I believe you had your name set down at the Minerva?—Yes; I had my name set down.
69,050. How much money did you get?—About *1l. 2s.*
69,051. Who paid you?—Legitt.
69,052. Afterwards?—Afterwards.

George Headon.

GEORGE HEADON sworn, and examined.

69,053. Where do you live?—No. 39, Upper Union Street.
69,054. What business do you follow?—A mariner.
69,055. What rent do you pay?—Eleven guineas.
69,056. When were you made a freeman?—1812.
69,057. In 1841 did you vote?—Yes.
69,058. Who for?—Hanmer and James.
69,059. Did you get any money?—Yes.
69,060. How much?—£1 after the election; a month.
69,061. Who paid it?—It was sent to the house where I was, for me.
69,062. Who did you vote for?—I did not vote at all.
69,063. Were you absent?—I was not on the register.
69,064. In 1852 did you vote?—Yes.
69,065. I believe you had your name put down at the Minerva?—I had.
69,066. How much money did you get?—The same.
69,067. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
69,068. Who paid you?—Tom Legitt.
69,069. After the election?—Part before, and part after.

JAMES HELAS sworn, and examined. *James Helas.*

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69,070. Where do you live?—No. 11, North Street.
69,071. What business?—A shoemaker.
69,072. What rent do you pay?—£10.
69,073. When were you made a freeman?—I am not a freeman; I am a household voter.
69,074. Do you pay exactly 10*l.*?—Yes.
69,075. At what election were you first entitled to vote?—1841, I believe.
69,076. Who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.
69,077. Are you sure you voted?—Yes.
69,078. Did you get any money for your vote?—Yes.
69,079. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.
69,080. Did you get any money that time?—Yes.
69,081. How much?—A sovereign.
69,082. Who paid you the sovereign?—Mr. Bannister.
69,083. After you had voted?—Yes.
69,084. At the Blue Bell?—No.
69,085. Where?—I met him in the town, and he took me to his office, and wanted to know who I voted for, and gave me a sovereign.
69,086. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
69,087. You got your name put down in North Myton?—I do not know where it was.
69,088. Mr. Bamford set you down?—I did not apply to be set down; I might be; I got a sovereign.
69,089. Who paid you the sovereign?—Mr. Steeple.
69,090. At his own house?—Yes.
69,091. After the election?—Yes.
69,092. Who did you vote for; was it for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

JAMES HENDER sworn, and examined. *James Hender.*

69,093. Where do you live?—Jenning's Street, Groves.
69,094. What is your business?—A mariner.
69,095. What rent do you pay?—Ten guineas.
69,096. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
69,097. When were you made a freeman?—In 1822.
69,098. In 1841 who did you vote for?—I have voted two or three times since 1821; I think, twice.
69,099. Did you get your name set down?—Yes.
69,100. Did you have any money?—No.
69,101. In 1847 you did not vote?—No.
69,102. At the last election did you vote?—Yes.
69,103. I believe you got your name put down?—Yes.
69,104. Did Lidgard pay you any money, or Mr. Bannister?—I think my wife received 10*s.* after I went away. I was detained three or four days with my vessel, which I am now, at this present time.
69,105. Where did your wife get the money from?—I do not know; I never asked where it came from.
69,106. After the election, was it?—After the election; perhaps a week.
69,107. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

JOHN HIRST sworn, and examined. *John Hirst.*

69,108. Where do you live?—Collier Street.
69,109. What is your business?—A licensed victualler.
69,110. What rent do you pay?—£19.
69,111. Are you a freeman?—No.
69,112. In 1841 did you vote for Clay and Thompson?—I believe not; I do not think I was entitled then. I went into business in 1840. I lived in Dock Street in 1840.
69,113. Did your father live in Dock Street in 1841?—No; my brother lived there.
69,114. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.
69,115. Did you receive any money for your vote?—Not a farthing.
69,116. Did you get any money at all?—None at all.
69,117. For anything?—Nothing at all.
69,118. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
69,119. Were you set down by the blues?—By no party.
69,120. Did you get any money?—Not a farthing.

James Hudson.

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JAMES HUDSON sworn, and examined.

69,121. Where do you live?—52, Mill Street.
69,122. What is your business?—A painter.
69,123. What rent do you pay?—£10 8*s*.
69,124. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
69,125. When were you made a freeman?—1838.
69,126. Did the blues or orange take your freedom up?—I believe my father took my freedom up.
69,127. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
69,128. Was your name set down to run for them?—Yes.
69,129. How much money did you get?—I am sure I cannot tell.
69,130. Give us about the sum?—I was set down as a runner; I believe I received 30*s*., I am not certain.
69,131. When was it paid?—On the Saturday night.
69,132. Before or after the election?—Before the election.
69,133. All of it?—Yes; the 30*s*.
69,134. Who paid you?—Mr. Bannister.
69,135. Were you paid anything afterwards?—Yes.
69,136. After the election?—Yes.
69,137. How much?—A sovereign.
69,138. £2 10*s*. altogether?—Yes, I believe that is the sum.
69,139. Who by?—Mr. Bannister gave me the ticket to receive it.
69,140. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I did not vote at all.
69,141. Why not?—I was out of town; I came up late, and could not get here in time.
69,142. You did not receive any money for not voting?—Yes.
69,143. For going out of the way?—I had to go out of the town, and I did not get back again in time.
69,144. They paid you the money?—Yes, they paid it before.
69,145. Who was it for?—Mr. Brown.
69,146. At the last election, 1852, I believe you voted for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
69,147. Did you apply to have your name set down in North Myton?—Yes.
69,148. How much money did you get?—I received it at different times, I do not know how much I got.
69,149. How were you paid?—3*s*. 6*d*. a day.
69,150. For how many days?—It was either a fortnight or three weeks.
69,151. Where were you paid?—Just against the Blue Bell, at the fruiterer's shop.
69,152. Stephenson's?—I believe that is the name.
69,153. You asked them to set you down as a runner; did you not?—Yes.
69,154. Were you paid sometime after the election?—Yes.
69,155. At the same place?—No, at Mr. Steeple's house, on Spring Bank.
69,156. How much did he pay you after?—I believe it was 13*s*., but I am not sure; 13*s*. or 13*s*. 6*d*.
69,157. Was that the sum that was owing to you and unpaid?—Yes, I believe that was the sum, but I am not sure; I think so.
69,158. A little while after the election?—Yes.
69,159. Did they keep back part of your pay in each week?—I am sure I do not know how it happened; I forget now.
69,160. Did they keep back some money till after the election was over; or did they pay you up in full every week?—No; I think they did not.

W. Jefferson.

WILLIAM JEFFERSON sworn, and examined.

69,161. Where do you live?—I lodge in Francis Street.
69,162. Are you in any business?—I was formerly in the oil and colour trade.
69,163. Do you pay any rent?—£45.
69,164. Are you a freeman?—No; I have been on the register nine or ten years.
69,165. Was the first election you voted at in 1847?—Yes.
69,166. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Brown.
69,167. Did you receive any money at that election?—Not a farthing.
69,168. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
69,169. Did you receive anything then?—Yes, my brother gave me 1*l*. or 2*l*. for it.
69,170. Did you get your name set down?—No, I did not get my name set down.
69,171. Your name was set down in South Myton, West Sculcoates?—No, I think not.
69,172. Did your brother get it put down for you?—No.
69,173. How much money did you have?—Mr. Cattley gave me 1*l*. at Mr. Wells's.
69,174. What was it for?—For the vote, I expect.

THOMAS JENKINSON sworn, and examined.

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69,175. Where do you live?—Waltham Street.

69,176. What business are you?—A tailor.

69,177. What rent do you pay?—I do not pay rent; the rent is reckoned in consideration for my services; the rent entitles me to vote, at least the value of the house; my name is down on the register.

69,178. As a householder?—Yes.

69,179. What is the house rated at?—The value of the house is about 10*l.* a year.

69,180. Do you live alone?—Eleven years there.

69,181. With your family?—Yes.

69,182. Are you also a freeman?—No.

69,183. At what election were you first entitled to vote?—1847.

69,184. Who did you vote for?—I did not vote.

69,185. Why not?—I had intended to vote, but the election was decided before four o'clock.

69,186. There was a disturbance at the polling booth?—The election closed before four o'clock, there were so many waiting at the booth in Blanket Row to poll.

69,187. Were you paid anything?—I got one day's pay, but it was as a runner. I got 5*s.*

69,188. Beforehand?—No, not beforehand; neither of the parties knew I was entitled at all to vote; they had no knowledge of it; they were in want of some one on the morning of the election.

69,189. Did you run of your own accord without telling anybody?—I was there at the time they were inquiring for some one, they were short of runners on the day of the election; they were not aware I was entitled to vote.

69,190. From which candidate was it you got the money?—Mr. Baines.

69,191. Were they not aware you were a voter?—No.

69,192. Did they not ask?—No.

69,193. You did not tell them?—No.

69,194. Had they got a book to see whether you were on or not?—No, they merely set the name down on a slip of paper in the Land of Green Ginger at a room there.

69,195. When did they employ you; when was it there was a distress?—On the morning of the election.

69,196. At what time of day was it?—About eight, or a little before, perhaps ten minutes before.

69,197. Where were you to run?—From Drypool to the principal committee room, from the polling booths; I used to carry the lists.

69,198. Had you not time to go to vote?—They did not require that I should go; I went to the booth, and there were so many waiting, and the election was given up before four o'clock.

69,199. How was it you did not vote earlier?—I do not know; I thought there was sufficient time betwixt three and four, and so I went at that time.

69,200. Were you busy going messages all the time?—I was, all the time.

69,201. What sort of messages were they?—Polling lists.

69,202. Check sheets?—Yes.

69,203. The check sheets did not come out till after some time?—Every half-hour.

69,204. At the very beginning?—Yes.

69,205. There could not have been a check sheet for half-an-hour after?—Yes.

69,206. You might have gone and polled the first hour?—I might; I did not think of it. I never polled before; perhaps that was one reason for it.

69,207. You thought you would put it off?—Yes.

69,208. At the next election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

69,209. Did you apply to have your name put down?—I did not apply, I was asked if I would be a runner.

69,210. In North Myton?—Yes.

69,211. What money did they pay you?—I cannot say; I have been trying to remember this morning, but I cannot.

69,212. £2?—Not so much, a little above a pound.

69,212a. Where was it paid?—At the committee room, Stephenson's committee room.

69,213. After the election?—After the election.

JOHN JESSOP sworn, and examined.

John Jessop.

69,214. Where do you live?—No. 2, Black Friar gate.

69,215. What business are you?—A labourer.

69,216. What rent do you pay?—£14.

69,217. Are you a freeman?—No.

69,218. At what election were you first entitled to vote?—1847.

69,219. Who did you choose?—Baines and Clay.

69,220. Did you receive any money for your vote?—No.

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69,221. Did you receive any money at all, that election?—No.
69,222. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
69,223. I believe you got your name put down at the Market Place?—At the Shakespeare.
69,224. Did you apply to be a runner?—No, I did not apply; a gentleman said he would put me down.
69,225. How much did they pay you?—15*s.*
69,226. Was it before or after you voted?—The Saturday after.
69,227. Who paid you?—I do not know, I was paid at the Shakespeare room.

Charles Johnson.

CHARLES JOHNSON sworn, and examined.

69,228. Where do you live?—Porter Street.
69,239. What is your business?—A seaman.
69,230. What rent do pay?—£5.
69,231. When were you made a freeman?—In 1849.
69,232. Did you vote in 1852?—Yes.
69,233. For Moore and Butler?—Yes.
69,234. I believe you got your name put down in South Myton district?—Waverley Street, I was put down.
69,235. How much money did you get?—£3.
69,236. Who paid it?—I received it from Mr. Duncan; I was stopped from my voyage.
69,237. When did he pay you?—I got 15*s.* before the election, and I got a sovereign a week after, and I got 25*s.* the same day the ship came up.

John Johnson.

JOHN JOHNSON sworn, and examined.

69,238. Where do you live?—No. 13, Tinkle Street.
69,239. What is your business?—A brazier.
69,240. What rent do you pay?—I do not pay any rent.
69,240a. Are you rated?—Yes, at 14*l.*
69,241. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
69,242. When were you made a freeman?—1820.
69,243. In 1841 did you vote?—Yes.
69,244. Who for?—Hanmer and James.
69,245. Did you get your name put down to run?—No; I was better employed.
69,246. Did you receive any money at all that election?—No.
69,247. You were employed on your own business?—Yes.
69,248. Did you get any money from the candidates or the committee?—No.
69,249. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
69,250. I believe you were a runner for Brown?—Both of them.
69,251. How much money did you receive?—10*s.*
69,252. When were you paid?—It was after the election.
69,253. Who paid it?—Mr. Mitchell.
69,254. That was for Brown; what did you get from Baines?—Nothing from Baines.
69,255. You were set down for him?—Yes, but I applied to Mr. Sidebottom, and he would not pay me anything.
69,256. Why not?—He said he was not going to pay anything for Baines.
69,257. When did he tell you that?—After the election.
69,258. Did you hear afterwards that some had got paid?—There were some that got paid before that time, I knew that, but he would not pay me anything.
69,259. Did you hear that some got paid?—Yes, there were some got paid afterwards.
69,260. You could not manage it?—I never tried but once.
69,261. How much were you to have had?—Three days.
69,262. 15*s.*?—Yes.
69,263. He would not pay it?—No.
69,264. Did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
69,265. I believe you had your name set down in the Market Place ward?—Yes.
69,266. How much money did they pay?—A sovereign.
69,267. Who paid you?—I believe it was Mr. Jackson.
69,268. After the election?—After the election.
69,269. At what place?—The Shakespeare.

W. A. Johnson.

WILLIAM ARUNDEL JOHNSON sworn, and examined.

69,270. Where do you live?—Tinkle Street.
69,271. What is your business?—A fireman.
69,272. What rent do you pay?—None.

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69,273. Are you a lodger?—Yes.
69,273a. When were you made a freeman?—1852.
69,274. Before the election?—Yes.
69,275. Did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
69,276. You got your name put down in the Market Place?—Yes.
69,277. As a runner?—Yes.
69,278. How much money did they pay you?—27*s.*
69,279. Who paid you?—Mr. Atkin paid me, before the election.
69,280. How much?—10*s.*
69,281. Who paid the rest?—One of the clerks.
69,282. At the same place, after the election?—Yes.

M. L. Kellington.

MARK LUKE KELLINGTON sworn, and examined.

69,283. Where do you live?—No. 77, West Street.
69,284. What is your business?—A chemist and druggist.
69,285. What rent do you pay?—£23.
69,286. Are you a freeman?—No.
69,287. At which election were you entitled to vote first?—The last election.
69,288. Did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
69,289. I believe you got your name put down in North Myton district?—Not as a runner.
69,290. What were you put down for?—I was on the committee.
69,291. Did you not get some money?—I received a sovereign after the election; that was for services and expenses incurred through the election.
69,292. Do you mean you were 20*s.* out of pocket?—Yes; perhaps more. I do not know to a shade.
69,293. How did you spend the money?—I, perhaps, treated a few parties.
69,294. Perhaps?—Well, I did do so.
69,295. What was it for?—A few glasses of grog, and for ribbons.
69,296. For voters?—Yes.
69,397. Was it on the polling day?—Yes; the nomination day too.
69,398. Did you go out canvassing?—Yes.
69,399. And you gave them a glass of grog?—No, I did not; not at the time I received it. It was after business hours I was out.
69,300. When the people wanted to have their names set down, what did you tell them to do?—I had no power to contract with them in any way. I sent them down to the committee room.
69,301. Did you take names down in your own book?—No; I never entered names down to be set down as runners in my own book.
69,302. You took a memorandum of them?—Yes.
69,303. Those that you sent?—Yes.
69,304. Were they set down, those people?—Perhaps some were; but I believe not all. I think there were a few.
69,305. They were voters?—Yes.
69,306. For the blue party?—Yes.
69,307. When you were paid this 1*l.*, did you send in a bill?—I told Mr. Steeple at the time; he was the cashier, I think.
69,308. Do you mean of the disbursements you made?—I did not send in a bill. I named it to him.
69,309. You named the payments you had made?—Yes.
69,310. You do not mean that you named every single sixpence?—Not every halfpenny.
69,311. Were you paid all at once?—Yes; he paid me a sovereign.
69,312. When was it?—I should say three weeks or a month after the election.
69,313. For payments you made for the good of the cause, I suppose?—Yes.
69,314. You were not deputed to do so by the committee?—No.
69,315. Did some of them say they would not promise, unless they got a little drink?—I never received any of those.
69,316. It was to keep the voters in good humour?—Yes; parties that I knew.
69,317. What committee were you on?—North Myton.
69,318. You were put down as a runner on the list?—I am sure I was not down as a runner. They may have put me down. I never said I would run, and they never asked me such a thing.
69,319. Who asked you to be on the committee?—Mr. Charles Wilkinson.
69,320. Did you ever expect to be paid?—I never expected a halfpenny.
69,321. When people asked to have their names set down, what did you say to them?—I told them I had no power to do so.
69,322. When they did ask, you made an answer?—I told them I had no power to set names down. I had no orders; they might go to the committee room, and see if they could get on there.

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69,323. Do you remember what are the words you used?—That I could not do it. I sent them down to the committee room.

69,323a. What did you say to them?—I said I had not power.

69,324. Did you tell them what to go to the committee room for?—To see the chairman.

69,325. Did you say, "I have no power to set you down, go to the committee room and see the chairman"?—Yes.

69,326. What else?—I remember saying nothing else; they chose whether they would go or not.

69,327. Did you say, "Go and see the chairman, and he will do it"?—That I am quite sure I did not say to them, what he would have done.

69,328. You say you put their names down in your book; did you put them down as having promised?—Some of them.

69,329. Do you mean those who wanted to be set on as runners, that you put their names down in your book as having promised to vote?—No.

69,330. What did you put their names down in your book as?—Perhaps "Favourable."

69,331. Would that mean that they were to be canvassed again?—Perhaps so.

69,332. What did it mean?—I left the book at the committee, and they could choose if they liked to go again.

69,333. Did you ever canvass any man at all?—No.

69,334. You thought the business was done?—Different parties had the books.

69,335. Did you ever canvass one man?—Well, I might. I do not know.

69,336. Did you?—Very likely.

69,337. When you sent others to the committee, did you consider them as safe men, who did not want canvassing again?—I was not up so much to electioneering matters.

69,338. Had you any opinion about it?—I thought they were voters. I could not be sure.

69,339. You thought they would vote, if they could get set down?—No doubt of it.

69,340. Were you not quite certain they would be set down?—No, I was not, I am sure. I was not up to the system of setting down. I knew nothing at all about it.

69,341. Did you lead them to understand they would be set down, if they went to the committee?—No; that I did not.

69,342. Did you tell them it was doubtful whether they would be set down or not?—I told them they could go down and see. I told them I had no power to put them down.

Enoch Kelsey.

ENOCH KELSEY sworn, and examined.

69,343. Where do you live?—Sykes Street.

69,343a. What is your business?—A mast and block maker.

69,344. What rent do you pay?—Nine guineas.

69,345. When were you made a freeman?—In 1822.

69,346. In 1841 did you vote?—Yes.

69,347. Who for?—James and Hanmer.

69,348. Were you set down as a runner?—No.

69,349. Did you get any money?—Yes; a sovereign, for my expenses from Liverpool.

69,350. Who paid you?—Mr Moxon, the druggist.

69,351. How much did it cost you coming?—It cost rather more than that.

69,352. How did you come in those days?—By rail; the expenses were higher then than they are now.

69,353. It cost you 1*l.*?—It cost the expenses on the road and the rail together.

69,354. What was the fee by railway?—I paid 6*s.* from Liverpool to Manchester.

69,355. Did you go back the next day?—I did not go back to Liverpool.

69,356. Were you sent from Liverpool to vote?—No, I was not; I only received a letter from my wife, to say the blue candidates were in the field, and they wanted me at home I took the train and came home.

69,357. Was 1*l.* all you got?—It was, indeed.

69,358. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Brown.

69,359. Were you living in Hull then?—Yes

69,360. Did you get any money then?—Yes; I got a sovereign.

69,361. Who for?—Brown.

69,362. What was it for?—I was a messenger.

69,363. It was for your vote?—No; he said my name was set down; he said he was going to pay a sovereign apiece; and he said, "If you come I will pay you a sovereign." So I went and got it.

69,364. At the last election, did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

69,365. Was your name set down in the Market Place?—No, it was not; I was not here. I was only on the election day.

69,366. Did you get any money for that?—I got 10*s.* coming down. I was on the pilot boat, at Spurnhead and Dinnington.

69,367. Is that in Lincolnshire?—No; on a pilot cutter, on the pilot station.

69,368. On board the pilot boat?—Yes; I was on board the pilot boat as steward.

69,369. Did it cost you 10*s.*?—Yes, very near.

Enoch Kelsey.

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69,370. How did you come?—By the steam boat.
69,370a. Did you pay anything for it?—I had to give a man something.
69,371. A shilling or two?—Perhaps 1*s.* 6*d.*
69,372. Who paid the money?—Mr. Ward.
69,373. Where did he pay you?—At his office.
69,374. When?—Ten days after the election; after I came home.
69,375. Did they write to you to say they wanted your vote?—No, they did not. I came voluntarily. I came amongst the rest.
69,376. Was it that they made you a present of the 10*s.*?—Yes; after I came home, I went to Mr. Wells's office, and asked if I could have anythingfor my expenses; he asked what it was; I could not tell exactly; and he asked if half a sovereign would cover it; I said it would; and he gave me a half sovereign.
69,377. Did you tell him where you came from?—Yes, I did.

James King.

James King sworn, and examined.

69,378. Where do you live?—Francis Street, West.
69,379. What is your business?—A mariner.
69,380. What rent do you pay?—I pay no rent; the house is my own.
69,381. What are you rated at?—At 8*l.* I think.
69,382. When were you made a freeman?—I voted first in 1841.
69,383. Who did you vote for?—I voted for Hanmer and James.
69,384. Were you set down as a runner?—Not that I know of.
69,385. Did you get any money?—My wife got a pound after I had gone to sea; I knew nothing about it till I came home.
69,386. How did your wife get the pound?—It was carried in to my wife.
69,387. It was for your vote?—It was for the election, they said.
69,388. Who did you vote for in 1847?—For Brown.
69,389. How much did you get at that election?—A sovereign.
69,390. When was it paid you?—A half sovereign before the election, and half a sovereign after.
69,391. Were you at home?—Yes.
69,392. Who paid it you?—Mr. Bannister paid me.
69,393. At the last election you saw Mr. Bannister again?—Yes.
69,394. Did you get set down as a runner?—I did not see him exactly.
69,395. Was it Ledgard?—Yes.
69,396. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
69,397. How much did you get then?—About ten days, 3*s.* 6*d.* a day.
69,398. Who paid it you?—The clerk there; I do not know his name.
69,399. Where at?—At Richardson's Place.
69,400. Was it all paid you afterwards?—No, part before.
69,401. How much altogether?—I think altogether it would be about ten days, both before and after.
69,402. How much did you get?—I believe 1*l.* 14*s.*
69,403. Was some of it paid afterwards?—Yes, some of it was paid afterwards; it was all included in that; I was paid a part afterwards.
69,404. How much were you paid after?—I cannot say, that was altogether; ten days altogether.
69,405. When did you hear that your wife had got the money in 1841?—When I came home.
69,406. I suppose you did not pay it back again?—No.

J. Lambert, jun.

James Lambert, junior, sworn, and examined.

69,407. Where do you live?—York Street, Sculcoates.
69,407a. What business are you?—Brick and tile maker.
69,408. What rent do you pay?—£5.
69,409. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
69,410. When were you made a freeman?—In 1848.
69,411. Who did you vote for in 1852, Moore and Butler?—Yes.
69,412. Did you apply to get your name set down as a runner?—Yes, I did.
69,413. How much did you get?—10*s.*
69,414. Who paid it you?—I do not know who paid me; he paid me as I was leaving my work on the Saturday following the election.
69,415. After you had voted?—Yes.

John Leak.

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JOHN LEAK sworn, and examined.

69,416. Where do you live?—No. 22, West Street.

69,416a. What is your business?—I am a baker.

69,417. What rent do you pay?—£12.

69,418. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

69,419. When were you made a freeman?—In 1841.

69,420. In 1839 was it not?—In 1841.

69,421. Which party took it up?—It was taken up by the blue party.

69,422. And did you vote for them in consequence?—I did not vote at that election; 1847 was the first time I voted.

69,423. Who did you vote for then?—For Brown and Clay.

69,424. Were you set down as a runner?—Yes.

69,425. Did you apply to be set down?—Yes.

69,426. How much did you get?—10*s*.

69,427. Who for?—For Mr. Brown.

69,428. How much for Mr. Clay?—Nothing.

69,429. Were you promised anything?—Yes, I was.

69,430. For Mr. Clay?—Yes.

69,431. Why did they not pay you?—I was promised 10*s*.

69,432. Why did they not pay you?—I do not know, I am sure.

69,433. Did you ask for the money?—Yes.

69,434. What did they say?—They said Mr. Galloway would pay me, but he never did; I asked for it several times.

69,435. Did you not try to get it before the next election, 1852?—No, I never tried for it after the election was over.

69,436. They paid some of them in 1852?—I did not get paid.

69,437. Did you vote for the blues at the 1852 election?—Yes.

69,438. For Moore and Butler?—Yes.

69,439. You got your name put down as a runner in South Myton?—Yes.

69,440. How much did you get?—I got a sovereign.

69,441. Who paid it you?—Mr. Wells, George Yard.

69,442. After you had voted?—Yes.

69,442a. The whole of it?—Yes, a fortnight after the election.

69,443. After you had voted?—Yes.

Joseph Leaper.

JOSEPH LEAPER sworn, and examined.

69,444. Where do you live?—No. 127, High Street.

69,445. What business do you carry on?—A cork-cutter.

69,446. What rent do you pay?—Ten guineas.

69,447. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

69,448. When were you made a freeman?—I think about the year 1824; I could not say to a year or two.

69,449. Was it at your own expense?—Yes.

69,449a. In 1841, when Clay and Thompson, and Hanmer and James were candidates, did you vote?—Yes.

69,450. Who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.

69,451. Were you set down as a runner?—I do not recollect that I was.

69,452. Did you receive any money?—I do not recollect that I did.

69,453. What do you say; did you receive any money or not?—I think not; I would not positively say.

69,454. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I think I did not vote at all; I am not sure about that; perhaps you will be able to know.

69,455. Will you undertake to swear that you were not paid a sovereign some little time after the election in 1841?—I would not take an oath either way.

69,456. What is your memory, tell us to the best of your recollection?—I cannot recollect either way; whether I did or did not, positively, let the consequence be what it will.

69,457. I will tell you what the consequence is; it is this: that if you do not tell us, and we find it out elsewhere, you will be liable to a penalty of 500*l*.?—You will never get it, let the consequence, as I said before, be what it will. My memory fails me; I really could not say—if I could, I would tell you.

69,458. In 1847 you did not vote?—No, I think not.

69,459. In 1852 did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes, I did.

69,460. Did you get your name set down in South Myton?—I was set down in South Myton; they canvassed me; I did not apply.

69,461. They told you that they had?—Yes.

69,462. And you agreed to it?—To be sure I did.

69,463. You were set down as a runner?—I believe I was.

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69,464. How much did you get?—A sovereign.
69,465. Who paid it you?—Mr. Wells.
69,466. After the election?—Yes.
69,467. Where did he pay you?—In George Yard, at his office.
69,468. The whole of it?—The whole of it.
69,469. That is all you got?—That is all I have got to say.

John Lee.

JOHN LEE sworn, and examined.

69,470. Where do you live?—No. 14, Great Thornton Street.
69,471. What is your business?—A grocer.
69,472. What rent do you pay?—£12.
69,473. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
69,474. When were you made a freeman?—1839.
69,475. Which party took up your freedom?—The orange party.
69,476. Did you vote for them in consequence at the next election?—Yes.
69,477. For Clay and Thompson?—Yes.
69,478. Did you receive any money at that election?—£1.
69,479. Who paid you that?—Mr. Galloway.
69,480. After you had voted?—After I had voted.
69,481. Do you mean Mr. Galloway paid you, or that you were paid at his office?—I cannot exactly say whether it was Mr. Galloway or his clerk at that time; it is a long time since. I think Mr. Galloway paid me.
69,482. Can you say whether he was present?—I cannot exactly say whether he was or was not.
69,483. In 1847 who did you vote for—for Clay, Baines, or Brown?—For Clay.
69,484. Did you receive any money then?—I received 10*s.*
69,485. Who paid you that?—Mr. Galloway himself. I do remember that.
69,486. Where did he pay you that?—In his office.
69,487. Had you been set down as a runner?—Yes; I was set down as a runner for six days, and they paid me 10*s.* I was to have 5*s.* a day, and that was all he would give me.
69,488. When did he pay you?—I cannot exactly say; it would be perhaps two or three months after the election.
69,489. You heard that there was an advertisement in the paper calling on all persons having claims on Mr. Clay to come in and be paid?—Yes.
69,490. And Mr. Galloway paid you 10*s.*?—Yes.
69,491. And you ought to have been paid six days; you were set down as a six day runner?—Yes, at the bottom of Chapel Lane, or Bishop Lane. I do not know where they set my name down.
69,492. At the last election did you vote?—Yes.
69,493. Who did you vote for, Moore and Butler?—Yes.
69,494. You got your name set down in South Myton?—No; I did not get my name set down at all.
69,495. Did they not tell you they had set your name down before the election?—Not to my knowledge they did not.
69,496. At South Myton or at Lowgate?—No.
69,497. Did you get paid?—No; I received nothing.
69,498. Did you apply for any money?—No.
69,499. Did you have no money at all at the last election?—No.
69,500. You are quite sure of that?—Yes, I am certain.

Thomas Liddell.

THOMAS LIDDELL sworn, and examined.

69,501. Where do you live?—Blue Bell Entry, High Street.
69,502. What is your business?—A butcher.
69,503. What rent do you pay?—I am a lodger.
69,504. In 1841 did you vote for Hanmer and James?—I did.
69,505. What were you paid for it?—£1.
69,506. Before or after you had voted?—After.
69,507. Who by?—By Daniel Taylor.
69,508. Where at?—In George Yard.
69,509. Was that all that you got?—Yes, it was.
69,510. How long have you been a freeman?—About fifty-one years.
69,511. Who did you vote for in 1847?—I did not vote at all.
69,512. Why not?—Because I was not able. I was confined; I was laid up with the gout.
69,513. At the last election did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
69,514. How much did you get for it?—I believe 27*s.* 6*d.* They said 30*s.*; however, I believe 27*s.* 6*d.* was what I got.

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69,515. Were you set down at the Market Place?—Yes, I was.

69,516. Were you paid before or after you had voted?—Both before and after.

69,517. Who paid it you?—Mr. Aitken, a currier in Myton Gate, and Mr. Davis paid the other.

William Low, jun.

WILLIAM LOW, junior, sworn, and examined.

69,518. Where do you live?—Jennings Street, in the Groves.

69,519. What business are you?—A shipwright.

69,520. What rent do you pay?—£5.

69,521. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

69,522. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1839.

69,523. Which side paid for it?—The blue party.

69,524. Did you vote for them in consequence in 1841?—Yes.

69,525. For Hanmer and James?—Yes.

69,526. Were you paid for it?—Yes.

69,527. How much did you get?—35*s.*

69,528. Before or after you had voted?—After.

69,529. Who paid it you?—Mr. Hammond, the druggist.

69,530. Where at?—In Witham.

69,531. Was that all you got?—Yes.

69,532. Was it paid you by Thomas Hammond?—Yes; I think it was Thomas Hammond.

69,533. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I was at sea. I did not vote at all.

69,534. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Moore and Butler.

69,535. Were you paid for that?—I got a sovereign after the election.

69,536. Was your name set down before the election?—Yes.

69,537. Where at?—At the Blue Bell.

69,538. Who paid you?—I do not know who paid me; I got three crowns in the Groves. I do not know the gentleman. I never saw him before or since.

69,539. Was that in a committee room?—No; in a public house.

69,540. How long after the election?—I should think three weeks or a month.

69,541. Were other people paid at the same time?—There were other people who got paid at the same time.

69,542. You do not know who it was paid you?—No.

69,543. What was the name of the landlord of the house?—Stephenson.

69,544. Was he there at the time?—He was upstairs. He was not in the room we were paid in.

69,545. Do you know Mr. Walker, the druggist?—I do not know him.

69,546. Do you know if he was there?—No; I do not know him.

William Low, sen.

WILLIAM LOW, senior, sworn, and examined.

69,547. Where do you live?—In Carr Lane, Mariner's Hospital.

69,548. Are you an almsman?—Yes.

69,549. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

69,550. How long have you been a freeman?—All my lifetime; I was born free.

69,551. How long is it since you took up your freedom?—I cannot tell exactly. I took it up as soon as I was out of my time.

69,552. How old are you?—Seventy-six years.

69,553. In the election of 1841, did you vote for Mr. Clay and Colonel Thompson?—I cannot recollect now.

69,554. The book says that you did. You voted in a different way to the way your son did. Your son voted one way and you another. Can you recollect whether you got any money for it?—No; I got no money, I think.

69,555. Your son got 30*s.*?—I got 10*s.* this time, that is all I got.

69,556. Do you recollect who you voted for in 1847?—No; I cannot recollect. My memory is not very good. I cannot think of it. I might not be at home. I might be away at sea at the time.

69,557. You voted for Brown?—Yes; I think I did.

69,558. Did you not get something for that?—No; nothing.

69,559. Are you quite sure?—I think not. I got nothing from Mr. Brown.

69,560. Will you undertake to swear that you did not?—I did not get anything from Mr. Brown.

69,561. Did you get anything at that election?—No; I think not.

69,562. Now at the last election did you vote for the blue party, Moore and Butler?—I voted for Mr. Bramley Moore and Butler the last time.

69,563. How much did you get?—I got 10*s.* for it; two days' pay is what I got.

69,564. Who paid you?—I do not know the man that paid me. I was paid at Bayley's Bridgefoot public house when I was paid. I do not know who the man was.

69,565. Were there other people being paid?—There were more paid in the same house besides me. *William Low, sen.*

69,566. Was it a committee room?—There were several of them paid, about ten, as well as me. 1st August 1853.

69,567. Was that after the election?—Yes; after the election; about a fortnight I dare say before I got the 10*s*.

SAMUEL LOWDEN sworn, and examined. *Samuel Lowden.*

69,568. Where do you live?—No. 42, New King Street.
69,569. What is your business?—A tea dealer.
69,570. What rent do you pay?—£12.
69,571. Are you a freeman?—No.
69,572. How long have you been entitled to vote?—Since 1835.
69,573. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Clay and Thompson.
69,574. Were you paid anything for it?—No.
69,575. Did you get any money from the candidates, or from their committee or their party at that election?—Never.
69,576. Not for anything?—Not for anything.
69,577. Who did you vote for in 1847?—Clay and Baines.
69,578. Did you get any money at that election?—No.
69,579. Not from the candidates or their committee, or their party?—No; I detest the idea.
69,580. Not on any account?—No.
69,581. At the last election who did you vote for?—For Clay and Goderich.
69,582. Did you get any money this time?—Never.
69,583. Were you set down as a runner?—No.
69,584. Do you know anybody else of your name?—No.
69,585. Did you canvass for the candidates at all at any election?—I had a book once delivered to me, but I am sure I forget what election it was now.
69,586. Did you canvass at the last election?—No.
69,587. You took no part but voting?—I have never taken any part at all but voting.
69,588. You are set down in a blue list?—I believe there is a Jeremiah Lowden. I have always voted for the Liberal party.
69,589. Would you be in the Holderness ward?—No; I have always been in the East Sculcoates ward.

WILLIAM LUSBY sworn, and examined. *William Lusby.*

69,590. Where do you live?—Jennings Street.
69,591. What rent do you pay?—£4 10*s*.
69,592. What is your business?—Mast and block maker.
69,593. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
69,594. How long have you been so?—From 1839.
69,595. Which party paid for it?—I paid for it myself.
69,596. You were not repaid?—No; I paid for it myself.
69,597. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
69,598. Were you paid any money for it?—No; not myself. I believe my wife got a sovereign. I did not get any myself.
69,599. Was that after the election?—Yes; after the election.
69,600. Do you know who paid it?—I am sure I do not know.
69,601. Had your name been set down during the election?—It was not; not that I know of.
69,602. How soon after your wife got the money did you learn that your wife had been paid?—Why, perhaps the same night.
69,603. You did not send it back?—No; I should have been very sorry.
69,604. In 1847 who did you vote for?—For Brown.
69,605. Only?—Mr. Brown only.
69,606. Were you paid any money at that time?—Yes; I got 10*s*.
69,607. Before or after you had voted?—At the time I went to vote.
69,608. Who paid you?—That I cannot tell you.
69,609. Where were you paid?—In the road.
69,610. Was that by some one belonging to Mr. Brown's party?—Yes; some person belonging to the party, but I do not know who.
69,611. Did you see him pay other persons in the same way?—I did not.
69,612. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
69,613. Were you paid for that?—I got a sovereign.
69,614. Was that before or after you had voted?—It was after.

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69,615. Who paid it?—I could not tell the person's name.
69,616. Where were you paid?—I was paid at Stephenson's.
69,617. Is that next door to the Blue Bell?—No; at the Three Crowns, in the Groves.
69,618. Is that all you got?—That is all I got.

George Malory.

GEORGE MALORY sworn, and examined.

69,619. Where do you live?—High Street.
69,620. What is your business?—A foreman.
69,621. What rent do you pay?—£9.
69,622. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
69,623. How long have you been so?—Since 1839, I think.
69,624. Which party paid for it?—I do not know.
69,625. The orange party took up your freedom for you?—I do not know that.
69,626. You signed a paper at the time?—No, I did not.
69,627. Just consider?—I think not.
69,628. Did you vote for the party who took up your freedom in 1839?—I do not know who took it up.
69,629. When those people took up your freedom, did you not know that they would expect you to vote for them?—I did not know which party paid for it.
69,630. You do not mean to say that?—I do, indeed. When I came into a room in some part of this place to take my burgess oath, I asked what there was to pay, and they said it was all settled for. I said, I wish to pay for it myself, and they said, move on; that is all I know about it.
69,631. Will you undertake to say that you did not sign a paper?—I think not.
69,632. Will you swear that?—I will not swear it
69,633. It has been sworn positively that you did?—No, for this reason: I believe both parties were taking up freedoms at the time; one was the same to me as the other. I should not have got the orange party to take it up for me. I could pay for it myself.
69,634. Will you swear you did not sign a paper?—No, I could not, it is a long time since. I could not bear it in mind.
69,635. I have it here you signed a paper undertaking to vote for Clay and Thompson?—I did not sign any, to my knowledge.
69,636. Will you swear that you did not?—I will not swear either way.
69,637. Now, in 1841, who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.
69,638. Were you paid for that?—Yes.
69,639. How much were you paid?—I cannot tell. I was on pay as a runner for eight or ten days.
69,640. At how much a day?—At 5*s*.
69,641. That is 2*l*. 10*s*.—5*s*. for ten days—is that what you were paid?—5*s*. a day.
69,642. For the ten days?—I cannot say to a day or two.
69,643. Did you apply to be set down as a runner?—A party or two canvassed me, and they said they wished to set me down as a runner. They said they would find me employment, and they did so.
69,644. Were you paid before or after the election?—I believe I had a week's pay before.
69,645. And something after?—Yes.
69,646. Who paid you?—I believe I was paid by Mr. Collison before the election.
69,647. How much had you before?—I cannot say to 5*s*. or 10*s*.
69,648. Who paid you after the election?—I received the money in Bowl Alley Lane.
69,649. How much did you receive?—I cannot say; I got it at two or three different times.
69,650. In 1847 who did you vote for?—For Baines and Brown.
69,651. Were you paid for that?—I got a pound.
69,652. Who was that for; which of them?—I got 10*s* from Mr. Bannister down at the Blue Bell.
69,653. Was that before or after you had voted?—Before.
69,654. And the other 10*s*.?—I got the other 10*s*. as I was going home. I lived in Bishop Lane. I saw a party round the door.
69,655. Did you get anything from Mr. Baines?—I do not know; there was a p at round the door, and they said they were making presents of half sovereigns, and I said I may as well have one.
69,656. Is that all you got?—Yes, I think so.
69,657. At the last election who did you vote for, Moore and Butler?—Yes.
69,658. How much did you get?—30*s*.
69,659. Was your name put down?—Yes.
69,660. Where?—By Mr. Bamford.
69,661. Were you paid before or after you had voted?—After.
69,662. Who paid you?—I was paid at Mr. Wells's office.
69,663. Mr. Wells, the solicitor?—Yes.

Mr. THOMAS THOMPSON sworn, and examined.

Mr. T. Thompson.

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69,664. Are you the town clerk of Hull?—I am.

69,665. Do you produce a printed copy of the resolutions of the council, at a meeting in 1839?—Yes, of the quarterly meeting of 1839 (*the witness handed in the same*).

69,666. Are these the minutes of proceedings?—They are the minutes of the council, which I believe to be a true copy of the original; it has been examined with it.

69,667. Amongst other things does it contain a list of the burgesses admitted to their freedom on the 4th of July?—On the 4th of July and on the 11th of July in that year, and also those admitted on the 5th of June. The admissions on the 5th of June were only under ordinary circumstances, but they came in a crowd on the 4th and 11th of July. There must have been some extraordinary circumstances to induce that number to come up.

69,668. How long have you been the town clerk?—Since May, 1837.

69,669. Is that the greatest number ever known that came on the 11th of July?—I have never known, in my time, so many applications to be admitted at one council meeting.

69,670. Can you say whether this list contains the greatest number since the Reform Act?—I should say so, decidedly, since the Reform Act.

69,671. That is from your knowledge of the burgess roll?—Yes. At Sir James Graham's election there was an immense number, but I was not the town clerk then. There would probably be more than in 1839.

69,672. Were you present on that day when that large crowd of persons were admitted?—I was.

69,673. Can you say whether it was known to the authorities the circumstances under which they were being admitted?—I cannot say that any of them knew it, nor did I know it from anything but report; but I had a very strong suspicion when I found so many, who had declined on account of the fines to which they were liable, all suddenly rushing forward and taking up their freedoms by paying their fines. I had a very strong suspicion that from some quarter money was supplied to them, but I cannot say I had any personal knowledge of it. No doubt the authorities, generally, must have had a similar suspicion, but they had no power to refuse. If the money was paid they were bound to administer the oath, and admit them to their freedom. There are certain clauses in the Municipal Act by which they should be admitted.

69,674. What is this other paper you produce?—That is the proceedings of the third quarterly meeting of the council in 1841.

WILLIAM MARSHALL sworn, and examined.

William Marshall.

69,675. Where do you live?—In Anne Street, South Myton.

69,676. What is your business?—A cooper.

69,677. What rent do you pay?—£6 12*s.*

69,678. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

69,679. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1830.

69,680. Did you take it up yourself, or was it taken up for you?—I took it up myself.

69,681. In 1841 who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.

69,682. Were you paid for that?—Yes.

69,683. How much did you get?—Somewhere about 3*l.*, I believe.

69,684. Were you a runner?—I believe I was.

69,685. Were you paid before or after the election?—Somewhere about a pound, I think, after the election.

69,686. And the rest before?—Yes.

69,687. Who was it paid by?—I do not know who it was paid by.

69,688. Where were you paid?—I was paid in St. James's Street.

69,689. At a committee room?—No; it was paid through the nick of a door.

69,690. Do you know the number of the house?—No, I do not.

69,691. Who did you vote for in 1847?—Mr. Baines.

69,692. Only?—Yes.

69,693. What were you paid for that?—5*s.*

69,694. Before or after you had voted?—After I had voted.

69,695. Where at?—Opposite St. James's Church.

69,696. Who by?—By a gentleman who lived in Lister Street; I forget his name now.

69,697. Was that all you were paid at that election?—Yes.

69,698. At the last election who did you vote for, Moore and Butler?—Yes.

69,699. Were you paid for that?—No, I was not; I never received anything for it.

69,700. Was your name set down?—I do not know that it was.

69,701. Did you apply to have it set down?—No.

69,702. Did they tell you it should be done?—No.

69,703. Did you ever hear that it was set down?—I never did.

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69,704. At the Pottery?—No, I never did.

69,705. Nothing was said to you about money at all at the last election?—I was never canvassed.

69,706. Were you in full work of your own?—Yes.

69,707. Your name is set down at the South Myton district in the Pottery?—Not by my authority. I never was canvassed by either party.

69,708. Did you have any money?—No, not a farthing.

John Matson.

JOHN MATSON sworn, and examined.

69,709. Where do you live?—No. 28, Fawcitt Street.

69,710. What is your business?—A shoemaker.

69,711. What rent do you pay?—£5.

69,712. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

69,713. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1812.

69,714. In 1841 did you vote for Hanmer and James?—I did.

69,715. Were you paid for it?—I was. I ran eight days, and received 50s.

69,716. Who paid it you?—William Day; now dead, I believe.

69,717. Before or after the election?—Before.

69,718. The whole of it?—The whole of it.

69,719. Were you paid nothing after?—No, nothing after.

69,720. In 1847 who did you vote for?—For Mr. Brown.

69,721. Only?—Only.

69,722. Were you paid for that?—I got a sovereign. Half a sovereign before the election, and half a sovereign after the election.

69,723. Who paid it you?—I really do not know. I believe it was a gentleman named Collison.

69,724. Where at?—At the Black Horse, in Carr Lane.

69,725. At the last election did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes, I did.

69,726. Were you paid for that?—No.

69,727. Nothing?—Nothing.

69,728. Was your name set down?—Not to my knowledge; if it was, it was without my authority.

69,729. Did you get any money at the last election from the candidates?—No.

69,730. Or their committee?—No.

69,731. Or their party?—No.

69,732. Did you ask for any?—No.

69,733. Do you remember being canvassed by the blues?—I do.

69,734. Who is the gentleman who canvassed you?—I do not know.

69,735. Did he say he would have your name set down?—No.

69,736. Did he ask you if you would have your name set down?—He asked me, and I refused it.

69,737. You said you had not made up your mind?—I did; although I knew who I should vote for. I have always voted blue ever since I had a vote. I have never turned my colour

69,738. When you denied him, did he say you should have your name set down?—No; I said, "I am very blunt in my manner, and what I say I mean."

George Merrikin.

GEORGE MERRIKIN sworn, and examined.

69,739. Where do you live?—In Jane Street.

69,740. What is your business?—Shipwright.

69,741. What rent do you pay?—£9.

69,742. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

69,743. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1825.

69,744. In 1841 did you vote for Hanmer and James?—Yes.

69,745. Were you paid for it?—I believe I was paid after I had gone to sea.

69,746. How much were you paid?—10s. or a pound, I will not say which.

69,747. Was that paid to your wife?—It was paid to my wife after I had gone to sea.

69,748. Did you not know that you were to be paid?—No.

69,749. Did you expect to be paid?—No, I did not.

69,750. How soon did you learn it after your wife got it?—I cannot tell you that, I am sure. It is sometime ago now, and I cannot tell you that.

69,751. About how long after?—I cannot tell that.

69,752. Was it a year?—It was more than that.

69,753. More than that after she had got it?—No, not more than that after she had got it when I heard tell of it; perhaps it might be in 1842.

69,754. Was that about a year after?—I will not say exactly,—it was paid at the time I was at sea.

George Merrikin.

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69,755. Had your name been set down?—No.
69,756. At that election?—No.
69,757. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I polled for Baines and Brown.
69,758. Were you paid for it?—No.
69,759. Nothing?—Nothing.
69,760. Not by either party?—No; not a halfpenny.
69,761. Did you receive any money from the candidates?—Not one halfpenny.
69,762. Or their committees?—No.
69,763. Or their party?—No.
69,764. Did you promise them?—No.
69,765. Was your name set down at all?—No.
69,766. At the last election did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes; Moore and Butler.
69,767. Were you paid for that?—Yes; I got 17*s.*
69,768. Was that paid to you at Legitt's room?—Yes.
69,769. Were you set down at the Minerva Terrace?—Yes.
69,770. By Legitt?—Yes; that is right.
69,771. And did he pay you?—I do not know that he paid me. There was a person in the office paid me.
69,772. You were paid at his room?—I was paid at his room.
69,773. After you had voted?—After I had voted, sometime.
69,774. Is that all you got?—That is all I got.

David Metcalf.

DAVID METCALF sworn, and examined.

69,775. Where do you live?—Gibson Street, Sculcoates.
69,776. What is your business?—A millwright.
69,777. What rent do you pay?—£10.
69,778. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
69,779. How long have you been so?—From 1818.
69,780. In 1841 did you vote for Hanmer and James?—Yes.
69,781. Were you paid for it?—I believe not. I do not think I ever got a farthing,—not to my knowledge.
69,782. Will you swear you did not?—In 1841 do you say?
69,783. Yes.—There was a person employed as a runner that I got 10*s.* from; that is all I got. Who he was I do not know,—he brought it round to the voters. I never got paid for my vote.
69,784. A person brought you 10*s.* after the election?—Yes.
69,785. On the part of the candidates?—Yes; which side it was I do not know, whether Hanmer or James.
69,786. You took the money?—I took the money of course.
69,787. Is that all you got?—Yes, it is.
69,788. Did you not ask what the money was for?—He said it was brought on account of the election. I did not ask him any more than that, when he told me it was on account of the election.
69,789. In 1847 who did you vote for?—For Clay and Brown.
69,790. Were you paid for that?—Yes; I got 10*s.* from Brown.
69,791. Before or after you had voted?—After.
69,792. Who paid it?—Mr. Brown paid it; do you mean what person?
69,793. Yes.—I believe his name was Edward Wright. There was a room taken at the corner of Scott Street, Sculcoates, and they were paying the men that voted for Mr. Brown there; it might be a fortnight after.
69,794. Did you get anything from Mr. Clay?—Not a farthing.
69,795. At the last election who did you vote for; Moore and Butler?—No.
69,796. Who for, then?—Bramley Moore and Clay.
69,797. Were you paid for that?—Not a farthing.
69,798. Did you get anything from the blue side?—From neither side.
69,799. Was your name set down?—Not to my knowledge. I was canvassed at my house, and I promised each of them. I never went to apply for anything.
69,800. Did you promise them the first time they came?—Mr. Cattley came and I promised him one for the blues; then Lord Goderich and Mr. Clay came, and I promised them one; and I stuck to my promise.
69,801. Did you tell Mr. Cattley that you meant to vote for only one of the blues?—Yes, I did. I told them I should not go more than one.
69,802. Was anything said to you about having your name set down?—No.
69,803. Not by anybody?—There was something said by the orange party, if I would devote my time to running. I said that I should be out of pocket by it; that the income was not what I should be out of pocket.
69,804. What did you say to the blues when they talked to you about setting your name down?—They never put the question to me, and I never put it to them.

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69,805. Are you sure, when the orange party said that about running, you did not say you should not run, but that they might set you down?—I ascertained they were going to pay about 1*l.* a week, and it would not be worth sacrificing my time for it.

69,806. Are you sure you did not say they might put your name down, but you should not run?—No; they never asked anything more than my vote, and I sanctioned that.

Charles Miller.

CHARLES MILLER sworn, and examined.

69,807. Where do you live?—No. 41, Brook Street.

69,808. What is your business?—A builder and publican.

69,809. What rent do you pay?—I pay 45*l.*, but I have two or three tenements in the take.

69,810. Dou you keep a public house?—I do.

69,811. What is the name of it?—It is the Grapes.

68,812. Are you a freeman?—I am not.

69,813. How long have you been entitled?—Ten years.

69,814. Was 1847 the first election at which you voted?—Yes, it was.

69,815. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.

69,816. Were you paid anything for that—No, nothing.

69,817. Did you get no money at all at that election?—No; I am sure I did not.

69,818. Had you no bill against them?—No.

69,819. Did you let them any room?—No.

69,820. Did you do nothing at that election but vote?—No.

69,821. You had nothing else to do with the election of 1847?—Yes; I was one day in Mr. Baines' committee room, and at the request of Mr. Bright I went and helped them to endorse the voting cards,—that is all I did, and I got nothing for it.

69,822. At the last election in 1852 who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

69,823. Was your name then set down?—No.

69,824. Were you upon any committee?—Yes.

69,825. Which committee were you upon?—In North Myton, at Mr. Walker's house in Chariot Street.

69,826. Did you canvass people at that election?—Yes; I canvassed part.

69,827. Did any of those that you did canvass ask to have their names set down as runners?—No.

69,828. Not one of them?—Not one, that I remember.

69,829. Were you present at the committee room when any names were set down of persons applying?—No, I was not.

69,830. Did any persons apply there to have their names set down?—I was not there. I did not attend very often.

69,831. Did you make any bargain with any one for their room?—No, I did not.

69,832. Did you have a bill at your own house?—No, not a farthing.

69,833. You got nothing this time?—No.

69,834. Were you set down for the blues?—No, I was not. There is another Charles Miller; perhaps that confounds it.

69,835. Can you tell us where he lives?—I have only seen it by the poll book, Charles Miller, of Holderness.

William Milner.

WILLIAM MILNER sworn, and examined.

69,836. Where do you live?—In West Street.

69,837. What is your business?—I am a painter.

69,838. What rent do you pay?—It is my own house.

69,839. What is it rated at?—I have a shop besides, which is rated at 18*l.* together.

69,840. Are you a freeman?—I am not.

69,841. How long have you been entitled to vote as a 10*l.* householder?—At the last election.

69,842. Who did you vote for then?—For Mr. Moore and Mr. Butler.

69,843. Did you get any money for it?—10*s.*

69,844. Were you set down as a runner?—I believe I was. I did not apply for it.

69,845. When were you paid the 10*s.*?—About a week after the election.

69,846. Who paid it you?—It was left at my house; I cannot tell you who left it.

69,847. You did not run, I suppose, although you were set down?—No, not much.

69,848. Is that all you got at that election?—Yes; that is all I got.

JAMES HENRY MITCHELL sworn, and examined. *J. H. Mitchell.*

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69,849. Where do you live?—In Lowgate.
69,850. What is your business?—A bootmaker.
69,851. What rent do you pay?—£65.
69,852. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
69,853. How long have you been a freeman?—About ten or eleven years.
69,854. Which is the first election at which you voted?—1841.
69,855. Who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.
69,856. Were you paid anything?—Yes.
69,857. How much?—A pound.
69,858. Was that before you had voted or after?—Before.
69,859. Who was it paid by?—I do not know.
69,860. Where at?—At Waterworks Street.
69,861. At a committee room?—Yes; I was employed there a week.
69,862. In what capacity?—A runner.
69,863. Had you applied to be employed?—Yes
69,864. When you applied for employment, you knew that if they gave you the employment they would expect you to vote for them?—Of course; I intended to do so.
69,865. You knew that if you did not vote for them, they would not pay you after the election?—Of course. I never went after the election. I only took one week, and I never went any more.
69,866. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Brown and Baines.
69,867. Did you get any money at that time?—No.
69,868. You got no money from the candidates, or their committee, or their party?—No.
69,869. Not upon any account?—No.
69,870. Now at the last election who did you vote for?—Bramley Moore and Lord Goderich.
69,871. Did you get any money this time?—No.
69,872. Not from either party?—No.
69,873. Not upon any account?—No.
69,874. Were you upon a committee?—No.
69,875. Did you take any part in the election, besides voting?—No.
69,876. Were you canvassed by the blues?—Yes; and by the orange.
69,877. What did you tell them?—That I would not promise.
69,878. Did they say anything to you about setting your name down?—No.

JOHN MONKMAN sworn, and examined. *John Monkman.*

69,879. Where do you live?—No. 16, Pemberton Street, Sutton Bank.
69,880. What is your business?—A schoolmaster.
69,881. What rent do you pay—Ten guineas.
69,882. Are you a freeman?—No.
69,883. How long have you been entitled to vote?—In 1852.
69,884. The last election was the first at which you voted?—Yes.
69,885. Who for?—Moore and Butler.
69,886. Were you paid any money for it?—No. I was paid 10*s*. I was employed as a clerk.
69,887. Where were you paid?—In Witham.
69,888. At a committee room?—Yes.
69,889. Did you apply to be employed?—No.
69,890. They came and asked you?—No; I went down to the committee room, and they put me on while I was there.
69,891. What did you go there for?—I merely went to see how they were getting on.
69,892. Did you say anything to them about your being employed?—I said I would assist them if they wanted any assistance.
69,893. Upon condition of being paid?—No; I cannot say that. I got paid about three weeks or a month after.
69,894. Who employed you?—Mr. Richard Field.
69,895. Was there any agreement made as to your being paid or not?—No; he gave it me as he was passing in the street, in Witham.
69,896. Did you act as clerk for them upon the understanding that you were to be paid, or not?—I expected I should receive something.
69,897. What made you expect that you should receive something; had you ever said anything to them about it?—It was only upon the polling day that I went down to see how they were getting on, and I said, "If I can assist you in anything I shall be glad to do so;" and I met Mr. Field about three weeks after; he had a little money by him, and he gave me the 10*s*. at the time.
69,898. Did you say you would vote for them at the time?—I always did vote blue.
69,899. Did anything pass at that time?—Not a word.

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69,900. Had you said that you would vote for them before that?—No.

69,901. Did they canvass you?—They never canvassed me; they knew I always did vote that way.

69,902. You are sure there was no agreement made?—No, not a word.

69,903. That being so, that 10*s.* was rather a reward for your vote than your services, if you entered into no contract to be paid for your services?—I think not.

69,904. Why do you say so?—Mr. Field met me about three weeks or a month after, and he said, "I will give you something for your services upon that day;" the polling day, and he gave me 10*s.*

69,905. Is that the usual way?—I am sure I do not know. I do not know what they generally receive.

69,906. Did you ever serve as a clerk before?—Yes, in 1847.

69,907. At the election?—Yes.

69,908. You said that you never voted before?—No.

69,909. What were you paid then?—I am not certain whether it was 30*s.* or 2*l.*

69,910. For how long was it?—Three or four days.

69,911. Were you employed as a clerk then?—Yes.

69,912. At which committee; which colour?—The blue.

69,913. There was no blue in 1847. For which candidate?—For Mr. Baines.

69,914. You got 30*s.* or 40*s.*?—I got 30*s.* or 40*s.*; I am not certain which.

69,915. Did you volunteer at that time to work for them?—No. Although I had never applied for it at all, I was met by a gentleman, since dead; a Mr. Langrick.

69,916. And you received the same rate of pay in 1847 as in 1852?—A little more. I am not certain whether it was three or four days; it is about the same, I think.

69,917. Except at election times, are you ever engaged as a clerk?—No.

69,918. You are a schoolmaster?—Yes.

69,919. What did you do with your scholars all this time?—I am afraid they are running about this afternoon.

69,920. But at the time of the election?—It was their vacation.

69,921. Did you vote in 1841?—No.

69,922. Where were you engaged in 1852; where was it that you were employed?—At the committee room in Witham. I was engaged for the central committee room, but the party said they would rather that I should be in my own district, therefore I was in Witham.

William Morley.

WILLIAM MORLEY sworn, and examined.

69,923. Where do you live?—Hessle Road.

69,924. What rent do you pay?—£5.

69,925. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

69,926. What is your business?—A plumber and glazier.

69,927. How long have you been a freeman?—I took it up in 1838 or 1839; I do not know which.

69,928. Did you take it up yourself or not?—I took it up myself.

69,929. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.

69,930. Were you paid for it?—Yes.

69,931. How much did you get?—£2.

69,932. Before or after you had voted?—Before; upon the election day.

69,933. Who paid it you?—George Steeple.

69,934. Where?—In the street.

69,935. In 1847 who did you vote for, Clay, Baines, or Brown?—For Brown and Clay.

69,936. Were you paid for that?—Yes.

69,937. How much were you paid?—£2.

69,938. Which was that for?—It was a pound for each, I think.

69,939. Where was it paid you?—At the Baltic.

69,940. Were you one of Nicholson's party?—Yes.

69,941. What time of the day was it, in 1847, when the agreement was made about your being paid?—I do not know, I am sure.

69,942. Was it early in the morning?—I had nothing to do with it; it was through the landlord, who told me about it.

69,943. What time of the day did he tell you about it?—He told me two or three days before.

69,944. Did he tell you what time of the day the bargain was complete?—It was not complete till after dinner. There was some party came down and paid the money.

69,945. About one o'clock?—It might be two or half-past.

69,946. And then did you vote?—We got one pound before, and one pound after we had voted. There was not time to wait while he got the money, and we trusted one pound till he came back.

69,947. What time did you get the first part of it?—About two o'clock, and the other when we came back.

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69,948. Which of the candidates paid you first?—I do not know which; I believe it was Mr. Clay.

69,949. In 1852 who did you vote for; Moore and Butler?—Yes.

69,950. Were you paid for that?—Four days after the election.

69,951. Who paid it you?—Moses Margeson.

69,952. Were you paid a pound?—Yes; nine days after, I think.

69,953. Where were you paid?—He gave it me in the street. He had been to seek me at home, and I met him in the street.

69,954. Where does Margeson live?—In the Pottery, not far off from me.

69,955. You had been set down in the Pottery?—I was not set down at all. Bramley Moore and Butler called upon me, and I promised them; that is all I had to do with it.

69,956. Is Margeson a friend of yours?—He had something to do with elections. I do not know what he was; he was a doorkeeper, or something of that kind.

JOHN MOSES sworn, and examined.

John Moses.

69,957. Where do you live?—Pigminster Square.

69,958. What rent do you pay?—Six guineas.

69,959. What is your business?—A shipwright.

69,960. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

69,961. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1818.

69,962. In 1841 did you vote for Hanmer and James?—Yes; I believe I did.

69,963. Were you paid for it?—I cannot recollect. My memory will not allow me to think of it. I cannot recollect. I will tell you as far as I know.

69,964. Did you not get a sovereign after the election was over?—Well, I cannot say; may be I might.

69,965. Do you believe that you did get a sovereign after the election was over?—Very likely; I may have done so; I cannot say that I did not.

69,966. In 1847 who did you vote for?—For Mr. Brown; I polled for Mr. Brown; I gave him a bullet.

69,967. And what did he give you?—10*s*.

69,968. Was that paid before or after you had voted?—After the election.

69,959. Who paid it you?—I am sure I do not know the man's name.

69,970. Where was it paid?—It was paid at the Noah's Ark, in Witham. I believe, Mr. Twining.

69,971. At the last election who did you vote for?—Bramley Moore and Butler.

69,972. Were you paid for that?—Yes; I got 10*s*.

69,973. Was that before or after you had voted?—After I had voted.

69,974. Who paid it you?—I do not know the man's name.

69,975. Where was it paid?—It was paid at Great Union Street corner, at Barley's, over North Bridge.

69,976. Was that at a committee room?—No, it was not.

69,977. Were there many others being paid at the same time?—Yes, there were many paid the same way that I got paid at that place, at Barley's.

WILLIAM MOWFORTH sworn, and examined.

William Mowforth.

69,978. Where do you live?—In Alicia Street.

69,979. What rent do you pay?—£15.

69,980. What business are you?—A merchant.

69,981. What sort of a merchant?—Potatoes and peas, and all sorts.

69,982. Are you a freeman?—No, I am not.

69,983. How long have you been entitled to vote?—At the last election.

69,984. Was that the first election at which you ever voted?—Yes.

69,985. Who did you vote for?—For Bramley Moore and Butler.

69,986. Did you get anything for it?—Yes.

69,987. How much?—I got 10*s*. before, and something like a sovereign after; I do not know to a few shillings.

69,988. Who paid you the 10*s*.?—Mr. Purdon.

69,989. Who paid you the sovereign?—The same gentleman, at the committee room at Worship Street.

69,990. Is that all you got?—Yes.

John Jefferson.

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JOHN JEFFERSON sworn, and examined.

69,991. Where do you live?—Francis Street.
69,992. What is your business?—A merchant's clerk.
69,993. What rent do you pay?—I reside in lodgings.
69,994. Are you a freeman?—No.
69,995. Are you a 10*l.* householder?—No, it was for a warehouse.
69,996. Are you the occupier of the warehouse?—I was at that time, at 45*l.* rent, I think it was.
69,997. At how many elections have you voted?—I only voted at one; I ought to have voted at Baines' and Brown's election, but I did not get upon the register in time.
69,998. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler,
69,999. Were you paid any money for that?—I received two sovereigns after the election.
70,000. Who from?—It was Mr. Wells's doing; he solicited me for my vote, and he said he could put me down, and I could assist him in the Osborne Street committee room; I did not render him much service; I found there was plenty of them there. I was constantly backwards and forwards, and I afterwards went into Charlotte Street; I thought I might be of more service there. Mr. Cattley wanted me to help him, but I did not do so, as I had promised Mr. Wells.
70,001. And in the end you got 2*l.*?—Yes.
70,002. Was that after you had voted?—Yes, two or three weeks after.

John Coates.

JOHN COATES sworn, and examined.

70,003. Where do you live?—No. 99, Porter Street.
70,004. What is your business?—A painter.
70,005. What rent do you pay?—14 guineas.
70,006. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
70,007. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1843.
70,008. Was 1847 the first election at which you voted?—I did not vote at that time.
70,009. Why not?—I was living at Leeds then.
70,010. At the last election who did you vote for?—For Moore and Butler.
70,011. Were you paid anything for that?—Yes.
70,012. How much?—10*s.* before the election.
70,013. And how much after?—A pound.
70,014. Where at?—At Legitt's.
70,015. Were you set down at Legitt's room?—Yes.

David Cuttle.

DAVID CUTTLE sworn, and examined.

70,016. Where do you live?—In Scott Street, at present.
70,017. What is your business?—Engine driver.
70,018. What rent do you pay?—I did pay 10*l.*
70,019. Are you a freeman?—No.
70,020. How long have you been entitled to vote?—About fifteen years.
70,021. Did you live in Neptune Street at the time of the election?—Yes.
70,022. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes, I believe I did.
70,023. Who for?—The orange party.
70,024. Clay and Thompson?—Yes.
70,025. Were you paid for it?—No.
70,026. Did you get any money at that election?—No.
70,027. You got no money from the candidates or their committee, or their party?—No.
70,028. Was your name set down?—Not that I know of.
70,029. Did you ever ask for any money?—No.
70,030. Neither before nor after the election?—No.
70,031. Were you paid anything after the election?—No.
70,032. In 1847 who did you vote for?—The orange.
70,033. For which candidates?—Mr. Clay, I believe.
70,034. Were you paid anything at that election?—5*s.*
70,035. Who by?—Mr. Anthony Bannister.
70,036. Then that was not for Mr. Clay. Did you vote for Clay and Brown?—Yes, I believe I did.
70,037. And you were paid 5*s.* by Mr. Bannister for Mr. Brown?—Yes.
70,038. Was that before or after you had voted?—After.
70,039. Where?—In Prospect Street.
70,040. Were you paid anything for Mr. Clay?—No.

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70,041. Did you ask for anything from him?—No.
70,042. Was your name set down for him?—Not that I know of.
70,043 At the last election who did you vote for?—Bramley Moore and Butler.
70,044. Were you paid for that?—Yes.
70,045. How much?—About 1*l.* 8*s.* I received altogether.
70,046. Was your name set down as a runner?—Yes.
70,047. Where?—First in Sculcoates two days, and then I left there and came to South End, to Legitt's.
70,048. You were paid part before and part after the election?—Yes.

Adjourned till to-morrow, at ten o'clock.

FORTY-EIGHTH DAY.—Tuesday, 2d August 1853.

SIR WALTER JAMES, Bart., sworn, and examined.

Sir Walter James, Bart.

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70,049. You were formerly member for this borough?—Upon two occasions I was elected member for this borough.
70,050. First in the year 1837?—Yes.
70,051. Had you, previous to your becoming a candidate, any connexion with the borough?—None.
70,052. You were invited, probably, by a requisition?—I was invited by a requisition.
70,053. And ultimately you were elected?—Ultimately I was elected.
70,054. In the year 1841 you became again a candidate for the representation?—I did.
70,055. When did you first hear of the name of Sir John Hanmer being associated with yours as a second candidate?—It was in the spring of the year previous to the election.
70,056. Were you acquainted with Sir John Hanmer?—No, I was not previously acquainted with him; I was introduced to him, as far as my memory serves me, before I came down to Hull.
70,057. Can you recollect about the date of your first interview with Sir John Hanmer?—I am quite certain that we had no lengthened interview until we found ourselves here, both candidates for the representation of the town.
70,058. He has mentioned, in a letter that we have received this morning from him, that he had had two or three interviews with you in London. Particularly he has referred to one upon the subject of the expenses: do you remember that?—Upon you mentioning the circumstance, I think I do remember something of the kind; an interview with regard to the expenses.
70,059. You recollect having an interview with Sir John Hanmer, at which some discussion took place about the expenses of a contest in Hull?—I recollect there was an arrangement with regard to the expenses of this contest, but I cannot say that I can call to mind with much accuracy the circumstances of the interview. I recollect an arrangement was entered into between Sir John Hanmer and myself upon the subject.
70,060. Do you remember what the origin was; how came the subject at all to be discussed?—I apprehend it is not very usual for gentlemen to go down and stand for a place without coming to some agreement upon the subject of expenses.
70,061. It not being usual, tell us how it occurred?—I say it is not very usual for a gentleman to go down and stand for a place without coming to some arrangement upon the subject of expenses, and I think the usual plan is to come to some arrangement previous to going down to the place, and I have not the least objection to tell you that at once.
70,062. In the present instance how was that arrangement brought about?—When I was informed that Sir John Hanmer was about to stand for the town of Hull, we had some conversation together as to the amount which it would be desirable, and which we felt inclined to lay out in the election.
70,063. Go a stage back, if you please. Was the interview sought by you or was it sought by him, or did it originate with third parties?—I really cannot say exactly whether it originated with third parties or not; but my impression rather is, that it would originate with third parties, but at the same time by our wish and desire.
70,064. What took place then at that interview?—I have stated, as I told you, that my recollection upon the subject of the interview was imperfect, but I have not the least objection to state it, and I had better state now what the arrangement was.
70,065. Do so, if you please?—The arrangement was, that we were to pay 2,000*l.* each.
70,066. Was there anything else in the arrangement; was it anticipated that the contest would cost more than 2,000*l.*?—£2,000 each, we were to pay, as I understood.

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70,067. Was it anticipated at that time that the expenses might exceed 2,000*l.*?—I understood that the arrangement was a general one; that we were to pay 2,000*l.* each, and to be elected for that sum.

70,068. How was any deficiency, should any occur, to be paid?—I understood that the gentlemen who had the conduct of the election, would undertake the whole arrangement if we were accountable for that sum.

70,069. The deficiency, if any, would be met by subscription I presume?—I apprehended so.

70,070. Who did you understand that from?—I think I had a correspondence with several parties about it; several gentlemen, I think, upon the subject; Mr. Pease, Mr. Beadle, and others.

70,071. Was Mr. Barkworth one?—Yes; I think so. My impression is, that Mr. Barkworth corresponded with Sir John Hanmer.

70,072. Which Mr. Pease?—I really cannot say at this length of time; but that was the general arrangement that was come to.

70,073. In your correspondence, had you a distinct understanding that you were not to be liable beyond the 2,000*l.* yourself, and that the deficiency would be made up elsewhere?—There was a general understanding to that effect.

70,074. What I wish to know is this, whether you understood that there would or would not be a deficiency; were you under the impression that a deficiency would occur or not?—My impression was, that the sum was a very large one, and that it ought to cover more than all necessary expenses, so I did not anticipate that there would be any deficiency.

70,075. How much had your previous election cost you?—My previous election cost me 1,500*l.*

70,076. And was it from that circumstance that you were induced to believe that 2,000*l.* was a large sum?—Exactly so.

70,077. Was there not a very considerable subscription in aid of the previous election?—Yes, there was a very considerable subscription; but that circumstance arose, I apprehend, from Mr. Wilberforce not paying a large sum of money.

70,078. Can you state generally what the expenses of the two candidates were. I do not say how paid, in 1837?—I paid 1,500*l.* Mr. Wilberforce paid 500*l.*; and I think the subscriptions, as far as I am acquainted with the circumstance, came to 1,200*l.*

70,079. Was the whole expense of the 1837 election for the two candidates 3,200*l.*?—To the two candidates it was not more than 2,000*l.*

70,080. I am speaking of the whole election, from whatever source it came?—As far as I am acquainted with the expenses of that election, the expense to me was 1,500*l.*; the expense to Mr. Wilberforce was 500*l.*; and there was a subscription, I believe, which amounted to between 1,200*l.* and 1,500*l.*

70,081. Then was it arising from your previous experience that you thought 2,000*l.* a large sum to become responsible for?—It was.

70,082. In 1841, before you actually came to Hull, was there any effort made towards getting a larger sum than 4,000*l.*; did you hear, for instance, that subscriptions were advertised for?—When you say advertised for, you do not mean in the newspapers, I suppose?

70,083. Yes; either in the newspapers, or were subscriptions solicited in any way, as far as you have heard?—No, I did not hear that, certainly; but I considered that the party generally made themselves responsible for the expenses of the contest.

70,084. Was there any minute or agreement prepared respecting the expenses?—No; I trusted entirely to those gentlemen.

70,085. Was this agreement the result of a continued negotiation?—No; I do not think that either Sir John Hanmer or myself made much difficulty upon the subject.

70,086. Still, there was a good deal of correspondence, was there not, between yourself and the gentlemen in the town of Hull, with reference to the expenses?—Upon my word, I think remarkably little.

70,087. Did you learn from Sir John Hanmer that there was a requisition sent to him?—I did; I think so.

70,088. And how soon after that did you come to Hull?—A week, I should think, afterwards, or shortly afterwards; we were pressed to come down to Hull, I remember, as soon as possible.

70,089. Sir John Hanmer, who was not at that time a member of Parliament, came down before you?—No; I think not. If he did, it was only a few hours; but now you put the question, I think I remember Sir John Hanmer came down a few hours before me, I think perhaps the previous day; I being a member of Parliament, might have some avocations which detained me.

70,090. Your duties would probably detain you in London?—I am sure there was not more than twenty-four hours' difference.

70,091. How long do you think that was before the day of election?—I remember, as nearly as possible, six weeks.

70,092. Upon your arrival did you find a committee organized?—I found all the usual preparations going on for an election.

70,093. Including the formation of the committee?—Probably so; there were a good many committees formed in different parts of the town.

70,094. Did you find that those committees were organized by the time that you came here?—A committee organizes itself gradually; I think members are added to a committee as the contest becomes more severe.

70,095. But a committee, although probably of a limited number, you found organized?—Probably so.

70,096. I forgot to ask you this, whether you were consulted in the selection of the second candidate?—Yes; I was consulted, no doubt.

70,097. And were there other gentlemen talked of besides Sir John Hanmer?—I do not remember that there were any names distinctly mentioned besides that of Sir John Hanmer.

70,098. Upon your arrival in Hull did you find any lawyers engaged?—No.

70,099. How soon was recourse had to professional assistance?—I have always understood that the election at Hull was managed without professional assistance.

70,100. Up to the time when you arrived, or were acquainted with Sir John Hanmer, had you communicated to him the practice which had prevailed in 1837, of employing runners?—Yes; I had. I think so; I would not be quite certain whether I had, or whether I mentioned it to him afterwards; I was not aware of it myself at the time of the election of 1837.

70,101. But the protracted inquiry which took place subsequent to the election of 1837, made you perfectly aware of the system?—Yes; I was aware that a certain number of the poorer electors who chose to claim it, were allowed to put down their names in a book, and were allowed 5*s.* a day by both sides, as I was always told.

70,102. You learnt that it was prevalent, I may almost use the word universal, as much one side as the other; that it was the practice in Hull, and not confined to any one party?—Precisely; I heard that previous to the Reform Bill the custom always had been to give two guineas for a plumper, and a guinea for a split vote; but that upon that measure passing, there was a great anxiety amongst some of the respectable inhabitants of Hull to check a practice which they thought injurious to the character of their town, but at the same time it was thought hard that the poorer electors should sacrifice their day's work, and that a sort of compromise was come to that they should be allowed 5*s.* a day to compensate them for their day's work. I do not defend the transaction.

70,103. By the poorer electors I presume you mean the freemen?—I was not told that the practice was confined to the freemen.

70,104. When you say that you heard of the compromise and 5*s.* a day, inasmuch as there were none but freemen entitled to vote previous to the Reform Act, I wish to know whether I collected it accurately?—I apprehend it extended to any electors that were in distressed circumstances.

70,105. And who thought fit to have their names set down. I observe you use the word which we have had so often made use of here, "put down"?—Yes, exactly.

70,106. Did you constantly hear those words "put down" and "set down" made use of as very significant words; they have been used fifty times a day while here?—I never heard anything of it previously to the canvass.

70,107. I confine your attention to that time previous to 1841. By the long inquiry that took place in 1838, you had become aware of what the practice was?—With regard to the inquiry of 1838, I may state that both parties strictly abstained during that long inquiry from alluding to the practice.

70,108. In the evidence?—In the evidence.

70,109. Upon the scrutiny?—Yes. I always understood that that was the reason the scrutiny was adopted, rather than any other form of inquiry; that the people did not choose, it may be said, to foul their own nest.

70,110. Let me see if I am correct in this: that the scrutiny, although it was a bribery scrutiny, was conducted carefully, so as to exclude that class of people, runners?—I do not apprehend that it was a bribery scrutiny.

70,111. Do you not recollect; because the lists that have been furnished to us contain upwards of a thousand allegations of bribery upon both sides?—I think you will find, if you look into the history of that scrutiny, that every other objection was taken to the voters, rather than that they had been bribed.

70,112. Do you mean to say that no one was objected to on the ground of bribery, or that they never put forward the system of setting down as a ground of objection to a great class of voters?—I think, in the first instance, they struck off persons who had not been properly put on the register, and to whom there were technical objections of different kinds; but when they were very hard pressed, they endeavoured to make out a case of bribery; but my notion is that they failed in so doing.

70,113. That is your recollection of it?—Yes; but on this point, I think, my memory will not deceive me: that they did not go upon bribery in the first instance.

70,114. There you are right; the first names struck off for the first few days the committee sat, were not for bribery?—No; and what I meant by saying it was not a bribery scrutiny was, that their object was, if possible, to seat their men, Mr. Hutt and Mr. Wood, without any allusion to any of these practices.

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70,115. In the course of that inquiry they did not allude to the setting down as a system?—Not at all.

70,116. To come back to the question with which I started; it was this: that subsequent to your election of 1837, though you might be wholly ignorant of it in 1837, you became aware of the practice having sprung up of people having their names put down?—Oh, perfectly; and I also informed Sir John Hanmer of it.

70,117. Before he came to Hull, or shortly after his arrival, I think I understood you to say?—Yes; one of the two.

70,118. Did you understand the system then to be a system of putting down names, and then paying them afterwards, without any reference to whether they had performed a service or not, or setting down the names and giving them some employment, real or colourable, to fill up their time, and then paying them afterwards: which of the two did you understand to be the practice then?—Will you just repeat the question.

70,119. Two systems have been spoken to here, and I am trying to trace the origin of each. Was the system at that time, as you understood it, a system of setting names down, and of paying afterwards those persons whose names were set down and who had voted for their candidate, whether they were employed or not; or was it a system of setting down names, and managing somehow or another to find them employment, and then paying them afterwards, nominally for their employment?—I dare say the discrepancy that has arisen in the evidence here may have arisen from the different practice of the chairmen of the district committees; one chairman may adopt one practice, and another chairman may adopt another upon the subject.

70,120. Then do we understand that to some extent both of those practices prevailed, varying according to who was the chairman of the district?—I really know very little upon the subject, because, in the whole management of the election, my rule was to leave it as much as possible in the hands of the gentlemen of the party; but at the same time I could not go round Hull upon a canvass, and not observe that very different systems prevailed in different districts; one gentleman would be much more strict than another, according to the disposition or temper of the individual.

70,121. Did you learn, during the course of your connexion with Hull, that the system was to some extent adopted of merely putting the names down, and afterwards producing a register of the names and paying everybody, provided he voted?—I cannot say that I ever saw any of those books, or that I can go into it. I knew that a practice of that kind, when I came in 1841, had prevailed, and that was all. Really, whether there was colourable employment or not, appeared to me to be matter of very little moment.

70,122. That is just what I expected you would answer in plain English?—Yes.

70,123. You considered that that was a mode adopted to some extent more or less by both parties, of securing votes?—Exactly so.

70,124. And you communicated that to Sir John Hanmer, so that he should be aware of what he was about when he came down?—Quite so; to the best of my recollection I did.

70,125. Do you remember how many committees there were appointed?—A very considerable number. How many districts there were, probably you will have in evidence; there was a central committee, and a variety of district committees.

70,126. While you were canvassing in 1841 did you find out that the system you have spoken of was in full operation?—I should not have found it out if I had not been told it previously.

70,127. You were told it?—I had been told of it after 1837, and I supposed it went on, but that is all.

70,128. From what you observed during the course of your protracted canvass in 1841, have you any reason to doubt that the system was in operation at that time?—I cannot say that I know it of my own knowledge.

70,129. Had you any reason to doubt it?—My belief is that it was so.

70,130. Let me put the question this way: did you find in your canvass you were often applied to by people to be set down?—No, never. The persons that they would go to would be the chairmen of the district committees. They would not allude to that kind of subject to the gentleman who was canvassing them.

70,131. From what you observed during the canvass had you any doubt at that time that the system of which you have spoken was being actually carried out?—I should not have suspected it if I had not been told; but as I had been told so by credible witnesses, I had no reason to doubt it.

70,132. Then you did believe it at the time?—Yes, certainly.

70,133. I asked you just now a question about the lawyers being employed. How soon was there any professional gentleman introduced into the management of the election?—I really do not believe there were any at all.

70,134. Not during the time at all; no regular staff?—No; certainly not, as far as I know.

70,135. By your party I mean the blue party?—Exactly. I do not believe it was the custom in Hull to employ regular professional people at all.

70,136. You did not find it was the custom to have a regular staff of lawyers, and to pay them fees?—No; I believe there were no lawyers' expenses attending Hull elections; very heavy attending the petition, but none with regard to the election.

70,137. We have heard it said a gentleman came from London, do you know anything of him?—Yes; I remember a gentleman. I was told it would be an advisable thing to have a gentleman come down as a friend of mine to advise me upon any doubtful point.

70,138. Was he any personal friend of your own?—No; he was not.

70,139. He was a barrister?—Yes; he had been recommended to me.

70,140. And was paid for his professional advice?—Yes; he was paid 100*l.*, but he was no use at all. I regretted afterwards that I had incurred so useless an expense.

70,141. I was going to ask you one more question, which might have saved that. How much did the whole election cost you?—The whole election cost me 2,800*l.*

70,142. We are told that it cost you 2,890*l.*; that is the exact sum that has been named. Have you any memorandum that will refresh your memory?—I found it cost me 2,790*l.* I am told there is some difference between Sir John Hanmer's expenses and mine, but I cannot account for that.

70,143. Perhaps the 100*l.* paid to the barrister was not included in it; if so, that would make the two tally?—I cannot recollect.

70,144. If you paid the fee that would make the two correspond?—It is very possible, then.

70,145. You think that is possible?—Yes.

70,146. Perhaps you will say you think it is probable, because that will account for it? Yes; I think it is.

70,147. Have you got the dates on which you made the payments there?—Yes; I have.

70,148. Will you favour us with the dates?—On the 16th of June, 400*l.*

70,149. Who was it remitted to?—It was remitted to a gentleman of the name of Ward.

70,150. Was he the chairman or an active member of your committee?—I think it must have been the gentleman who proposed me.

70,151. The next?—By cheque, I apprehend, on Pease and Liddell, 500*l.*

70,152. What is the date?—The 29th of June.

70,153. Pease and Liddell, the bankers of this town?—Yes.

70,154. In whose favour was that drawn?—I cannot say I can tell you that. I apprehend that I should have drawn it on my London banker in favour of Messrs. Pease and Liddell.

70,155. Give us the sums and the dates, that will be sufficient?—To Pease and Liddell, the 14th of July, 1,000*l.*; and lastly, on the 14th of October, 890*l.*

70,156. How drawn, upon your London bankers?—I apprehend it must have been on my London bankers in favour of Messrs. Pease and Liddell.

70,157. Did you pay all these sums of money to the credit of Mr. Ward?—No; I think not. I just paid the money as I was asked for it during the election. I have not examined my old banker's books in London; it would have given me some trouble to examine them.

70,158. Who was the treasurer of the election who paid the bills?—My belief is that the gentlemen managed it among themselves.

70,159. That would be, it would come to some one person's hands who would have more the arrangement of the money than another; there is usually a treasurer on these occasions, we hear?—As I tell you, I think there were several gentlemen, very intimate friends, members of the Conservative party, and I think they managed all those things among themselves very much.

70,160. Can you recollect now the names of them into whose hands the money passed?—Mr. Barkworth, Mr. Ward, Mr. Pease, and Mr. Beadle, I think, are four of the gentlemen to whom I have paid money at different times.

70,161. That is the late Mr. Barkworth?—Yes.

70,162. Which Mr. Pease; Mr. Clifford Pease?—I may have either paid it to Mr. Clifford Pease or to his brother. I considered these gentlemen as my personal friends, and had always great pleasure in communicating with them.

70,163. Was there an account opened with a bank here?—I do not think it was done by way of regular account. Whenever any of those gentlemen in whose honour I perfectly confided asked me for money, I gave it.

70,164. You would hand the gentleman a cheque, and he would make use of it as he thought fit in his judgment.

70,165. Leaving it to him to open an account or disbursement as he thought proper?—Yes; I remember, for instance, the 400*l.* The first cheque was sent down in gold for the necessary expenses of the election, hiring committee rooms, and soforth.

70,166. Did you ever see any account ultimately of the mode in which the money was spent?—Never.

70,167. That was arranged entirely then in Hull?—Entirely arranged in Hull.

70,168. The sum of 890*l.* being an odd sum, was that remitted by you as a balance clearing up the accounts, taking that for granted?—I remitted that.

70,169. You remitted that, being an odd sum. Was that in consequence of some communication that you had received that the accounts were settled, and showing a balance against you to that amount?—It was.

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70,170. Do you know anything of a person having come down from London?—Certainly not.

70,171. Let me draw your attention to a fact that has been proved, that a gentleman came down from London and went and took a room that belonged to a person named Dalton, where he made sundry payments after the election?—I can solemnly say that this is the first time I heard any intimation of the kind.

70,172. Do you think that your professional man from London would of his own motion undertake such an affair as that or of that kind?—You had better ask him; I do not think he would. My impression is he would not.

70,173. I think it may possibly assist you if I read to you the evidence given by Thomas Dalton. Our object was to trace who the person was. Do you remember a committee meeting at the house of Thomas Dalton, of which a person of the name of Peacock was chairman?—I do not recollect Mr. Peacock, and should not know him if I saw him. I have a sort of vague idea passing through my mind with regard to the name, but I do not think I should know Mr. Peacock if I saw him.

70,174. Do you recollect hearing a person of the name of Peacock was a member of a district committee then?—I think it is not unlikely; I have a vague notion of the name in my mind.

70,175. Did you ever hear of anybody coming down from London for the purpose of disbursing any money?—Never.

70,176. You never heard it till now?—I never heard it till now.

70,177. Do you think you have the means of tracing who the person was?—No; I do not indeed, but I would very willingly assist you if I could in any way.

70,178. Other witnesses have fixed the date nearer; this witness fixes the date at six or nine months after. All the other witnesses who received the money fix it at about six; some called it the autumn, and some called it the winter?—I know nothing at all about it.

70,179. The question is how that 890*l.* was disbursed?—Exactly.

70,180. You never heard anything about that circumstance?—No; never.

70,181. It is our duty if we can to find out that fact, and I am sure you will assist us if you can in finding out?—Certainly, if I can.

70,182. You were not cognizant of any of the minor disbursements?—Quite so. I am not cognizant of it.

70,183. You made no payment with your own hands?—Certainly not.

70,184. I understood you to say you are positive you made no payment yourself?—Quite so.

70,185. Or any money paid in your presence?—No; certainly not.

70,186. So far as you are aware, or as you have heard, was any money paid in the presence of Sir John Hanmer?—Certainly not. I may speak with confidence on both those points.

70,187. After the election was over, having thought, from your experience of Hull before, that 2,000*l.* was a large sum, I dare say you became fully satisfied, when you had paid 3,000*l.* nearly, that the expenditure had been excessive?—I thought so.

70,188. Had that anything to do with why you ultimately retired from the representation of Hull?—Certainly, that influenced my mind in connexion with other circumstances.

70,189. I do not go into any of those other circumstances, but it had a share in influencing your mind?—Undoubtedly.

70,190. How soon did you come to a resolution not to offer yourself again a candidate for Hull? Was it early after your re-election that you felt dissatisfied?—Yes; I felt really dissatisfied in my own mind about it, but also a change took place in politics about that time, and that confirmed my determination.

70,191. Was it not at first considered between Sir John Hanmer and yourself that the sum each of you should provide should be 1,600*l.*; do you remember?—No; it was 2,000*l.* You mean in London, whether there was any discussion on that subject in London?

70,192. In London. I draw your attention to it in this way: I have gathered that the sum originally proposed for both of you was 1,600*l.*, and that there should be something in the nature of a guarantee fund, to cover extra expenses. Do you remember anything of that kind in the first instance?—No; I do not remember anything of that kind. I understood that when I was to pay the 2,000*l.* there was to be an end of it, and I was to payno more.

70,193. I found the question that I am putting to you upon information that Sir John Hanmer has furnished us with on that point. That in his understanding the first proposal was that each should find 1,600*l.*, and that the proposal of the gentlemen who supported you was then that they would find a guarantee for the ulterior expenses. I put that, upon Sir John Hanmer's information to us, and I do not know whether that calls it to your recollection?—It does not recall it to my recollection.

70,194. You do not remember anything in the nature of a guarantee fund to cover beyond what you were to provide?—I fancy that there was something of the kind.

70,195. I believe that fell through?—No; I apprehend not. I apprehend that there was about 800*l.*

70,196. Still remaining beyond the 2,800*l.* supplied by each of you?—I apprehend so.

70,197. You think there was?—I think so.

70,198. That would be adding 800*l.* to the two sums that you and Sir John Hanmer provided?—Yes; in speaking with regard to the 800*l.*, or what steps these gentlemen took among themselves, I really cannot say. I know very little about it. I have a notion that at the time I heard that there were sums promised, but whether the subscription fell through, or whether there was any money provided, I have no knowledge.

70,199. If I understood beyond the ultimate provision of 890*l.*, which you made in October, and which Sir John Hanmer has informed us he made in November, you think there would be still a sum of 800*l.* to cover the whole expenses?—That is my impression, but I wish it to be understood it is only an impression.

70,200. I observe that the last payment was long subsequent to the prior one. The one anterior was as early as July, and this was not until the 14th of October. Do you remember if that was deferred in consequence of the accounts not having been fully balanced until the latter payment was made by you?—Certainly.

70,201. I ask you whether you remember whether that balance and final payment, as regards yourself, was made,—whether that would or not draw it to your mind whether or not there was still an outstanding balance uncovered by the 890*l.* from yourself and Sir John Hanmer?—I remember receiving a letter from one of the gentlemen at Hull, stating that the expenses had unfortunately exceeded what was anticipated, and asking me to pay 890*l.*

70,202. I think your impression with regard to that would be that yourself, Sir John Hanmer, and the town—I mean that part of it which supported you—would find an equal sum to cover the remainder, 890*l.*, and 890*l.* not quite equal, I think you said 800*l.* was your impression of what was remaining?—I do not know what sums; I have no doubt that some sums of money were given by the gentlemen of the town, but they applied to me and told me there was still a balance of 1,500*l.* or 1,600*l.* unpaid, and I thought the best way was to pay my share of it.

70,203. And on the consideration which you have been able to give you would think there was something in the nature of an addition to your payments, to the extent of about 800*l.* by your supporters?—Yes; I am pretty confident that there was.

70,204. You said you confided in those gentlemen whose names you have mentioned, and when they asked you for money you gave it to them. Did you put any restraint at all upon them as to the character of the payments, or did you leave it entirely to them?—No; I cannot say I put any restraint upon them with regard to the character of the payments; I left it entirely to their honour.

70,205. You said you had perfect confidence in them?—I had perfect confidence in them. My impression was that Hull was a place in which treating prevailed, and also the payment of head money, but I thought there was no such thing as trafficking in votes.

70,206. Had your experience in Hull brought your mind to the conclusion that an election could hardly be won there without having recourse to those systems of treating and head money?—It was the universal practice on both sides, I believe.

70,207. And probably you would think an election could not be won without having recourse to them at that time of day?—I always understood, with regard to the payment of 5*s.* to the poor voters, it was quite impossible to come to Hull and not acquiesce in that custom.

70,208. That there would be no success without it?—I think if you want the proof of that you cannot have a stronger proof than what took place at the committee in 1837; neither party brought forward the practice then.

70,209. We have been told by some gentlemen that there was something like a sacred principle that on scrutinies, or on electioneering investigations, this system should not be made the ground of a petition. Did you ever hear of that?—I palliated it, perhaps wrongly; I palliated it to my own mind, by thinking that in the old system it prevailed to a greater extent.

70,210. I understood you to say you could not defend the practice?—No.

70,211. Did you hear there was an understanding in Hull between the parties, that they never should take advantage on either side, of that system on a petition?—I have always understood so.

70,212. You collected it probably rather from general observation than from any specific language used?—At the time of the petition, all the lawyers on both sides made no secret of it.

70,213. You knew in 1837, that the election on your side had cost the sum of about 3,500*l.*, did you not?—Yes, exactly; not quite so much, I think, but about that sum.

70,214. Then in London, when they asked you for 2,000*l.* as your subscription to the election of 1841, had you any doubt in your mind at that moment that the money which you were to give would be expended in the same way in 1841 that it had been in 1837?—No, none at all.

70,215. Then you gave or agreed to give the 2,000*l.* for the purpose of its being expended in carrying out that system of which you have spoken?—I am afraid that is the logical inference.

70,216. There is one subject which I purposely kept separate, with a view to draw

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your attention to it. While you were the member for Hull in the year 1839, it has been said that a great number of freedoms were taken up for the purpose of influencing the election, by both parties. It was began by the orange and continued by the blues. Were you aware of that circumstance. On the 11th of June, 1839, it has been said that the largest number of freedoms were taken up that ever were known since the Reform Act. A list has been handed to us, pointing out that a large number were taken up by the orange, and not so large by the blues. It has been accounted for by the fact, that the orange party stole a march upon you?—It was at the time the late Sir Robert Peel made a speech about paying great attention to the registration, and both parties took advantage of it to the greatest possible extent. I remember the circumstance.

70,217. Did you contribute to the expense of taking up the freedoms on that occasion?—I said, when I was elected for Hull, that I would give 50*l.* a year to watch the registration.

70,218. Independent of that, which is totally different, I am talking of the money which was spent for the purpose of securing an additional number of supporters?—Exactly. Undoubtedly everybody in a free country will do all they can to improve their position on the register, and I gave 50*l.* a year as a general practice to maintain the interests of the party upon the register.

70,219. Independent of that, which would be spent probably in investigating fictitious claims and proposing valid ones, were you aware money was spent for the purpose of paying the fees for freemen and other persons?—I apprehend it is required, when a freeman obtains his right to vote, that he should pay a certain sum of money.

70,220. There is a book which has been produced in evidence, containing a list of all the freemen admitted on the 11th of July. You will see opposite every name the fees that were paid?—The charge is, I suppose, that this money was not paid by the freemen themselves but by others for them?

70,221. Yes; all that was paid by other persons. It is said that a person of the name of Samuel Brown, on the blue side, and Thomas Wilde, on the orange side, assisted by a person of the name of Thistleton, sat one at one side and the other at the other side of the table, each with a bag of money to pay the fees. And the orange party got a written promise; it is not said that that occurred on the blue side. What I wish to ask is this, did you provide funds for the purpose of paying the expenses of persons admitted to their freedom, so as to secure a number of voters?—I dare say I did, but unknowingly. I was not aware it was necessary for a freeman to pay any money to obtain his constitutional right of voting; I was told the expenses of the lawyers were great, and I gave 50*l.* a year for the purpose of maintaining the interests of the voters, but I was not aware of the practice of paying the fees of freemen.

70,222. It is not merely for the purpose of the franchise. It is valuable for many other purposes; it is the fees on taking up the freedoms?—Until you told me, I was not aware it was necessary that they should pay any fees, further than I thought were paid by the 10*l.* householders for their votes.

70,223. Do I understand you, you were not personally cognizant of the use that was made of it if it was your money?—No, I was not.

70,224. It has been also said by several witnesses that immediately after the termination of the contest in 1841, a further increase was made, but that was exclusively by the blue party; were you aware of that fact?—No; I was not aware of that fact. It is very likely it would have been noticed in the newspapers at the time.

70,225. These are the minutes of the town council and the corporation that we get the information from?—All the intelligence I should have on that subject, would probably be derived from the newspapers.

70,226. You did not provide money expressly for such a purpose?—Certainly not.

70,227. Supposing then a part of this 2,890*l.* was applied to such a purpose as this, you were not cognizant of it at the time?—Certainly not.

70,228. Nor supposing that any of your registration money was applied for the purpose of purchasing freedoms, do I understand you that you were not aware of that application of your money?—Certainly not.

70,229 Do you consider yourself authorized to state, as your belief, that Sir John Hanmer paid his money with the same knowledge and upon the same understanding that you did?—That is my belief.

70,230. Do you think you would be authorized to say as much as that?—I think so.

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70,231. You are a colonel in the army?—Lieutenant-colonel.

70,232. You were formerly a member for this borough?—I was.

70,233. You were returned for it in the year 1835, in the single contest with Mr. Mildmay?—Yes.

70,234. I believe you are connected by property with the borough?—I was born in the borough, and my property lies in the neighbourhood.

70,235. Were you not a candidate for re-election in 1837?—No, not in 1837.

70,236. But in 1841 you again offered yourself?—Yes.

70,237. Was that in consequence of a requisition?—I cannot recollect; it is very likely the form of a requisition was gone through.

70,238. Probably it would be known that you were desirous to represent your native borough?—Undoubtedly it would.

70,239. How long before the dissolution, which took place in 1841, were you a candidate?—I am afraid I cannot recollect, for I do not recollect precisely what the circumstances were.

70,240. Was it a couple of months?—I think more.

70,241. It has been said that your intention to offer yourself was known as much as six months before?—As much as six months. Upon recollection, I think I recollect it was as long as six months.

70,242. How long had you a committee organized?—I should imagine something like a committee at the commencement of that period, but whether what is formally called a committee I cannot say.

70,243. Is that the committee of which Mr. Peck was the chairman?—I think Mr. Peck was acting at the early part, whether formally called a committee I cannot say.

70,244. At the time you were a candidate at the election of 1841, were you aware that the practice prevailed in Hull of paying runners or messengers?—I knew that men were employed as messengers in election proceedings. I remember once asking a question, whether the men who were so employed had not their votes vitiated, and the answer was made that they were not voters.

70,245. Were you aware that the practice prevailed of setting down persons as runners, with a view to obtain their votes?—Not at all on my side, not on my part.

70,246. I want to know in general; I am not talking of individual instances. I ask you, were you aware that such a practice existed in Hull?—I believe every practice of that kind existed in Hull; all kinds of improper practices I believe existed, but not on my part.

70,247. I want to know whether you agree with the other witnesses, who said that there was a practice existing?—I have no doubt that the practice of paying men as runners, and of paying them for their votes, had existed; but I do not know that it existed since the period of 1835, because after the Reform Bill I always imagined there was an alteration in respect of things of that kind.

70,248. I want to know were you aware, when you offered yourself as a candidate in 1841, that the practice had prevailed; for instance, at the very election before?—I had no doubt that it prevailed; but as I said before, it was a matter that I should have made a point of resisting.

70,249. I want to take you by steps, and get first of all, that there was such a practice, and that you knew of such a practice at the time you became a candidate?—I never had any concern with such practices, nor did anybody mention them. If I am asked to say what is the general character of the town, I know, from my recollections of boyhood, that it was as bad as could well be.

70,250. I wish you to have the kindness to answer the question a little more precisely, and I will renew the question somewhat more definitely. Were you aware, when you became a candidate in 1841, that up to that time the practice of paying people called runners, with a view of obtaining their votes, prevailed?—I do not believe it prevailed on what is called the Liberal side before; if it did it is without my knowledge. I do not know that it prevailed at that time; that it prevailed twenty years before I have no doubt. At that time I had no reason to believe it did prevail on the Liberal side.

70,251. Do you think it did not prevail on the orange side in 1837?—I have no reason to think so. I never was concerned in any compact for paying anything of the kind, and I have no reason to suppose it did.

70,252. Then, if that is so, believing it would not; would it be an ordinary course that you would take no means to prevent it?—Yes; I know it was a great besetment in Hull to do things of that kind.

70,253. If you believed that had not prevailed ever since the Reform Bill by your own party, why should you take any pains to prevent that which does not exist?—I have no doubt I said to my friends, "Take care we do not implicate ourselves in any improper payments."

70,254. Then you were not aware it existed?—I knew it existed from them, but not from me.

70,255. If you believed that the practice of employing runners never had prevailed since the Reform Act, would it not follow that you would take no measures to prevent that which you did not believe existed?—No, I think not; in our position we had need of every possible caution. I can only say it did not exist to my knowledge, or I had no concern in it. I do not vote for the opposite party—that is, the Conservative party.

70,256. You are expressing your belief, that the practice of setting down the names of runners, with a view of influencing their votes, did not exist in the party to which you belonged?—It did not, to my knowledge.

70,257. It would follow, that if you believed it did not exist, you would take no precaution to prevent it?—I do not quite see that that follows; believing it was what there had been a strong tendency to, was the reason why care should be taken to prevent it.

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70,258. Did you think it probable that in 1841 it would be resorted to by your ow party, unless you took means to prevent it?—I certainly took every means to prevent it that I could. I was not engaged in any such plan.

70,259. Would not that be in consequence of a fear that it would be introduced if not guarded against?—Certainly it would.

70,260. And would not that fear be grounded on your previous knowledge that such things had occurred?—No; only that such things were likely to occur.

70,261. Then your answer comes to this, that you were afraid that the practice would be introduced when you became a candidate?—I think I must answer, that I only took precautions against its being introduced.

70,262. What were the precautions you did take?—Inviting all my friends to do everything in their power to prevent any practice of that kind.

70,263. Did you describe what the practice was that they were to guard against?—I cannot say whether I ever said pointedly to them "take care you do not employ runners;" but if I had seen anything that struck me as the commencement of that system I should have resisted it. And, as I said before, when I saw some men employed as messengers, I asked the question on one occasion whether they were voters, and would it not vitiate their votes; the answer was made to me, they were not voters; and I did not do it in consequence of seeing any remarkable number, but only because it occurred to me, if their votes were objectionable, that it was a thing that ought to have been prevented.

70,264. What further instructions did you give when you were told that the people were not voters?—I gave no further instructions; I was satisfied then, when they said they were not voters, and I asked no further questions. I saw two or three men about, no more, to carry messages, as there must be on all occasions, where business is doing, and I said, I think, very likely, to the chairman of the committee, "Who are these men? are they voters, and will not that vitiate their votes in case there is a scrutiny, and will not they be objected to?" and the answer was made to me that they were not voters.

70,265. What other means did you have recourse to, to avoid objectionable practices prevailing?—Exhorting all my friends and everybody with whom I was connected to remember that our success mainly depended on our character for not doing things of that kind.

70,266. Did you in the course of this general exhortation refer to the practice of setting down the names of voters as runners?—I do not remember its being specified in any manner, putting down names as runners; I never heard it mentioned.

70,267. We hear that before the contest actually took place, you formed a coalition to a limited extent with Mr. Clay, but that previous to that date you were canvassing on your own account exclusively; is that so?—I should like to go into the history of those circumstances, if the Commissioners thought it was proper.

70,268. Perhaps that would be the shortest way?—In the year 1839, as I believe, a plan was set on foot by a section of the orange party, which was not my section, for purchasing freedoms for certain voters; that plan was an act of direct hostility to me and to my friends or party, the object being to annihilate our influence in the borough. There are documents in print at the time in the public papers to which I have had recourse to refresh my memory, and I could produce them here if it was desired.

70,269. A letter has been shown to us containing a remonstrance on your part against it?—That letter I have no doubt is correct. As soon as I heard of it, I brought the matter before the constituency; perhaps it is not necessary for me to go further into that part of the matter. When the election proceeded, there was what I call a condonation for that injury, for injury it was, and I have no doubt that it was the principal cause of the loss of that election, and very possibly had some influence on three elections more which went unfavourable to the Liberals about that time; I do in my heart attribute the loss of those elections, in a greater or lesser degree, to this most unhappy proceeding that took place in 1839.

70,270. Did you ever repay any portion of the expenses that were incurred by that section of the orange party in taking up freedoms?—I never paid anything towards the taking up of those freedoms; it was an act hostile to me, and a man does not pay towards an act of hostility against himself.

70,271. We have heard a great many of the parties signed a paper pledging themselves to vote for you, and a great many of them did. I wish therefore to know whether at any subsequent time you repaid any part of the whole expenses; I understood you to say not?—After, there was a condonation, as I phrased it; no doubt there were expenses which would be divided between both parties.

70,272. What is the condonation to which you allude?—There was a great deal of quarrelling between the two sections of the Liberal party, and everybody said, "You are sure to lose the election unless you make the quarrel up," and at last, at a rather late period, I consented to make up the quarrel.

70,273. In the term "condonation" are you alluding to an agreement entered into by a gentleman on your part, and another gentleman on the part of Mr. Clay, for sharing certain expenses?—There would be expenses to be shared, no doubt, but what they were I do not know.

70,274. Is that what you are alluding to as the condonation?—No; the condonation was an agreement that the candidates should meet and shake hands, and that ceremony took place at Mr. Jalland's house over the North Bridge.

70,275. Then subsequently to that, a coalition, to a limited extent, took place?—It did.

70,276. In which I believe you agreed to share certain expenses and certain expenses only?—That I believe to have been the case.

70,277. And an agreement for sharing the expenses between yourself and Mr. Clay was drawn up?—I have no doubt of that being what took place.

70,278. With your sanction, it says you are to share the expenses of the sheriff and a limited number of committees?—I have no doubt that generally had my sanction.

70,279. After this date, the 12th of June, you had seventeen joint committees I believe?—I really cannot speak to that fact whether they were joint committees or not; I do not recollect anything that impresses upon me that it was so; they might be.

70,280. Various documents have been handed to us by Mr. Peck?—I have no doubt that everything handed in by Mr. Peck is correct, I trust to what he says.

70,281. You have no doubt after the 12th of June, you shared in the expenses named in these papers?—I have no doubt of it.

70,282. It has been said that at the election in 1841, besides these seventeen committees mentioned here, in which you shared the expenses, that from seventy to eighty other committee rooms were paid for by the orange party; did you pay any part of that expense?—I really cannot say whether I did or not. It was entirely in the hands of the chairman of the committee to produce an account of the expenses that he charged to me.

70,283. There is no such item to be found among the documents handed in, but there is a document showing that those number of committee rooms were engaged; therefore I ask you, whether you paid any part of them?—I have no doubt that whatever is stated by my chairman of my committee as having been paid, was paid.

70,284. There is nothing stated as having been paid by you; that is the reason I ask the question?—Then I go no further.

70,285. The evidence is clear that Mr. Clay paid something, or, at least, it has been said so?—It is highly probable that I paid according to the agreement there stated.

70,286. That is only the seventeen committees; the agreement limits it to seventeen?—Then I cannot say whether more was paid or not.

70,287. It has been said besides that, that seventy-two at the least, if not more, committee rooms, were engaged and paid for. There is no trace of such an item to be found in your account, but there is in Mr. Clay's; therefore, I ask the question whether you can undertake to say you did not pay them?—Since there is a limitation to seventeen, the probability seems to be that no others were paid for, and the intention was to say we would not pay for other committees, but only for seventeen.

70,288. The agreement limits it to seventeen, but what I want to know is, notwithstanding the agreement limited it to seventeen, whether you in point of fact paid for a greater number?—I do not think I did. I have no reason to believe it. If proof is brought from other quarters I should submit to it; I have no knowledge of it. I should surmise, in consequence of limiting it to seventeen, that that is all I paid for.

70,289. The agreement according to your knowledge was carried out as there stated?—I believe it was.

70,290. Did you find during your canvass that voters would apply to you to be employed; to be set down to be employed as runners?—I must state my impression of what was the meaning of setting down. No doubt I have gone to some of the most respectable men in Hull, and a man who it would be most insane to offer a bribe to, and said, "Pray will you allow me to set you down?" That did not mean to be set down for 30*s*. Every canvasser has a friend attending him to put the name down in a book.

70,291. That is setting it down in a promise book?—Yes.

70,292. I mean setting down as runners?—I never heard it mentioned, never heard such a thing, and never was asked a question on that subject.

70,293. Have you any means of distinguishing runners that were actually employed; for instance, here is a list of the number necessary to be employed: have you any means of distinguishing who were voters and who were not?—I have stated I asked the question, and was told they were not voters. I have no knowledge of any man being employed with a view of influencing his vote.

70,294. Is it your recollection that you preferred to employ non-voters to voters?—I was told it was not so, and therefore I believed it. When I inquired I was told the men employed were non-voters.

70,295. Did you take pains or not that that should be the case; did you take pains to exclude voters?—It was not in any department of mine. I neither took particular pains one way or another. I did not interfere in such matters. Everybody connected with me knew I should oppose anything like giving money to voters to influence their votes; in proof of which, I stated I asked the question.

70,296. Or employment also?—I say the same with respect to employment. I should have resisted anything like giving employment to men with a view of influencing their votes.

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70,297. We have been told that you were to a great extent your own treasurer?—I paid the bills that were brought against me, if that is being my own treasurer.

70,298. You paid the bills yourself?—Yes.

70,299. You employed no banker in the town?—I did not; I employed a banker in London. What I observe stated by one witness upon that subject is quite correct; I remember saying to my chairman, I think, "We will not trouble our friends of the opposite party, with knowing either what we do, or what we do not do."

70,300. Look at that paper endorsed "Objections to bills paid," and I want to ask you this question: did you examine carefully all the accounts that were sent in?—I do not think I examined them all; I paid them, there is no use in examining accounts afterwards. I did all I could to keep things clear and clean beforehand.

70,301. We have not had the good fortune to get any balance-sheet of the expenses that you incurred; can you tell what the gross amount is that the election cost you?—I can come no nearer than Mr. Peck's statement. I have examined my account at Hopkinson's, and I find there 600*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* in bills to Mr. Peck, and I find others which I cannot at this time account for, so that there might be, and probably were, other payments included in them; and I have no disposition to controvert the statement of my chairman of committee; I have no doubt that what he says is the correct sum.

70,302. Let me draw your attention to three answers: "I gave to Colonel Thompson a balance-sheet;" he also says, "The whole expenses of Colonel Thompson's election were about 1,220*l.*;" and he also said, "We went carefully through the account"?—Who went carefully through?

70,303. That is what Mr. Peck says that you and he did?—If so, I do not recollect it. I cannot recollect it at all.

70,304. He says, "I gave Colonel Thompson the final balance-sheet; the whole of the expenses were 1,260*l.*, and we," that is, he and you, "went carefully through the account?" —We might or might not, but I have no recollection whatever upon the subject.

70,305. You do not remember the fact?—I do not remember the fact; it might be, or it might not.

70,306. When you say you agree with Mr. Peck, that is why we wish to draw your attention to what Mr. Peck said. Do you remember the fact of having a balance-sheet? —I do not remember it.

70,307. I think I understood you to say that you do not remember whether it was 1,260*l.*?—I do not remember.

70,308. Is it your impression that it was less, or more?—I have no recollection of it at all; until I saw the evidence brought forward here, I had no idea that I had paid anything like that sum. I believe not an uncommon case in elections.

70,309. He has given details: flags from 150*l.* to 200*l.*, Mr. Peck said. Do you believe it was as much, or more?—I think it is a very enormous sum for flags; we had some flags of a rare construction, in proof of which, they have been asked for at two or three elections since. I should have thought they could not come to that.

70,310. He says you dressed up some sweeps at the expense of 10*l.*?—That was a freak of a deceased friend of ours; when men get into a state of excitement at elections, they do things that do not come within the range of being rational.

70,311. Mr. Peck says that you had music to a considerable extent?—When a man makes a profession of not taking illegal methods, he is obliged to spend more upon the legal ones, and considering that legal, I have no doubt we did all that could be done by way of music.

70,312. Mr. Peck has only stated the clerks at 80*l.* Do you think that is all that you paid for clerks?—I trusted entirely to him; I do not know what he paid for clerks. I have no means of intimating that that was incorrect.

70,313. Do you remember what there was for printing?—I do not know what the amount was.

70,314. Your memory does not enable you to give any details of the expenditure?— None at all, I think.

70,315. There is 100*l.* put down for colourmen?—I do not know very well, I suppose they were to carry the colours.

70,316. And eighty men carrying boards?—I have no doubt there was a great deal of board carrying.

70,317. Do you believe that they were voters or non-voters?—I have none but the general reason to believe that they were not voters.

70,318. He has put a breakfast for the non-voters at 120*l.*, do you remember that?— No; I cannot say, really; I do not know particularly what it is that he alludes to.

70,319. And the printing is put at 120*l.*?—There was a good deal of printing; I do not know what the amount would come to, but I apprehend printing like music is one of the most honourable courses a candidate can have recourse to.

70,320. You supplied, I believe, money in small sums from time to time, to Mr. Peck? —No; I should rather think it was in considerable sums.

70,321. What, according to your recollection, would the gross amount be beyond the 670*l.* that you had paid?—I have no means of referring to anything but Mr. Peck's statement of the sum, and I think it would be well that Mr. Peck should be asked whether he

means that that sum was all paid by me, because it might by possibility be paid by other persons, a part of it.

70,322. This is Mr. Peck's evidence: "The whole expenses came to 1,260*l.*, and I made a balance-sheet from time to time, to keep a check upon it that there should be nothing spent contrary to law." Did you, so far as in you lay, do everything that you could to check any illegal expenditure?—I never in my life did encourage or wink at any illegal expenditure, that I know of.

70,323. Were you aware then, that supposing that the practice had been followed by your party of giving employment to persons with a view of influencing their votes, that that would have been illegal?—I should have resisted it to the utmost; I cannot say within what limits that would have been illegal or not, because it is a thing that there are very great doubts about.

70,324. Would you have resisted it lest it should be considered illegal; is that the impression?—Lest it should be considered illegal, and because I thought it generally contrary to our duty and to our character.

70,325. Do you recollect after the election any application being made to you on behalf of Mr. Clay's committee, or his friends, to share some outstanding expenses of runners?—There might be such a thing, but I do not recollect it, nor can I speak to it; there might be a claim of that sort.

70,326. Your memory would not serve you?—My memory will not serve me to say that there were or there were not.

70,327. As to the answer you might send to such an application?—I cannot say, there might be such claims; if there were, I should imagine that they were resisted.

70,328. You may remember this, that some time elapsed before the amount of the expenses that you were to share with Mr. Clay were finally adjusted?—I really cannot speak to them; I do not recollect.

70,329. Some time did elapse?—In all probability some time would elapse.

70,330. You did not inquire, I dare say, whether all the musicians were voters or not voters?—Certainly not; in the case of the individuals it was impossible for me to make an inquiry of that sort. In the position of a candidate at an election, different departments are left necessarily to friends, and there were always the strongest instructions given to my friends to put down everything that was illegal. I take no credit for it, it was our stock in trade to do nothing of that kind. It was like a character to a servant; we should have been foolish to have broken through it willingly.

70,331. Do you think that an expenditure of 120*l.* in printing would indirectly have a bearing upon the result of the election?—Inasmuch as it was a dissemination of information, it might not; I have not the slightest idea that it was ever done in any shape or degree with any corrupt intent. We printed "at" our adversaries and our friends with all our might, among other reasons, because we paid nobody.

70,332. You would confine the printing to your own party?—That is a thing that never came under my notice; but, of course, I should take for granted that we did not employ our adversaries' printers.

70,333. I did not understand you to say that you had employed the printers on both sides?—No; I said we did not, and undoubtedly we did not employ the printers who were our adversaries'.

70,334. You do not mean, when you say "at" your adversaries, at your adversaries' shops, but you directed it at them?—Yes; we directed it against the intelligence of our adversaries.

70,335. You meant that you fired your papers at them?—Yes; in one statement that I made, I meant if there had been an opportunity to make an exception. I think I was asked whether I was ever asked during my canvass to put any man down improperly; I remember calling upon an old shoemaker upon a first floor in Dock Side, and the old man looked cunning and said, "Is there not something usual upon these occasions?" Whether he meant money or drink, I do not know; but we did not get any good from our visit to him, and that is the only instance within my memory of anybody during our canvass in Hull having asked me for anything of the kind.

70,336. What did you say to him?—We told him that that time had gone by.

70,337. I observe that you use the word "illegal," that it was your desire and your instructions that no expenses should be incurred that were illegal?—Yes.

70,338. Was it then your object to have merely a legal contest, or a cheap contest?—To have merely a legal contest; and a cheap contest in so far as we could not expend money illegally.

70,339. Then you did not object to the expenditure of money, provided it could be brought within the strict letter of the law?—No; I do not know that I did. I did not want expenses to be incurred; and they were finally a great deal more than I ever expected.

70,340. Your instructions were that no expense should be incurred that was illegal?—Yes; illegal.

70,341. Not that they should limit the expense of the election more than other Hull elections had been limited?—The cutting off of the illegal expenses is cutting off the major part of the expenses of an election, I apprehend.

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70,342. You have said when a man makes a profession not to spend money in an illegal mode, he is obliged to spend more in a legal mode?—He is.

70,343. With what object?—In order that he may carry his election.

70,344. Is that in order to carry it by putting his constituents in good humour by the amount of money expended?—No; it is by setting forth your own claims. I fought up the whole battle of the Corn Laws, in printing, at that election.

70,345. Had you no regard to the influence that an expenditure of money would have generally?—Not the slightest. I never authorized the expenditure of a shilling with any such view.

70,346. Do you agree with Mr. Peck, that you did pay 1,260*l.*?—I have no disposition or ability to contradict Mr. Peck's statement. I am in his hands; I can produce no counter-statement.

70,347. How soon do you think you paid that sum, or how much of it did you pay during the election?—I cannot tell how much of it I paid during the election; I should have paid for the expenses which he represented as being necessary at that time; and the other I imagine I paid up as soon as possible afterwards; it was indifferent to me whether I paid it soon or late.

70,348. Did you, as an experienced candidate, believe that the sum of 1,260*l.*, or anything like it, was necessary for the mere machinery of the election?—I did believe it, most devoutly; and to this hour I believe the same; and I can give the Commissioners evidence why I think so. I can point them to another election, with a smaller population than Hull, where the election was carried on for a shorter time, and where there were men of great mark, I mean the League, who were concerned, and who never would have compromised their characters for the sake of any petty election game; and that election cost more a good deal than 1,260*l.*

70,349. We have heard that an election in this town, contested fiercely, cost one candidate 400*l.*, and he won the election?—There may have been circumstances under which such a thing may have been done; perhaps somebody else paid for him.

70,350. It has been stated that the whole expenses of that candidate, or on his behalf, were 400*l.* If he could carry a contested election for the cost of 400*l.*, how do you wish us to understand that a sum of 1,260*l.* is necessary for the mere machinery of the election?—An election at one time, is not an election at another time; and the circumstances are, and may be, exceedingly different. There are some elections that go by default, and other elections where there is a strong adversary, and you must put forward every power that you have to oppose him. I believe devoutly that 1,260*l.* was quite reasonable to be expended legally in that election, and I never had the slightest suspicion or belief to the contrary.

70,351. I do not wish you to take the word "legally," but whether it was absolutely necessary to carry on the mere machinery of the election?—What is the mere machinery? The machinery was, to speak at as many places as we could, to print as much as we had the chance of getting anybody to read. All that goes to great expense, and I do not think that 1,260*l.* was primâ facie an unreasonable amount for all those expenses.

70,352. After the shaking hands with Mr. Clay upon your part, was there so far a coalition that you were to have the benefit of his supporters?—I must say something upon that head. I have said that the purchasing of those freedoms originated in hostility to us. The plan was that they should be bought on the last day, or towards the last day, when it could be legally done; and a march should thereby be stolen upon the Conservative side. That plan failed, and therefore there was an end of any chance of putting us down by dint of those purchased voters. I therefore state there is no thanks due to the other side for their voters voting for us. If they hired those voters after, they would be obliged to put into the contract that they were to vote for us, and without any complicity, and for this reason: that if their voters had been found not voting for us, our friends would have immediately refused to vote for them, and the election for the orange party must have been given up altogether.

70,353. Again I ask whether after the coalition, or after the shaking of hands with Mr. Clay, it was understood that you were to have the benefit of these voters?—There was no such understanding entered into with me; the fact was, that they did vote for us because they could not do anything else.

70,354. For what purpose did you coalesce?—In order that there might be the appearance of unison, and that the opposite party might not say, "These two parties are at daggers drawn, and therefore we will beat them."

70,355. Did you not induce your supporters to give him the second vote?—Certainly.

70,356. And did they not induce their voters to give you the second vote?—I knew we must give instructions to them, but I entered into no contract; of course there was a general understanding, when there was a giving up of the quarrel, that both sides would assist each other.

70,357. Were you aware at all that Mr. Clay's party was going to a considerable expense in setting down runners?—Not at all; I left it entirely to take its own course. I had no responsibility for them; whatever they did was of their own choice.

70,358. I ask whether you heard that he was spending money for such a purpose?—I do not recollect any such thing. It might be said or reported, but I had nothing to

do with it. It had nothing to do with any conduct of mine, or my party, that I am aware of.

70,359. Forgetting for a moment that Mr. Peck has made any statement as to the cost; or forgetting for a moment that Mr. Peck has made any statement at all; and relying entirely upon your own memory, what should you say that the election cost you?—I really have no means of ascertaining.

70,360. Supposing you had been asked the question before Mr. Peck said 1,260*l.*?—I certainly did not think or expect that it would have cost so much.

70,361. You named 670*l.*?—That is only the sum for which I find his name attached to bills; 600*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* But there are other drafts or bills in the account which may be, and probably are, what Mr. Peck alludes to.

70,362. How much, according to your own exclusive judgment, should you say it was over and above that 600*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*?—I have no disposition to controvert Mr. Peck's evidence that there was so and so.

70,363. Throwing altogether Mr. Peck out of consideration, and relying exclusively upon your own memory; supposing this question had been put to you two months ago, and Mr. Peck not examined, what should you have said was the sum?—I should have been all abroad upon the subject. I should not have known.

70,364. Would your judgment have been that it was less than 1,000*l.*, or more?—I did not expect it was as much as 1,000*l.*; the rest came upon me in the shape of surprise.

70,365. You were surprised when you heard Mr. Peck's statement that it was 1,260*l.*?—Yes; because I did not think it was so much.

70,366. I think you say you did not think it would exceed 1,000*l.*?—I did not expect 1,000*l.*

70,367. Have you heard the sum of 1,260*l.* named before you came to be examined to-day?—I saw it in the evidence printed in the newspapers.

70,368. Having since directed your attention to that sum, is it still your impression; because it was nothing but a guess of Mr. Peck's that the money amounted to 1,200*l.* Having seen that sum named by Mr. Peck, but relying upon your own judgment, do you still think that the sum was over 1,200*l.*?—No. Having seen Mr. Peck's evidence, I have no means to doubt that his is a correct statement.

70,369. Is that because you prefer his memory to your own?—Undoubtedly; and because he has access to papers that I have not.

70,370. Because you prefer his memory to your own?—And his papers and documents.

70,371. But he has no papers?—Then I prefer his memory to my own.

70,372. Your memory would lead you to say that it was less than 1,000*l.*, but his evidence makes it 1,260*l.*, and you prefer to rely upon him?—When I speak of memory I should rather say expectation, because I have no memory upon it.

70,373. Do you still think that 1,260*l.* is a sum that ought to be expended in a fair contest in Hull?—I have no doubt that it was honestly and legally expended.

70,374. How soon did you learn that the expenses of your party upon that occasion were 3,000*l.*?—I do not know that I ever heard that to this hour; it is quite new.

70,375. Do you think that the sum of 3,000*l.* could be fairly expended in merely necessary expenses?—I have no concern with the other section of the orange party; they acted in hostility to me up to the period I mention.

70,376. You did not think that 3,000*l.* could be fairly expended upon merely necessary expenses.?—It is not for me to make a statement upon any other parties' proceedings, any more than it is for them to do so upon mine.

70,377. That is including your own?—I state I have no doubt that 1,260*l.* might be, and, if Mr. Peck says so, was legally and properly expended. For any other parties' expenses I cannot answer, because I never heard what they were until now.

70,378. From the experience that you have of the Hull constituency, and the extent of the town, cannot you form a judgment whether it is absolutely necessary for two candidates to expend 3,000*l.*?—Really I can only answer for my own part, because I have no knowledge what the other side might do.

70,379. Do you think if they only did what was right, that they could expend 3,000*l.*?—I cannot have an opinion upon that subject. 1,260*l.* was a good deal to spend, and we spent it honestly to the best of my belief.

70,380. To what do you attribute losing your election in 1841?—In a very high degree to the system that was then introduced of purchasing freedoms; it destroyed the character of the Liberal side.

70,381. But I understand that that system has been resorted to by both sides?—Never by my side.

70,382. If our information is correct, more freedoms were taken up by the orange party in 1839 than by the blues?—That was done hostilely to me; it was a movement to neutralize my influence and the influence of what I call my friends and party in the borough.

70,383. You have alluded, more than once, to the hostility of the other section of the orange party?—I have.

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70,384. That other section of the orange party at the election of 1841 was equally unsuccessful with yourself?—Yes, it was, and that ruined both of us.

70,385. Allow me to repeat the question. To what do you attribute the loss of the election in 1841?—Mainly to that miserable procedure, that introducing the practice of buying the freedoms. I cannot say positively we should have won it, but I have heard it said we should have won by five if that practice had not been set on foot.

70,386. If the freedoms purchased in that way by the orange party exceeded considerably those purchased by the blue party, the result could not be attributable to that cause?—It was to a great extent, because, as I said before, it ruined our character.

70,387. The orange party would get the full extent of the freedoms purchased upon their side, and assuming that the blue party did the same, still the balance, taking those persons upon the one side or the other, would be greatly in the orange favour?—It would, but it did not balance the injury done to the general character of the party.

70,388. Do I understand you to say that you are of opinion that independent electors upon the orange side deserted that side in consequence of the freedoms that had been taken up upon that side?—I mean to say that the general loss of character which ensued thereupon was a great or serious detriment to the election.

70,389. It lost you a great many votes?—Lost votes; men would not vote for our side, when they said "We clearly see you are the same as the other men are."

70,390. Do I understand you to say that at that election there was a considerable section of the orange party, independent men, who did not vote at all, or did they go over to the blues?—I cannot say; there is always a fluctuating party in an election who are doubtful, and who no one can say beforehand which way they will go, and where anything happens to damage the character of the party, they are very likely to go the other way, or not vote at all.

70,391. Still I cannot bring my mind to the conclusion that the result of taking up the freedoms was the cause of your losing the election. I cannot see how it works out?—It works out this way: supposing the 200 votes were got by this proceeding, we lost more than the difference between the 200 and what the Conservative side took up, by the bad reputation that we got, by the loss of character of the Liberal side generally.

70,392. But loss of character, unless loss of votes, would not affect the result?—Men do not vote for the side that they think has a bad character; loss of character always implies loss of votes.

70,393. It was well known that the blues had done the same thing?—I understood not to the same extent.

70,394. But they did do it?—It was understood they did afterwards, upon seeing it begun by a section of the orange party; I understood the blues then did the same thing.

70,395. I mean that the blues did it long before the election of 1841?—They did.

70,396. They did it in 1839, upon the same day?—I do not apprehend that they did it until that section of the orange party set the example; I then understood that they did all that they were able.

70,397. I do not want to contest the matter of who commenced it, but the fact seems unquestionable, that both parties did it to a considerable extent at the same time?—I have no doubt they did; and if they had done it to an equal extent, things would have been left in statu quo.

70,398. Then the character of the blues and the orange being considerably tainted in your judgment by this recourse to buying freedoms in 1839, do I understand you to say, in your judgment, that the loss of the election was occasioned by a certain party not mixing themselves up at all with the taint upon either side?—The blues never had any character to lose, it was the Liberal side that lost character, without anything to balance it.

70,399. The blues having no character to lose, the orange party rushed immediately into the arena and purchased freedoms very much more fully than the others?—That section of the orange party began it with a view to damage my party, and hence arose all the mischief that followed.

70,400. Do you think that the orange party bought up the freedoms to that extent to put themselves upon an equality with those who you say had no character to lose?—No, they did it not with that view, but with a view to neutralize the influence of what I call for distinction my party.

70,401. There is one matter that I have been endeavouring to direct my question to, I cannot arrive at the conclusion unless you intend to inform me, that a great many of the orange party abstained from voting altogether in 1841, I cannot otherwise account for your being defeated?—I attribute it to the defalcation of what may be called the doubtful party; men who do not call themselves either blue or orange. There are always a great number doubtful, who make up their minds at the close of the election, when they see what all the different parties have to say for themselves.

70,402. We have heard this morning that the blues expended 6,500*l.*, and the orange 3,000*l.*; do you not think that the difference of that expenditure had a considerable effect upon the result of the election?—I have no doubt at all that the difference of expenditure had the effect, but we might have beaten them after all if the hands of all the Liberal party had been clean.

70,403. Do you not think that the 3,500*l.* in excess spent by the blues, was the real cause of your losing the election?—No; it is my belief there is a high probability that we

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should have beaten them in spite of that, and I have been told that we should have had a majority of five, a very bare majority, but enough to give a position.

70,404. The poll book shows that if all the persons whose freedoms were taken up by the blues had voted for them, and all the persons whose freedoms were taken up by the orange had voted for the orange, that then the result of the election would have been one and one, by a majority of five, and Mr. Clay would have been returned by five; but if neither party had taken up any freedoms, that both the blues would have been returned, as they were, that is obvious from the poll book?—I think that confirms the statement I have heard.

70,405. We have had a list of names of freedoms taken up by each party?—I have not consulted the poll book, but my impression is that we lost by that misfortune.

70,406. We have been told that the difference between one side spending a guinea and the other side spending a pound would change an election in Hull; what is your opinion upon that?—I have no experience at all upon the subject.

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70,407. You are the late member for this borough?—Yes.

70,408. You were also a candidate for the election in the year 1841?—I was.

70,409. When was your attention first directed to the representation of this borough?—I think that it must have been early in 1839; it might have been quite at the end of 1838, but my belief is it was at the beginning of 1839.

70,410. At that time I believe you had no connexion with the borough?—None; I knew only one gentleman in the place, and that was the late Doctor Chalmers, who happened to attend me when I was taken ill in coming through Hull.

70,411. What is the origin of your connexion with the borough of Hull?—There existed at Hull a Reform Association; at that time a meeting was held to decide who should be invited to be the candidate, as it was then expected that a general election was impending. The election was put off for a year, or a year and a half; I had stood for Beverley, and a gentleman, Mr. Alderman Gresham, had heard me speak at Beverley, and seen me there, although I believe I was not introduced to him; he thought I should be a good candidate, and he proposed me, and the proposition was carried, and an invitation was sent to me to stand.

70,412. Was that invitation communicated to you early in 1839 or late in 1838?—Yes.

70,413. Through the medium of Mr. Gresham?—No; the first intimation I had of it was by a message from Colonel Thompson through Sir William Clay, and that was followed almost immediately by a letter from Mr. Galloway, communicating to me a resolution of the Reform Association.

70,414. At that time was Mr. Galloway a perfect stranger to you?—I was a perfect stranger to every gentleman in the place, nor had I the slightest communication either directly or indirectly for the promotion of my own candidateship. I knew nothing of it until the intimation came to me.

70,415. How soon did you become acquainted with Mr. Galloway?—Upon my first visit to Hull, which I think was about the summer of 1839. I have carefully avoided refreshing my memory upon any of these subjects, which might easily be done by referring to the newspapers, but I have cautiously avoided refreshing my memory, because particular accuracy upon one point might make other points of which I was entirely forgetful, rather suspicious.

70,416. You were in Hull earlier than the summer of 1839; allow me to mention, that among the correspondence before us, is a correspondence very early in 1839, between you and Mr. Galloway?—The first time I visited Hull the date may be found by the papers.

70,417. There is a letter before us from Mr. Galloway to you, of the 29th of May 1839, will that enable you to fix the date?—My first visit to Hull was when I made my first speech in Hull at the Victoria rooms.

70,418. At the time that you came to Hull, you had not entered into any communication with Mr. Galloway, except the letter of which you have spoken?—It is very probable that some correspondence might have taken place.

70,419. Can you recollect this: whether you wrote to Mr. Galloway acknowledging the receipt of the letter that you have mentioned, which caused your introduction to Hull; did you acknowledge it to any other parties?—No doubt I should have written to Mr. Galloway, as it was Mr. Galloway who wrote to me.

70,420. In the early part of that year you became acquainted with Mr. Jalland?—Yes, in my first visit to Hull.

70,421. Had you had any correspondence with Mr. Jalland previously?—I think no correspondence, unless it was an invitation to go to his house.

70,422. I mean upon the business of the election?—I think not.

70,423. Then you came to Hull?—Yes.

70,424. And was there a meeting held here at which you made a speech?—I came

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down to make inquiries myself, to see whether I thought that Hull would suit me, and to show myself to the electors to see whether I should suit them.

70,425. To feel your way?—Yes; to make a declaration of my opinions, and to see whether I should suit them; to inquire as to the position of the borough, and see whether the borough would suit me.

70,426. Upon the occasion of that visit to Hull, was the subject of the expense of a contest in Hull brought to your attention?—Yes; even before that.

70,427. How soon?—Either in the first invitation that Mr. Galloway sent to me, or in a letter very shortly subsequent to that. I do not know whether it was not in the same letter that the probable expense was mentioned to me as 750*l.*

70,428. In a letter from Mr. Galloway?—Yes, from Mr. Galloway.

70,429. Can you recollect whether there were any details entered into?—Not in that letter; but I may probably save you some trouble, and make the matter shorter by telling you very concisely what was represented to me to be the state of the borough,—those representations coming chiefly from Dr. Chalmers and Mr. Galloway. I asked questions of other gentlemen whom I met when I came to Hull, but the state of the borough was principally represented to me by Dr. Chalmers and also by Mr. Galloway.

70,430. Will you just listen to this letter, and see whether you recollect receiving it:—"29th May 1839. I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, and also desired to inform you for your government, what in all probability would be the amount of election and registration expenses; but this we cannot give you this morning, as Mr. Gresham (who is in possession of the accounts for the last election) is from home; we will, however, on his return, procure all the necessary information and then write you. In the meantime you may consider (as my opinion) that the election expenses would amount to 1,000*l.*, and the expenses attending the ensuing registration (should the election take place after it) would be about 50*l.* each candidate, and 30*l.* each for revising the register and printing the street lists. Some discussion took place as to how far you would go on the extension of the suffrage." That letter must have been written after the one in which the 750*l.* is mentioned?—No doubt that letter must be subsequent to it.

70,431. Consequently does that enable you to say that your visit to Hull was before or after the 29th of May?—I think I had not visited Hull on the 29th of May; but the matter is so very easily known by the newspapers. My own belief is, that I had not visited Hull before I received that letter.

70,432. Your impression is that at that time you had not been at Hull?—Yes.

70,433. Therefore, that at the time you came to Hull, correspondence in two or three letters had taken place between you and Mr. Galloway?—Yes.

70,434. I interrupted you when you were going to state what took place when you came to Hull; will you continue it?—I was going to state very concisely the result of more than one long conversation chiefly with Dr. Chalmers and Mr. Galloway; for I was anxious to know, of course, how electioneering was carried on here, more especially as Hull did not enjoy a very good name. Dr. Chalmers told me, and this was confirmed by Mr. Galloway, and more or less by every gentleman with whom I spoke upon the subject, that previous to the Reform Bill a custom existed of giving head money to the freemen, of four guineas for one vote, that is for a plumper, and two guineas for a split vote; that advantage was taken of the excitement which the Reform Bill caused all over the country, to get rid of this system, and that at the election immediately following the Reform Bill, no money, or very little money, had been paid in this way; that it was found by the subsequent defeat of Mr. Hill, the gentleman who succeeded upon so small a payment, immediately after the Reform Bill, that this system of paying nothing at all would not do, and that a system had been devised infinitely better than the old one, for reasons I will give you as he gave them to me afterwards; that that system was to employ men as messengers in the committee rooms—as flagmen, and as messengers, men who come under the general head of runners; to give them actual employment, and pay them 5*s.* a day for the time they were employed. He led me to believe, of course, that the inclination was to find as much employment as possible; the belief to which he led me was, that if a committee room required ten or twelve messengers, there would probably be fifteen; and that in some cases, possibly, the employment was colourable; and even there might be some cases, but very few, where, in the confusion of the election, men not employed at all would slip in for payment; but that would be only an accident, there would be no continuation of it at all. He then told me that the party considered, with some show of reason, that this differed very materially from bribery; that there was a legal difference between this and bribery; and inasmuch as upon a petition, a case of bribery could not be made out from the employment of these men, and that all that could be done would be to knock off their votes upon a scrutiny. Whether that is good law or bad I did not know then, and I do not know now; but that is what was represented to me; but that which was more important was, that according to his representation of the state of Hull, there was a very great moral difference between those systems of bribery, inasmuch as this system was pursued upon both sides, and that any one of the freemen was sure or nearly sure of being able to get employment at the same tariff from either side; that they believed they had an opinion and a principle as well as other people; that in receiving those payments they received a sort of birthright, and that they voted for their principles; and he assured me that there were scores of men, and I believe it myself now,

that there were scores of men to be found in Hull, who, although they would not vote for any colour unless paid the usual fee, which they looked upon as their birthright; yet they could not be tempted by a very much larger sum to vote the other way. Those were the two distinctions that were drawn between those systems of bribery; and the gentlemen who informed me as to the state of the borough, the principal being Dr. Chalmers, assured me that was all that was done in the way of illegal expenditure at Hull elections; and that that illegal expenditure could not upon petition substantiate a case of bribery; and allow me to say, he stated distinctly there was no treating at all; that such a thing as opening a public house was unknown upon our side of the question; and still more so, that anything like sending about money in the streets was really unknown upon our side. He said if both parties contented themselves with this system of the payment of runners, that then the Liberal side would certainly return one, and probably two men; but that the great danger to our side was, that our opponents almost invariably,—although they began originally, as I am informed, with good intentions,—that they almost invariably on the day of polling sent money into the streets and bought such of the men, who had either promised us or who were among our runners, as could not resist the sight of ready money. I was always told if that was done my success was very uncertain, but if that was not done, my success was almost certain; and under those circumstances, feeling no doubt that the system was by no means as pure as it might be, but that it was certainly a good deal purer than nineteen out of twenty of the boroughs throughout the kingdom, I was obliged to take the system as I found it; and I became a candidate for Hull.

70,435. Did you understand that mainly these parties, unless employed as runners, would not vote at all?—Would not vote at all; but that there was a very large number of them who, although they would abstain from voting, would not be tempted by any sum to vote against the party they considered that they belonged to.

70,436. You think they are divided into a number of classes, and that there would be a class of persons who would expect to be employed by their own side, and unless so employed, would not vote at all?—Just so.

70,437. Also another class, who would vote according as they were employed?—Another class, who, if not employed by us, would take their employment from the other side, and vote for them; and probably a third class; but I must do the freemen of Hull the justice to say, as it was represented to me, I had reason to believe that that class was exceedingly small, who would take the usual payment as runners from one side, and be bought off by ready money to vote for the other. I have reason to believe that there has been such a class, but that it is a very small one; and it was always represented to me that it was a very small one. It was always said, "The promises of the runners may be depended upon, and there are a great many who, although they will not vote for you unless paid, will not take an infinitely larger sum of money to vote against you."

70,438. You had not heard at that time that the difference between a guinea and a pound would lose an election?—I have never heard it, and when I do hear it I shall not believe it.

70,439. You had not heard it at that time?—No.

70,440. Did you then agree to stand for the borough?—I then agreed to stand for the borough.

70,441. How long did you remain here upon that occasion?—I think not more than a week or ten days, but I really do not know. I think I may certainly say not more than a week or ten days.

70,442. After you received that letter containing the statement as to the 1,000*l.*, you wrote a letter accepting the offer?—Yes.

70,443. Your acceptance of the invitation was by writing?—I presume it was, but I am not clear about that; any acceptance that I should give previous to coming down here would, I have no doubt, be in writing.

70,444. Just see whether you remember writing this letter:—"Oxford and Cambridge Club, June, 6th 1839. I am much obliged by your very plain statement of the probable expenses at Hull. I see nothing in them at all objectionable, and am, indeed, surprised that a place so large as Hull, and with not a very first-rate reputation for the cheapness of its contests, should have made so near an approach to purity of election. I shall, therefore, write by to-day's post to Mr. Jalland, accepting the invitation with which I have been honoured, and I have great hope that the reformers of Hull, on a closer acquaintance with me, will see no cause to repent the confidence they have placed in one whose claims to their notice are as little known as my own. I believe there will be no dissolution before the autumn." Did those two letters pass before you came to Hull—Before I came to Hull.

70,445. And made those inquiries of which you speak?—Exactly; but of course it is right to say that such an acceptance as that was understood to depend, first of all upon the constituency agreeing to receive me, and next upon my finding when in the place that the state of the place was such as had been represented to me. If, for instance, I had been led to suppose that I should expend 2,000*l.* instead of 1,000*l.*, I should consider that not an acceptance.

70,446. You did not consider that an unconditional acceptance but an acceptance subject to what might transpire?—Yes.

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70,447. It must have been as late as June, at all events, that you came to Hull?—Yes.

70,448. Have you told us all that took place upon the occasion of that visit to Hull relating to the expenses?—Yes? everything relating to that matter of expense.

70,449. It was within a very short time after that, I believe, that steps were taken for procuring a large number of freedoms to be taken up?—I have an entire recollection of all the circumstances connected with the taking up of those freedoms, but I could not give the exact dates. I know precisely under what circumstances the idea was first suggested, and how far it was intended to go. I can recollect everything in fact quite perfectly upon the subject with the exception of whether it was at that visit or at a subsequent one.

70,450. Perhaps it would be more convenient if the letter of the 8th of July, which fixes the date, was drawn to your attention?—Exactly.

70,451. When did you first hear of the name of Thistleton as a person very active in electioneering matters here?—Almost as soon as I came here.

70,452. This is a letter written from Mr. Galloway to Mr. Thistleton upon the subject, and it will probably refresh your memory:—"Tindall's Hotel, Westminster, July 8th, 1839. Dear Sir,—I have had a long conference this morning with Mr. Clay as to the propriety of taking up any further freedoms, and I left him with the determination that he would not take up any more, beyond those who had signed the paper, and whose freedoms were not taken up upon Thursday last. He will write to Mr. Jalland, giving his reasons for taking this step, and it would be well that you should call on Mr. J., and have some conversation with him on the subject; of course you will not proceed to take up the freedoms of the parties without you have the authority of Mr. Jalland for the purpose. On the other side I send you a list of the parties who have signed, and whose freedom is to be taken up, the money for which Mr. Bell will advance you, on producing this letter to him; indeed you had better leave the letter in his hands, after you have read it, and request he will see Mr. Jalland with it, so that the proper arrangements may be made before the next admission day.—I am, dear Sir, your most obedient servant, J. H. Galloway." And on the other side there is a list of names. Now that letter is read for the purpose of fixing your attention to the date?—I must have been in Hull before I received that letter, and have returned from Hull. I do not know the date, although by looking at my newspapers, of which I have a file I could readily have seen it. I do not know when I was in Hull, but it is clear that I had been in Hull between the first letter and that. The origin of taking up those freedoms was this: from the first time it was mentioned to me that it was proposed for me to come to Hull, it was also proposed that there should be a coalition between myself and Colonel Thompson. I saw Colonel Thompson myself before coming to Hull, at his house at Blackheath; and we spoke of a coalition between us being the natural result of there being two candidates upon the Liberal side; the one representing the Whig or Liberal party in the place, the other the Radical party, the difference, I believe, being merely in name, for the Hull Whig was an excellent Radical in any other part of the country. I do not know that any written compact was entered into, but it was always understood that the parties should be in coalition; but there was a strong feeling of jealousy on the part of Colonel Thompson's party, they being the Radical party, against the old party in the place; and during the time that I was in Hull I myself frequently heard a threat which I know was made to many of the leading gentlemen of the Whig party, to the effect that they were so far distrusted by the Radical party that a list of the Radical party was signed and in the possession of Mr. Larrard, of voters who pledged themselves not to vote until near the close of the poll, and then either to plump for Colonel Thompson or to divide their votes according as they should see that the leading gentlemen of the Whig party had divided their votes or had plumped for me. This threat, or anything like threat, or anything like distrust between the two parties was so evidently calculated to make any coalition a failure, and was so evidently certain to end in discomfiture to both sides, that I took a great deal of pains and made several propositions, with a view of having this list of names given up. I wrote a very long letter upon the subject to Colonel Thompson, which possibly may be in his possession now. I saw Mr. Larrard upon the subject, and various propositions were made to get rid of this difficulty. It was suggested that Mr. Jalland and a great many of the leading gentlemen of the Whig party should pledge themselves to go with this list of Colonel Thompson's party, that they should all go together and poll for their two men at eight o'clock in the morning. Every suggestion was made, as far as possible, to get rid of this difficulty, and it was always refused, for some reason or other. For some reason or other this party would never allow themselves to be known. They used to be called the party in Mr. Larrard's back parlour, and this threat, which would obviously have greatly damaged both Colonel Thompson's cause and my own, continued to be held out against the Whig party. Under these circumstances a suggestion was made, I believe by Mr. Thistleton, that a sufficient number of freedoms should be taken up to balance as far as possible this concealed party upon Colonel Thompson's side. The party was supposed to be—the number was exaggerated no doubt, but it was generally supposed by those who knew best, that there might be about forty so pledged, and a suggestion was made to take up about forty freedoms, with the understanding that the freedoms so taken up should not vote for me, or for me and Colonel Thompson, but that they should vote under the direction of Mr. Jalland; and it was then intended to take this list to Colonel Thompson

and say, "Here are these men, let us get rid of this annoying threat; let us set off these men against yours, and have no longer any threat held out that a certain number of persons are to wait for the last, and either plump for you or split their votes, as they think proper at the time." Before I mention the result of that, I should say that as soon as permission was given to do this, it was a very foolish step, undoubtedly; it might have been foreseen, but as soon as permission was given to do this, those that had received that permission ran riot, and instead of taking up freedoms for forty, they took up freedoms for more than 100, and as far as my recollection serves me it may have been 200. I do not know, but I do recollect that the number taken up was far beyond that which was originally anticipated; and when I found that out, I had an interview with Mr. Galloway, and told him, "This has gone far beyond what I originally intended; it is altogether a very bad system, it must not go any further," and that I have no doubt is the cause of the letter you have just read, and which I have never heard before. That letter was written, no doubt, in consequence of an interview or correspondence with me, in which I said that the permission given for taking up the freedoms had been greatly abused, and had gone far beyond the original intention, and that it must be discontinued.

70,453. When you mentioned that they were to vote under the direction of Mr. Jalland, you meant that they were to vote for an orange candidate?—They were.

70,454. But not that they were to be at liberty to vote under Mr. Jalland's direction, if he thought proper, for the blue candidates?—That would be understood; although I never saw any writing upon the subject, I believe a list was signed by freemen whose freedoms were taken up, and the heading of that list was to the effect that the undersigned pledge themselves to vote at the ensuing election according to the direction of Mr. Jalland; that I have always understood, but I never saw the paper nor a draft of it.

70,455. Still did you not distinctly understand this, that they were to vote for an orange candidate?—There is not the least doubt if Mr. Jalland had exercised such a right, they would have a right to go over to the blues, but of course it would not be fair, legal, or equitable. The words might not strictly provide against his so doing, but of course there was an understanding that Mr. Jalland being a leader of the orange party would not be likely to direct them to vote for the other party; and the original object was to have a list of these men, in order to be set off against what we called the list in Mr. Larrard's back parlour.

70,456. The understanding was that they were to vote for such orange candidate or candidates as Mr. Jalland should direct them?—No doubt that was the understanding. I believe no communication was ever made to Colonel Thompson in that sense: "Here is a list that we will set off against your list; show us your list and let those gentlemen be pledged to vote for the two candidates, and these votes will also go for the two candidates." I believe that was never done, because as soon as Colonel Thompson heard of it he came to Hull and held a meeting, at which I was not present, and, without going into any details of that meeting, which I presume has really nothing to do with the present inquiry, the steps that he took caused a division in the party; I believe he stated his intention of retiring at the time, I am pretty certain he did; it caused a division in the party and the quarrel, which was not heard until the reconciliation of which Colonel Thompson spoke in his evidence.

70,457. I believe that ultimately you paid the expenses, about 100*l.*, which you paid to Mr. Galloway?—I do not know whether I had paid that to Mr. Galloway, or whether I had paid it to Mr. Thistleton.

70,458. You paid it to one or the other?—There is not the least question that I paid it to some one.

70,459. £100, or thereabouts?—My impression would have been that it was rather more than 100*l.*, it is mere guess; I should have said 120*l.* or 130*l.*, but it is merely a vague impression.

70,460. I do not exactly understand; in this letter of Mr. Galloway's, which is evidently written in consequence of a personal interview with you, it alludes to the objection to taking up any more freedoms except those which have been taken up; it appears the signing or not signing the paper is a material question as to whether any more freedoms should be taken up?—Most undoubtedly not; it had nothing whatever to do with it; if Mr. Galloway, in making use of that expression, made use of an expression that I had made use of, it would certainly only have this meaning, that as certain men had signed the paper and had therefore been promised that their freedoms should be taken up, that we could not retract the promises made; it could not mean anything more than that, and as far as I am aware, I have never paid for the taking up of any man's freedom since.

70,461. Since that time?—I know nothing of it; if any have been done, I know nothing of it; it is felt to be a very unadviseable step.

70,462. Of course this was thought to be kept very secret from the blues?—I am not aware of its being kept secret.

70,463. It was originally intended, we are told, that these freedoms should be taken up at the quarterly meeting of the corporation, but failed in consequence of the absence of one of the authorities of the corporation, and in the meantime the blues got wind of it, and they were awake and did the same?—It would not be at all from that idea that I gave such sanction as I did to the taking up of the freedoms; the freedoms, the taking up of which I sanctioned, were not taken up at all to increase our strength as against the

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blue party, but for the specific purpose of being able to have a list, with which we could deal with Colonel Thompson's party, and say, "Give us up the concealed names of yours, and here is a list of ours;" but for that being the object, if it had been simply proposed to me to increase our strength, I should have had nothing to do with it. The probability is when the permission was abused, and many more freedoms were taken up than were contemplated, that those who did so looked upon it as a move against the blue party, and would be careful to conceal it from the blue party.

70,464. Even although the immediate object of taking up this limited number of freedoms might be to ensure a coalition between you and Colonel Thompson, yet the ultimate object and effect was through the medium of that coalition to increase your strength?—No doubt, of course it would have that object; but it was so far from being a move against the blue party, that so far as the observation of any secrecy was concerned, if any gentleman of the blue party had talked to me about it, and had said he had heard a report of it, I should have said, as a matter of course, "Oh yes, there are thirty or forty freedoms have been taken up, and you had better do the same."

70,465. It appears to be this, that the immediate object was to create a coalition with Colonel Thompson, and the ultimate object of it was by means of that coalition to secure a majority?—Yes, that was the object, no doubt of it.

70,466. How soon did you hear of the result of the proceedings of the 11th of July, when these freedoms were taken up?—I do not know, but the probability is that they would let me know as soon as it was done.

70,467. Have you anything further material to state respecting the expenses previous to the dissolution in 1841?—As to what was represented to me to be about the expenses?

70,468. Yes?—No, nothing.

70,469. Did any circumstance induce you to come to a different opinion as to the expenses; you are now upon the sum of 1,000*l.*?—Yes.

70,470. How soon did you come to the conviction that the 1,000*l.* would be insufficient if ever?—I had no particular reason for coming to that conclusion, but when I was told that 1,000*l.* would be the sum, I felt quite clear that those estimates were always exceeded, and that it would probably be 1,500*l.*; I had no particular reason for believing it, but I felt clear that all expenses of that kind are always under-estimated, and I knew it would be more.

70,471. Do you remember receiving this letter of February, 1841:—"Mr. Jalland informed me the other day that there was some misunderstanding as to the probable cost, he thinks that each candidate should provide himself with 1,500*l.*" I dare say you remember receiving a letter of that sort?—No, I do not; but I have no doubt that I did receive it.

70,472. How soon did you come again to Hull? We pass over 1840, and come to 1841?—I came to Hull once only, as far as I recollect, between my first visit and the election.

70,473. How soon did you come to Hull? How long before the election was it?—I think a month before the election, certainly; more than that probably.

70,474. The election was on the 30th of June, I think?—I must have been in Hull at least a month.

70,475. At that time Colonel Thompson was in the field?—He had been in the field the whole of the time; Colonel Thompson was in the field before I was invited to come to Hull, because when I received the first intimation it was from Colonel Thompson.

70,476. During all that time am I correct in supposing that you had failed in coming to anything like a cordial good understanding between you?—No attempt had been made to do it; after the meeting which Colonel Thompson held in Hull, at which he expressed his dissatisfaction at the freedoms being taken up, he said that he should retire, and I think afterwards there was some proposal on his part, if they wanted a candidate, that he would send his son to stand for Hull; from that until pretty near the election there was a doubt whether Colonel Thompson would stand or not after that period.

70,476a. Is this the letter you before mentioned, from Mr. Galloway to you:—"Mr. Jalland informed me the other day that there was some misunderstanding with regard to the probable cost, he thinking that each candidate should provide himself with 1,500*l.*, and you not expecting to incur more expenses than 1,000*l.* I think you will find the latter sum to be my estimate, and it was made on the principle of paying nothing but legal expenses, and confining ourselves to such; I still think it would be sufficient, but on this subject I should like to have some conversation with you, and would willingly come up (if you think it necessary), giving my time, you paying my expenses." At that time your attention appears to have been drawn by Mr. Galloway to the circumstance that 1,000*l.* would be sufficient, upon the principle of purity only?—Yes.

70,477. Now turn your attention to your answer, dated the 1st of March, 1841:—"Your letter of the 21st ultimo is satisfactory enough, as regards the general prospects of the reform party in Hull. You have heard from Mr. Jalland that there has been some difference of opinion about expenses, Mr. Jalland supposing that 1,500*l.* was the sum named to me as necessary for the contest. I have sent to Mr. J. a copy of your letter to me on the subject, in which 700*l.* is given as about the amount of the contest, when confined to legal expenses, which I was also informed was the case with the Liberal side at Hull since the Reform Bill; I, however, reckoned on about 1,000*l.*, but certainly I am

not prepared to go beyond this sum ; I am therefore in much doubt and difficulty how to act, and I wrote to Mr. Jalland that such was the case ; Mr. Jalland in his reply says, 'I have seen Mr. Galloway and requested him to procure the accounts of Hutt and Wood's election expenses, and ascertain what part of them might be saved, as it is generally believed there was a considerable sum uselessly spent, particularly in printing, and after deducting those items, to endeavour to procure from Stark an idea of the number of persons likely to be employed as runners, and for how long, and then you will come to a tolerable correct idea, &c. &c.' Now my dear Galloway, I beg you, as a favour, to bestow your very particular attention upon these directions, which are of the greatest importance, for my guidance, and when I am in possession of this information, accurately given, I shall fully know my position and my decision will be a work of five minutes. Take care therefore that Stark does not merely give you an off-hand guess of the number of runners, and the time for which they are to be employed, but that he uses his best means of information in giving you a clear and unexaggerated answer." Did you get any further information upon the subject of the number of runners or the probable expenses of printing and so on ?—I have no recollection at all whether I did or not ; I have no doubt I did. That is a letter that Mr. Galloway would naturally answer ; his attention was particularly called to that point to know about how many runners were expected to be employed, and for how many days employed, and I take for granted he would make some inquiries and write to me on the subject.

70,478. We will now proceed, if you please, to what took place upon your arrival in Hull. You continued to act independent of Colonel Thompson ?—Yes.

70,479. Thistleton was one of your electioneering agents upon that occasion ?—Yes.

70,480. He was a sort of general agent. Mr. Galloway was your law agent, was he not ?—Mr. Galloway was the only agent I acknowledged ; but it was known that Thistleton was acting for me.

70,481. You were cognizant of Thistleton's activity ?—Yes ; I knew that he was very active. I do not know whether I knew it at the time, or whether I have heard it accidentally since. I believe that I knew it at the time, and he was the person who managed and set down the runners.

70,482. You had very little doubt, at the time, that he was so engaged ?—I perfectly well knew that somebody was. There was no question about that.

70,483. Was not Thistleton generally employed in setting down the names of the runners ?—I believe so.

70,484. And Jeremiah Stark was also engaged ?—I have always connected Jeremiah Stark with the registration more than anything else.

70,485. On that particular occasion ?—I do not know whether he was or not ; he may have been.

70,486. Were you not aware that the object of the setting down was to secure their votes ?—No doubt. I have not the least question the object was to secure their votes, but at the same time I believed then, and I do now, that with regard to that election those who were set down were employed, and had employment of some kind or another.

70,487. Then, of course, you knew that a large number of voters were employed more than was necessary to carry on the ordinary business of the election ?—Well, I do not imagine that. That number, no doubt, was very much larger than it need be ; to some extent undoubtedly.

70,488. And you also knew that preference would be given to voters ; they would reject the non-voters so long as they could get voters ?—The object undoubtedly was to get voters. Many were employed who were not voters, because they were particularly qualified for the business which they had to do ; but the object undoubtedly of the runners was to find men who had votes.

70,489. A book was prepared in which the names of those parties were set down ?—I never saw one and never had one.

70,490. No, not a particular book ; but you know that some book was prepared ?—I do not know that even. There was no book that I know of.

70,491. Or some paper ?—I fancied Thistleton had lists of them, or some one had lists of them, I know ; but I was wholly in ignorance of the systematic work that took place in the room which you speak of, in Saville Street, at the last election.

70,492. If I understand you aright, you knew the general outline of the system, but you did not know the way in which the thing was carried out ?—Exactly so.

70,493. Now then I draw your attention to the letter of July 4th, which alludes to this class of people, because I want to found a question upon it, whether or no they were called at the time six-day or 30*s.* runners—sometimes one, and sometimes the other. It is this : " I am proceeding to get in the accounts as rapidly as possible, but you can have no conception of the way my office is besieged by the 30*s.* runners, and how to get rid of them I know not. I have put them off from time to time, saying that until the accounts could be made out it would be impossible to settle with them ; but they now press to have a day fixed, and I have reason to believe that if we could fix one, they would remain quiet until it arrived. The object, therefore, in addressing you at this time, is to inquire whether it will be convenient for you to advance cash for the runners, besides the ordinary expenses ; and, if so, whether you can fix a day for payment. Of course I mean to see you before any payments of consequence are made ; but if, in the meantime, anything

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could be arranged to satisfy the cravings of the free and independent electors, it would be a great relief to me. Will you please to drop me a line on the subject." The question I wish to found upon it is: whether you were aware, before your contest took place, that these people were called 30*s.* runners?—No. All that I am aware of about that is, that it has always been considered that six days was the maximum employment given to any one; but that any class of men expected it as of course—30*s.* for being set down, whether employed or not, is entirely new to me. In my belief, and I cannot refuse my belief from the evidence I have read which has been before this Commission, it is entirely new to me before the last election. I do not believe it existed before the last election.

70,494. Now I will call your attention to another letter?—Before you proceed with that, I wish to say that I had, in 1841, Mr. Galloway's account. I have never had an account, as far as I can recollect, of any other election. I had those accounts in 1841, and I have searched for them very anxiously, but I have been unable to find them. I have seen them within five or six years. I have looked in every conceivable place for those accounts. I mention it only for this reason, that I know there was a list among those accounts which would have shown that the system of 30*s.* runners did not exist at the time. I am entirely confident that the number of runners as presented to me, which, I think, are about something like 180 or 200,—I am quite certain that the majority of those runners were set down as having been employed for one or two days, and some for three, and some for four, but a very small number at the maximum of six.

70,495. All of them were paid six days?—Distinctly not.

70,496. Here is the bill, and I see there is a distinction: some were paid afterwards the difference to make up the six days?—I have never heard of that.

70,497. Every man was paid 30*s.*, distinguishing the number of days: some were employed one day, some more, and very many were paid six days?—May I ask, were they paid at the time, or some subsequent time?

70,498. The evidence is this: in one column there is a certain sum showing the actual number of those employed, and then the deficiency is made up afterwards?—That is the first word I have heard of it.

70,499. It is Thistleton's own book, on which the payments were made. My question is, whether you were aware that they were?—It is the first word I have ever heard of it.

70,500. Then that is the book referred to also?—Yes.

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70,501. What is the paper you produce?—It is a statement of the parties, made in 1847. It has only been discovered within the last day or two.

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70,502. As I understand you, you were not aware that there were those 30*s.* runners?—Certainly not, as the tariff paid to voters; of course I mean whether employed or not. I was not at all aware of that.

70,503. The expression which I was anxious to come at is this: here is an expression in the letter addressed to you, "the 30*s.* runners," as if it was a familiar term?—I could only take that to mean those were the men among the runners who had full employment of six days.

70,504. Should you not have taken that to mean all the runners?—Certainly not; and the list furnished to me of the runners paid could not be a very few men who were to receive 30*s.* The majority were two or three days.

70,505. Here is a list, every one of which are to receive 30*s.* Look at that book (*Book* 13)?—I never saw that before.

70,506. Am I to understand you were not cognizant of that book?—Not at all. I never heard of it.

70,507. In that book every party named was to receive 30*s.*, and Thistleton, in his examination, has admitted that they did receive 30*s.*; what do you say is your memory as to the 30*s.* runners; take another thing also, that Mr. Galloway, in his account furnished to you, uses the word six-day runners, as applied to between 200 and 300 persons?—In what account?

70,508. In the account furnished by Mr. Galloway to you for 1841 (*handing the paper* 14), you will see there are upwards of 200?—I never conceived the runners, as a matter of course, were to be paid 30*s.* I believed that the maximum was 30*s.*

70,509. Here is 374*l.* for six-day runners. Did you ultimately become aware of the expression as obvious, because that is the account furnished to you by Mr. Galloway?—All I can say to that is, that I am entirely certain that the list of runners that Mr. Galloway furnished me with contains the name of each person, and the days for which they were to receive pay; that the majority of them were to receive pay only for two or three days, many of them for one day only, and a small number for six days.

70,510. My question is whether, at the time the election took place, you were aware of the meaning of the use of the words "six-day runners," and 30*s.* runners; obviously

you became afterwards acquainted with it, because you hold in your hand the document furnished to yourself by Mr. Galloway?—Is this it, what you have shown to me?

70,511. You see endorsed upon that copy, "Final settlement; copy furnished to Mr. Clay"?—That is the general summary; it is not a particular list of the runners.

70,512. Endorsed upon that very paper I have shown you is Mr. Galloway's receipt for the money, and you observe, during the course of the election, that there were a great number of runners engaged?—No doubt there were a great number of committee rooms, and whenever I went to a committee room I found ten or twenty men upon the stairs, whom I took it for granted were messengers at the committee room.

70,513. We wish you to inform us about the system which prevailed on that occasion among your supporters of sham committees that are alluded to in several of the documents?—I never was consulted about the sham committee rooms. I never was informed that it was the practice to have sham committees; and although no doubt I must have paid accounts the heading of which might be "committee rooms," I certainly was not aware of what I find is the case now, that committee rooms were engaged no doubt without any intention of using them, and for the purpose of securing the vote of the owner.

70,514. You were not aware of that till after the election took place?—Yes, no doubt. I should say the committee rooms are in the account.

70,515. Were you not aware, until Mr. Galloway furnished you with his account, that over and above seventeen committee rooms, which you shared the expense of with Colonel Thompson, and which were necessary for each district, from seventy to eighty sham committee rooms were taken?—No, I was not aware of it at all, and I am very much surprized to hear it now, that there was so large a number.

70,516. Had you forgotten it till your attention was drawn to it by these accounts; till it was mentioned in the account?—I had quite forgotten it, and if anybody had asked me if there were any sham committee rooms in 1841, I should have said, to the best of my belief, there were not.

70,517. Have you got any materials to inform us of the different sums of money that you paid upon that occasion?—Yes. I have gone through the whole of my banker's books. I have my banker's books through the whole of that period of 1839; at least I left them with Mr. Galloway in case he should wish to have them, and also made an extract of all the cheques which appeared in them, which could be in any way applicable to the election expenses, and here is the list for 1841 (*handing in a paper*).

70,518. I see it is 1,832*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.*, that is the first item?—That alludes to the election of 1841.

70,519. Besides this, we are informed that there were contributions by Mr. Ford and Major Sykes?—Major Sykes and Mr. Ford. I am not aware of any other.

70,520. It was said there was a third gentleman, whose name is not given to us?—I have never heard of it. I think it is a thing I should have recollected, but I have never heard of it. The 100*l.* from Major Sykes was given through Dr. Chalmers, who was a most active electioneerer at that time, and representative of Major Sykes in a great measure.

70,521. Mr. Galloway has put the expenses of the election in your account at 2,400*l.*?—Yes; I went as carefully through my banker's books as I possibly could, and I am quite clear; I paid no one anything in ready money, and I am surprised myself to find that the expenses only come to that which they have put down, and had always believed to be one way or another, in round numbers; the expenses of the election might have been put at 2,500*l.* or 2,000*l.* the election; but where the rest is to come from, or whether it was ever spent, I do not know.

70,522. Do you remember being furnished by Mr. Galloway with an account like that which states independently of the general cost, that there were ninety other committee rooms at two guineas each (*referring to the paper marked* 16 F)?—I see that this among the committee rooms, includes the Victoria room, which could not have been engaged for a sham committee room.

70,523. First of all: here is a list of the legitimate rooms; be so good as to look at the last page and you will see ninety other committee rooms?—I have no doubt I must have received an account of that kind; I presume they gave it me; but I have no recollection of it.

70,524. I dare say you can have very little doubt about receiving the account which I have already seen, which contains a charge for committee rooms, 278*l.*, and clerks and runners, 675*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes; no doubt I have seen it; but I have no recollection of it. I did see in 1841 the accounts generally.

70,525. Mr. Galloway has stated, and I dare say you will concur in it, that he had an interview with you when he gave you a receipt upon the 26th of July, 1842?—Yes.

70,526. In what was supposed to be then the balance, and upon that occasion, does your memory enable you to state that you went through the account generally with him?—I went through it; but without any care at all.

70,527. Still it is endorsed in this; and therefore probably would be furnished with the account?—My only object in going through the account was this: I saw some evidence previously given, the accounts were subjected to a somewhat minute investigation in the presence of a friend of mine, and who was supposed to be a professional man;

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the gentleman is well known to some of the honourable Commissioners, I think,—Mr. Davison, the barrister, upon the South Wales circuit. My object in leaving him there was not at all to scrutinise the accounts simply, but that I should have a witness to them; because I know it is always said, after the election is over, that a candidate has not paid his expenses. I know it is very commonly said, and therefore I wished Mr. Davison to be present as a witness to the account; and I said, "Tell me how much I am to pay and let me pay all;" and I chose Mr. Davison, as a gentleman whose memory is so notoriously of unusual accuracy, that I consulted his memory the other day, and that agreed with mine; that he was present, and that the account was subjected to no examination at all. I asked the question: "Is this to be paid in full, or is any deduction to be made; because I leave myself in the hands of my agents?" Mr. Davison was present; and his recollection, which is well known to some of the honourable Commissioners, agrees with my own upon the subject.

70,528. When you came to the settlement of July, when it was said that you paid Mr. Galloway, you then probably were under the impression that you had cleared off all the accounts?—At this particular interview, decidedly one of my objects was to have Mr. Davison present, that he should be a witness to my being told that it was a receipt in full for everything, and that I was to be called on for nothing more. The receipt which I got at that time is one of the very few documents which I fortunately have, for I have always destroyed everything.

70,529. Produce it, if you please, and see if it corresponds with Mr. Galloway's recollection of what took place on the 26th of July?—I have that receipts somewhere.

70,530. It is 1,031*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.*?—Here is the receipt, endorsed at the back you will find the different payments that were made besides, (*the receipt was handed in*).

70,531. This receipt is: "July 26th, 1842. Received of James Clay, Esquire, by the payments stated at the back hereof, the sum of 1,591*l.* 3*s.*, being the total amount of the election account, as allowed on this and the former settlement in July 1841,—J. H. Galloway." And on the back is endorsed: "Cash 400*l.*; cheque 1,031*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.*; ditto 159*l.* 11*s.* 9*d.*; total 1,591*l.* 3*s.*" After that, further claims were continued to be made on you, which caused a correspondence between you and Mr. Galloway: first, there is a letter of the 19th of September, 1841?—I never understood them to be further claims. What I have heard was, that one of the persons entrusted with the payment of the money abused his trust, and that there were a good number of the accounts that were not paid; that person's name was Anderson. I have always been informed, and Mr. Galloway himself admitted, that was the case; that Mr. Anderson had improperly applied some portion of the money, and that bills which I had paid remained to be paid over again.

70,532. This is the letter of the 19th of September, 1841:—"I am very sorry that there should be any claimants to be paid as runners, who were not down on the lists you gave me from Stark and Thistleton; those lists alone could give a claim, and the paying any others would open the door to any who chose to knock. I must therefore at once refuse any claim beyond those I have already satisfied. I forget all about the sheet lists, further than that I agreed to give and gave 50*l.* towards them, when I first visited Hull, and Colonel Thompson promised to give 50*l.* also. Has he paid 50*l.*? This charge I think he would pay, as he could not get out of it with any pretence of honesty." That is the book which Stark produced (*handing a small black cover book to the witness, marked No.* 15), and the book I showed you just now is the book that Thistleton's produced. Bearing in mind your own letter, that you allude to Stark and Thistleton lists, I should like you to refresh your memory and to tell us how soon you became aware of those two books?—I have never seen that list. I dare say I have had an account of it from Mr. Galloway. I have never seen the book itself, nor the other.

70,533. That is the book produced by Thistleton and this by Stark?—I was not speaking of the books; they were never sent to me.

70,534. I presume you must have been aware of the gross contents of them?—No doubt; I presume they came in in Mr. Galloway's account; that was the great item.

70,535. Do you believe in writing that letter you were speaking of the accounts, the description given of them, and not from the books themselves?—Yes; not from the books themselves.

70,536. Had there been a good deal of discussion between you and Colonel Thompson, or the friends of each of you, as to Colonel Thompson's refusing to contribute?—I do not know that there was any considerable discussion.

70,537. Some discussion?—Yes; some discussion. I think Alderman Jones was his proposer, as far as I recollect; and I think he wrote to me to state his opinion, that he should contribute something, as having been the chairman of his committee. I think Mr. Jalland wrote.

70,538. Then, this further was written: "I am greatly surprised that any party at Hull should have been instrumental in withholding from your hands (its proper destination) the second 100*l.*, which you say Major Sykes has been good enough to contribute; this seems extraordinary, after my having spent so large a sum beyond my agreement. I shall be glad to have our remaining account settled with all convenient speed." Do you remember its being mentioned that Major Sykes had contributed a second 100*l.*?—I think I have some recollection now; that brings it to my mind. I have some recollection of a second

100*l.*, that was said should go to the expenses of the registration. I have some sort of notion; but whether he ever did contribute or not, I do not know.

70,539. There was another letter written I believe by you to Mr. Galloway, of the 29th of January, 1842?—If there should be anything in these letters alluding to any personal difference between Colonel Thompson and myself, as to the expenses, perhaps you will direct Mr. Galloway not to read them. It is a long time since, and I do not wish to rake up any old quarrels at all; it is very painful to me to have it recalled.

70,540. I merely want the fact, that there was some difference between you, which ended by your paying a larger sum than Colonel Thompson?—No doubt, it ended by my paying for the runners.

70,541. I will put the question generally: were there not communications, without going through the correspondence that took place between you and Colonel Thompson; the result of which was, that you had to pay a much larger sum than Colonel Thompson?—No doubt. I wrote once myself, if not twice, on the subject.

70,542. You have read that letter handed to you?—Yes.

70,543. Were you of opinion at that time that Colonel Thompson not paying the same, was injurious to the orange cause?—At the time of the election of 1841, or future elections?

73,544. For the future elections, it was injurious to the orange cause generally?—I do not know that that was injurious to the orange cause, there being any difference of opinion. There is no doubt differences did exist at that time between the two sections of the orange party. I do not think the fact of his refusing to bear any portion of a particular expense would influence it, because it would not become known. I might have my own private feeling as to the standing under the circumstances.

70,545. I will not pursue it further, that is quite a sufficient explanation. I dare say you will remember that demands were continued to be made upon you, notwithstanding the payments you had made. After the date mentioned there, the 25th of June 1842, demands still continued to pour in on you?—Yes.

70,546. That you find from a letter from Mr. Galloway to you?—I would not undertake to say, when I leave this court to walk home to the mayor's house, that a demand may not be made upon me; it is always the case. There are always accounts of this kind, which never seem to be closed. I have always pursued the same system with regard to them. I have requested some of the leading gentlemen of the party to look into those claims and to report to me, and if there were any of the claims, fair claims, that I would pay them.

70,547. Now I will read this letter to you of the 30th of June 1846: "At Mr. Jalland's request I write to you respecting some outstanding debts with reference to the last election; but I am not aware what further information I can give than I rendered to you on the settlement. The enclosed account contains the claims rejected, except Thistleton's and Mr. Lovitt's, which were afterwards paid. You will recollect why the innkeepers' accounts were not paid, viz., that the debts were contracted contrary to express written instructions sent to each district chairman; perhaps in some of the accounts there may be items that ought to be allowed; for instance, the eating and drinking of the clerks employed on the day of election; but at the same time I advised you to reject the accounts. I was not aware of any such items, and even now I don't know that it is so, except upon representation, as I have not the particulars of the accounts. The other items in the account were rejected, as you will remember, because the parties were not authorized to make the advances in question, and your notion was, in which I concurred, that if you paid one you must pay all. As for Grant's claim, he says he was authorized by you to spend the money the night previous to the election; how this may be, whether the money was really spent, is not for me to say. You will remember that Thistleton alone was empowered to engage the men, and limited in point of number; and his engagements, as returned to me, were duly entered and paid subsequently; nay, I may say during the payment it was discovered that there were a great number of claimants beyond those given in by Thistleton, who said they were entitled, because their names had been put down by this body, and that these claims still remain unsettled; and many others who say they were put down by Thistleton though not returned, all returned by Thistleton were paid. Upon inquiry, I found that the gentlemen employed in canvassing had promised to place down the names of several as 30*s.* men; but this they did not do; indeed, they had no authority to make the promise; but having promised, it has led to much dissatisfaction, which it may be very difficult to set right; there is another class who, having got more than six days' pay, fancy they are entitled to other six days, as a sort of bonus; this class however I disregard. In some few instances I have actually paid out of my own pocket, being satisfied that Thistleton had omitted the names." Does not that bring to your mind the authority which Mr. Thistleton had?—I recollect that letter, now that I hear it, very well, and I never doubted that Thistleton had authority to engage runners.

70,548. And to engage those extra sham committee rooms?—I have no doubt he had that authority. I had no knowledge of his having that authority at the time. I have heard and known but very little of those sham committee rooms; it is a thing that has quite gone out of my head. The runners are the things that I recollect. That letter refers to claims of different classes, and a large class of them I believed at the time to

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be, and I have always believed them to be, claims for the payment of accounts which I had settled, but the money had not reached the parties.

70,549. Observing throughout the whole of the correspondence that the runners are invariably called 30*s.* runners, and that no other term is ever used, does it not satisfy you that all the persons were to be paid 30*s.*, however small their services?—From my experience of Hull, I do not know the term 30*s.* runner, as a common term.

70,550. I draw your attention to this, that it is a term always used by Mr. Galloway in writing to you?—So it appears.

70,551. In all his letters he uses it as if it were a term perfectly well known?—I see he twice mentions it.

70,552. It is all throughout the correspondence; does that bring to your mind that they were all to have 30*s.* apiece?—I do not believe they had 30*s.* as a rule. I make no doubt that they had not all of them as a rule 30*s.*; and as the gentleman is here who paid them, he ought to know whether he paid them 30*s.* or not.

70,553. They were all paid that?—Then all I can say is, that the money did not come from me. I undoubtedly had a test.

70,554. You had the receipt for them?—All I can say is, that I had a test in which the majority of the runners were not put down for six days, and I paid according to that test

70,555. I wish to call your attention to this: all the letters addressed by Mr. Galloway to you call them 30*s.* runners?—He does so in two letters.

70,556. And in others he calls them six-day runners; and if you observe, dividing the number by 30*s.*, it gives the exact number?—It would do that if you did it by five, ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, or thirty; they are all divisible. The same sum is equally divisible by 5*s.*, 15*s.*, or 25*s.* as it is by 30*s.*

70,557. They are all called 30*s.* or six-day runners?—It is five times six.

70,558. I think perhaps that you must be under the misapprehension created by Stark's book. It does draw the distinction between six-day runners and others?—I never saw Stark's book.

70,559. The difference is the same in the account. There is a list of the runners employed at various times who were not called six-day runners?—It is very likely that the list sent to me was a copy of this book, that is very likely.

70,560. Besides that, another list is produced, and here you find a correspondence with that list, of Stark's list, as the general list of runners to be found in that book, and it is entered according to Mr. Galloway's account of it, every one of whom appears to have 30*s.*?—It may be so.

70,561. The two things are kept totally distinct?—It may be so, but it has never been my idea. With regard to the accounts generally, I have really done nothing but pay them. I have really never looked over the accounts at all. I never look through my tailor's bill, much less an election account.

70,562. Is that the solution of the whole difficulty?—The sole thing that I recollect is the test of which I speak, and which very probably is copied from that list of Stark's. It is a very likely thing.

70,563. That makes that book 300*l.* 15*s.*, do you see it?—Yes.

70,564. It exactly corresponds?—This is Stark's book, 300*l.* 15*s.*

70,565. Those are for various periods; now look at that list (*handing the list No.* 14 *to the witness*), and compare it with Stark's book?—I have no doubt it is so. Then there is a subsequent sum, called six-day runners, and another called runners, not included.

70,566. That black book is Stark's book, and the other is Thistleton's, which are all 30*s.* runners, whether they did one day's work or more?—Yes.

70,567. Notwithstanding all your anxiety, did you find continually up to the election of 1847 that demands were being made against you?—I think very few demands were made upon me.

70,568. More or less?—There were very few upon me. I know there were demands made upon Mr. Galloway and others.

70,569. I meant ultimately upon you; I was looking at it in that way?—Yes.

70,570. Do you remember the period when the dissolution took place in 1847?—Yes. Before quitting the election of 1841, you will perhaps allow me to state that the representation made to me as to our having nothing to do with anything contrary to law except the engagement of the runners was, as far as I know, strictly carried out. That on the polling day I was ahead early in the morning, that I was passed by my opponents about twelve o'clock, and then some of the principal gentlemen of my committee room told me that the promises made to me were being bought off in the streets, and that I should lose my election unless I authorised them to send out 300*l.* to be spent in the same way. They told me if they did that they would guarantee my success. It is fair to say that the gentlemen who told me said, "We do not recommend it, but we think it our duty to tell you the election will be lost if you do not do it;" and I said, "It must be lost. I will not sanction a sixpence to be spent in that way," and not a sixpence with my sanction was so spent.

70,571. I understand the first proposal to you as to the expense was, that you were to be at the expense of 700*l.*?—750*l.*

70,572. And that gradually rose before you came to Hull to the sum of 1,500*l.*?—Yes

70,573. Was it not in consequence of that difference that you asked for an explanation, and you were given the account of these runners and the system of the runners?—No; the first thing that I did when I came to Hull was, to inquire in what way the money was spent, because I knew that 750*l.* or 1,000*l.* must be spent for some purpose, and the first thing I did was to inquire how it was spent. Representations were made to me as I have represented to the Commissioners, and nothing came to my mind until the proceedings in the committee when Mr. Oliver and Lord Goderich spoke of coming forward; and then I made to them the same representations that were made to me.

70,574. Before the Reform Bill there was a system of paying head money at so much a vote?—Yes.

70,575. Did you understand, from the long explanation they gave you of the messengers and runners, that they were only another way of arriving at the same result?—Only another, and a somewhat cheaper way. The difference was, it was a cheaper way, as much money was not required; and also it was done in a way which, according to their notions, would not leave it possible to unseat the candidates for bribery. The object was the same. It was found that without paying in meal and malt the freemen would not vote.

70,576. The object was to secure the votes of persons requiring the money?—No doubt.

70,577. And the means taken were in order to keep as it were supposed within the strict letter of the law?—Yes.

70,578. To save appearances with the law, but to influence the vote of the party?—No question about it.

70,579. When you came to Hull and were asked to expend 1,500*l.*, you knew it was to be expended in 1841 in carrying out such a system?—No doubt a considerable part of it in the engagement of runners.

70,580. That is to say that an understanding was to be come to with the voter, that he should be employed and paid, on condition that he voted for your party?—It was so understood. It was an accepted understanding in the town.

70,581. Was it not that result that he should be employed and paid, and on condition of his being so employed and paid he should give his vote?—No doubt it was the understanding when a man set his name down as a runner, whether employed, as I believed he was, or not employed, as it appears at the last election they were very frequently not. I do not suppose the question was ever asked, "Will you vote for so and so if we employ you?" the mere fact was understood in the town. It was the custom of the town.

70,582. I want you to state the full import of the question. You knew when you came to Hull, and were asked to expend 1,500*l.* of your money, that it was to be expended in carrying out that system?—Just so. A part of it at least; by no means so large a part as it turned out to be.

70,583. You did not anticipate that 690*l.* would be paid in that way?—Certainly not. I understood they had engaged probably 120 or 150 runners.

70,584. Now, as to the payments for these freemen, did you understand you were to pay the expenses of the men's freedom, and they were to vote according to the directions of Mr. Jalland?—No doubt; but the idea was only to have about forty. Permission was given for the engagement of about forty for a particular purpose.

70,585. I think you said at that time you thought it objectionable?—No doubt.

70,586. On what ground?—Because it is indirectly influencing the vote. It is also objectionable as a matter of policy. It is increasing a bad class of voters.

70,587. Then you acceded to it as far as it would carry out your purpose, and objected to it beyond that?—Just so; and as far as it was carried it was greatly beyond the sanction that was given to it.

70,588. That was what was done directly with regard to the then coming election?—Yes.

70,589. You were securing the votes of certain parties by paying the amount of their freedom?—Yes.

70,590. You mentioned what appears almost to be obvious in this case, that when a man comes to have his name set down, there is no question ever asked?—No doubt.

70,591. On the one side or the other?—I never saw a man set down, and I never gave an order for a man to be set down; those details are always kept from the candidates. It is perfectly notorious, when a man goes to a room to be set down, he receives employment either imaginary or colourably, and it is understood, more or less, that he votes for the candidate who so pays him.

70,592. In 1847 your payments appear to be 2,015*l.*?—That is the sum here. I do not know the sum, but I took out every payment from the banker's book.

70,593. We may take it that it is the sum you mentioned here, 2,015*l.*?—Yes.

70,594. When you became a candidate for the election again in 1847, was there an understanding that the election was to be carried by the same means as you desired it should be done in 1841?—My wish was that a much more severe check should be exercised over the whole of the expenditure of that election. It was for that reason that I was very unwilling to form any coalition; and my intention was, if I had stood myself, to have asked some gentleman, Mr. Carrick or some one of the kind, to look into those matters. I had a strong feeling that way, having served the town for a good many years.

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70,595. We are speaking of 1847?—In 1847 I came down precisely with the same idea as I did in 1841, but with a very strong hope that it was to be an uncontested election. Less was thought about expense then, because there was a very strong hope thst it was to be an uncontested election. It ought to have been one. That was the feeling of most of the gentlemen on both sides, that it should be an uncontested election.

70,596. Did it not come upon you by surprise?—The coming forward of Mr. Brown some three or four days before the election came upon me by surprise.

70,597. And when the contest became inevitable you meant to carry the election in the same way as you had carried it in 1841?—I have no recollection that anything was said to me at all about expense. I had a strong feeling about Mr. Brown's coming forward, and I should have been ready to do a great deal more from Mr. Brown's coming forward than I intended. My own principles would have been a good deal more lax, because I thought I ought not to have been opposed by him; and when I understood he came forward to spend a large sum of money, I was determined that he should not beat me.

70,598. You understood that you would have to pay money for the same system as before?—I presume the system was exactly the same, and I have no doubt it was the same. I should fancy there were not as many runners employed, but I really do not know.

70,599. The system was the same?—The system was the same.

70,600. After the election was over, in the course of the year 1847; I see it is all in 1847, except a payment of 100*l.*; you paid all that you thought due from you at that time?—Yes. I should say that in 1847 I never had anything that was called a final settlement. It will be observed that the whole of these sums are in small sums. Mr. Galloway wrote to me, "Pay it by degrees." I think he was not very well at the time.

70,601. After having paid a considerable sum of money, in order to put an end to all further claims, you desired that Jalland and Mr. Galloway should issue a public advertisement calling upon all persons who had claims on you to come in and they would be paid. Do you remember authorising Mr. Jalland and Mr. Galloway to do that?—No, I do not; but it was a very good way to have acted.

70,602. They have stated they did so by your authority?—I have no doubt it is so, but I have no recollection of giving any express authority to do that.

70,603. Was it your desire that everything should be paid?—At the close of an election my desire is to pay everything as fast as possible, and forget all about it.

70,604. Mr. Jalland and Mr. Galloway did, as they state, issue a public advertisement, calling on everybody who had claims to come in; and as they both of them said they paid everybody who had a shadow of a claim, would that be consistent with your desire on the subject?—No doubt.

70,605. However, when you came down here in 1852, did you suddenly hear of a fresh class of claims made upon you in respect of 1847?—That was in 1852; when I began to canvass, I first heard of it. I was continually stopped in the streets by people who had a claim upon me of some kind or other, but they never mentioned what their claim was, or that it was a claim as a runner, which it appears to have been. I was continually stopped and told I was owing this man and that. A canvass in Hull is an exceedingly difficult thing, and I always told these men, "Very well, if there are any claims upon me, I shall ask some one to look into them, and if they appear to be proper claims, they shall be paid." I presume you are now coming to the back payments made in 1852?

70,606. Yes?—I saw that Mr. Carrick, in his evidence, stated he made these payments entirely on his own authority, and quite out of his own head, without any knowledge or sanction from me. My recollection differs from his. My recollection is that Mr. Carrick told me that there were some claims, and I am perfectly confident my recollection is right. Mr. Carrick told me there were claims upon me, not stating what they were; and it was my belief they were the ordinary claims, sometimes for broken windows, and those things. One poor old lady in the town always has a claim for a husband who breaks his leg, and I presume he breaks it at every election. My idea is, the claims are of that nature, and not for runners. Mr. Carrick spoke to me about those claims, and asked me what should be done about them; he thought it would better to have them paid. I told him "First of all you must consult the lawyers, as to whether it is a legal thing to do; they must be consulted; if you will undertake to look into the claims, and see if they be proper, I have no objection to pay them; but this is to be understood, that you do not pay them out of the common fund, available for us both, Lord Goderich and myself, because then it is nonsense to tell me that they are claims upon me; it is money spent in the interests of the election. If there are any bonâ fide claims upon me, look into them, and tell me if they are so, and I will pay them myself." He did do so, and some two or three days afterwards he told me that "Every soul is coming with a claim to be paid as runners; they are coming in in immense numbers, and we do not know what to do with them." I said "If that be the case, the thing must be closed at once; you cannot open the door to anything of that kind; close these payments, and have nothing to do with it till after the election," and he told me that he had already done it.

70,607. I presume these payments were considered in the view of securing their votes against the coming election?—That is a question that really can hardly be answered, yes or no. If those claims were made upon me, and I had no idea whatever of coming to Hull again, I should have acted in precisely the same way. If claims are made upon me to-morrow,

and any circumstances should render it wholly impossible for me to stand again for Hull, I shall pursue the same course. I shall ask some of the gentlemen likely to be best acquainted with it to look into those claims, and see what I am to pay. At the same time, there is no doubt, when these gentlemen proposed to me the making the payments at that particular moment, and not waiting till after the election, they thought that was the most advisable course. I presume the man to have a fair claim upon me, and to apply for payment if he has not been paid; and if he should not be paid, of course he will be naturally indisposed towards you at the next election; but as to their being payments made that would not have been made if the election was not pending such is not the case.

70,608. That is the point of view I wish you to consider. The question is this: Whether, bearing in mind the time chosen for making the payments, the demand, and the immediate payment, and the selection of no better document to ascertain the validity of the claim than the poll book to see how they voted before, it was not for their vote?—As far as I was concerned, I had no idea that the claims were of that nature.

70,609. The payment of a valid debt at a particular moment, an actual valid debt, as for instance a bill for printing, which may be made at a particular time, would not that influence a person's vote?—No doubt about it.

70,610. Even supposing them to be perfectly valid claims, does not the time chosen for making the demand, and the immediate determination to satisfy the demand, influence the vote?—I think the time chosen to satisfy the demand is an inaccurate expression. We do not choose the time further than this, that the claims are paid when they are made. It always happens at elections, whenever there are claims, presuming them to be perfectly just claims—putting the runners out of the question,—the candidate hears little or nothing of them until he comes again; it may not be for an election, but until he comes into the place. When he is here, and these claims can be brought personally forward at once to him, the claims are made, and under such circumstances were these claims made; therefore it was not that we chose the time for making the payment, but that the claims being then made they were paid.

70,611. And with less care and attention to ascertain the validity of the claims, than would be paid to them at other times?—That is very probable. I had not the doing of it myself; and if I had had the time to look into these matters myself, as far as I do give any attention to these matters, I should have given as much at one time as at another.

70,612. You did not furnish Mr. Carrick with any materials for investigating the claims?—I had no materials at all. My notion was by no means that these were claims of unpaid runners. I believed them to be claims of this kind: that when bills are brought in at an election it is a very common thing to take off a per-centage, and the person to be paid receives the payment minus the per-centage, and says nothing about it until the next time that the candidate comes near the place. The next time that the candidate comes near the place, he is told. "There was ten per cent. taken off my bill. I do not think it was properly taken off. My bill was a very proper bill, and not an election bill, and I do not think it should have been taken off." They are claims of that kind.

70,613. Bearing in mind that after the election of 1847 a public announcement was made, that everybody might come in and make his demand, and that Mr. Jalland stated that he had paid everybody, to use his own expression—"I paid everybody that had the shadow of a claim?"—I did not hear Mr. Jalland's evidence—but my impression is, that Mr. Jalland must have been alluding, not to the bills of 8147, but to certain claims.

70,614. I will read you his evidence. He is asked, "In investigating those claims did "you endeavour to pay everybody who had anything approaching a fair claim; and he "answers Yes; everybody, who we thought had at all a shadow of a claim"?—It is very easily ascertained. My belief is that evidence would apply to claims in 1841 which Mr. Jalland and some other gentleman with him investigated in 1847, exactly as they did in 1852 investigate the accounts of 1847. They were back claims for 1841, and Mr. Jalland, at my request, and some other gentlemen, one or two with him, formed a committee for the investigation of these claims, and they sent me word what was the amounts of money to be paid for them, as there were some they recognized. It may have been a couple of hundred pounds, or it may have been one; I forget which; whatever they told me I paid at the time. I do not know that Mr. Jalland had anything to do with the accounts of 1847. He may have had.

70,615. Still what we want to know is this: Whether you did not believe that you had paid before you came to Hull everybody who, according to Mr. Jalland's statement, had a fair claim upon you?—I should not have considered it surprising that there might be some few and small claims unsatisfied. Probably many may not have received them.

70,616. Still I ask you, did you furnish Mr. Carrick with any materials whatever, or were there any materials for investigating the validity of these claims?—It is very possible that there might be some materials.

70,617. What materials?—In 1841, there were a variety of claims unsatisfied; no doubt the parties had not been paid whom I had intended should be paid; and after the election of 1847 a committee sat, as I have mentioned just now, to look into these claims; they passed some of them, and they refused others. The parties who were refused did not consider that that ought to be a final settlement; and my belief was, and

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is, that many of these persons came forward again, and they had documents in their possesssion, bills, or something of that kind, to substantiate their claims.

70,618. In 1852, did not Mr. Carrick tell you, that the claims being made, it was advisable to pay them?—I think he more consulted me than gave me an opinion upon it. If he gave me an opinion, it was not a strong one.

70,619. What was your opinion; that it was advisable to pay the claims that were made?—I myself would have preferred, paying them as I did in 1847, after the election was over. I would have preferred having those persons told, "Mr. So-and-so,—some "gentleman in whom they would have confidence—will look into these claims after the "election is over, when there is more time to do it."

70,620. The claims had slept from 1847 to 1852; but when the election was approaching, and the parties made their claim, at that particular moment, had you any doubt but that they were making the claim as a species of threat that if you did not pay them their claims they would go and vote against you?—All the claims had not slept from 1847 to 1852.

70,621. But those claims which had?—Of those claims I know nothing. All claims had not slept, because I not unfrequently received letters, and I receive them at all times, from some persons who consider themselves aggrieved in matters of payment.

70,622. When you agreed that Mr. Carrick should pay them, was it not with reference to the coming election?—To a certain degree; if their claims had not been attended to no doubt they would have been indisposed to vote; but at the same time, if it had been at any other period of the year than when an election was coming off in Hull, say that I should have done exactly the same thing.

70,623. Will you listen to what Mr. Carrick says he did to carry out your views. "Did you not also understand, in point of fact, that these were persons who had no real "claim, but whom it was considered advisable to conciliate?—I perfectly understood the "men had done no work for it."—If I understood that, I should have said they must not be paid.

70,624. Did you give Mr. Carrick to understand that? This is what is said:—"It was "done as a mode of conciliation?—It was done as a bonus; in fact I thought if they were "not paid it would be detrimental to Mr. Clay's success at the coming election. I have no "hesitation in saying that was my course in paying them." Was that carrying out your instructions?—Did not Mr. Carrick say—I so read his evidence in the newspapers—that he had no communication with me on the subject.

70,625. Still I want to know whether Mr. Carrick in doing so fulfilled your wishes?—If Mr. Carrick had entirely forgotten the communication;—but it certainly strengthens my recollection, that the communication I had with him was very short and very hurried; I might have spoken for half a minute or a minute to him about it; all that I said about it to him is this: If the lawyers are consulted, and say that it is a legal thing to do, it may be done; and if the claims are fair claims, pay them; but take care that it is not paid from the joint fund, which would make it evident that it was for the purposes of the election. That was all that passed between him and me.

70,626. Still I want to know whether you can say this, that you made any communication to Mr. Carrick. Having heard read the evidence which was given by Mr. Carrick, I want to know whether you can undertake to say that it was in disobedience to your wishes?—I certainly gave him no instructions beyond this: If they are fair claims, why pay them. If Mr. Carrick had told me: They are claims for runners, and they have no other claim at all, I should have said, on no account pay them. I will not pay them a sixpence.

70,627. That is not an answer to my question. Mr. Carrick gave us the statement which he did, supposing himself to be carrying out your views. My question is this: Having heard read those two questions and answers, whether you can say you made any communication to Mr. Carrick that will now lead you to say this, that, having heard that read, he disobeyed your instructions?—Disobeyed instructions involves instructions being given much more precise than those I gave; but undoubtedly Mr. Carrick in paying these men went beyond my instructions. If I had known it was men that asked for two days' pay as runners, I should have said, undoubtedly, do not pay them at all. I should want no conjuror to tell me whether that was a legal transaction or not, because it was undoubtedly illegal.

70,628. It has been stated that the amount you contributed towards the election was 2,500*l.*; the election of 1852. How much do you say it was?—In 1852, 1,700*l.* and odd, and some small sum, I think of, 70*l.*, which had nothing to do with Lord Goderich's account and my own, for those back claims. I did not take the trouble of going through my banker's book for that, because I knew that Mr. Carrick had given an account of the cheques for me.

70,629. Have you seen the evidence given by Mr. Carrick?—I have seen generally most of the evidence in the papers, but it is apparently not always correctly given.

70,630. On that occasion you paid 1,000*l.* less than Lord Goderich?—Yes.

70,631. That was under an agreement that has been shown to us, which was agreed to ultimately, after some discussion. Do you recollect there was such an agreement?—Yes; there was very little discussion about it.

70,632. And it resulted in the agreement for you to pay 1000*l.* less than Lord Goderich?—Yes.

70,633. Do you remember at the time, before Lord Goderich's name was mentioned, that other candidates had discussed with you the expediency of coming as a second orange candidate?—No one from Hull has ever done so, as far as I recollect.

70,634. Gentlemen in London; Mr. Oliveria and Mr. Prescott, and other gentlemen?—Whether I heard of Lord Goderich's intention or Mr. Oliveria's first I cannot say exactly; they were within a very short time of one another.

70,635. Did you hear why Mr. Prescott declined to come forward?—I think the great probability was the expense. It may not have been that; but the mode in which the money was to be expended. I did not hear that it was so, but I take it for granted. It was the only reasonable cause for his refusal.

70,636. You had an interview too with Mr. Burgess in London?—The first thing I heard of Lord Goderich's coming forward was through Mr. Burgess, who called on me. I had some acquaintance with him and his family, and he called on me, and said that Lord Goderich was thinking of this. That he had not the least intention of interfering with my chance of success, but he should be obliged to me to give him my opinion and advice upon the subject. I told him, as I told Mr. Oliveria, that it was a subject that I could not give advice to anybody upon, that it was the business of the constituency to select a candidate, and the business of the candidate to take his chance; that I would give to both of them; or to any gentleman who applied to me with that view, any information I possibly could as to the state of the constituency, and as to the probable chance of success; but that I would give advice to no one; and I adhered to that resolution. I gave to both of them every information that I could. I made to them the representation which was made originally to me by Dr. Chalmers as to the system of the runners. I gave them copies of certain analyses that were forwarded to me as to the state of the register. I gave them all the information I could; but I gave no advice of any kind or sort, or exercised the slightest influence, directly or indirectly, to procure one or the other of them to be a candidate.

70,637. Did you not rather tend to throw some damp on their chance of success?—I was less sanguine than other people of success.

70,638. In particular, were you not furnished with an analysis which showed a large number of doubtful voters; 750?—I should have said about 600, from my recollection of it. It may have been 750. My unfavourable opinion was not formed upon any analysis, because all those that were sent to me showed a considerable majority, and more than a reasonable chance of success to a second candidate. I always distrusted calculations of that kind. I judge a great deal more from my own experience; but I now think I was wrong in my notion. I believed then the chance of returning two candidates was not a very good one. I thought it was quite a chance whether we could return two or not. I should, for obvious reasons, have preferred no contest at all; it would have been a matter of less expense to me. I should have preferred standing by myself, instead of a coalition with anybody, because I specially dislike coalitions, and my own feelings would have been to have had no contest at all. I gave as honestly as I could every information to the gentlemen who thought of becoming candidates, and I left them to make up their own minds, and the choice between them I left to the constituency.

70,639. Did you not consider the peculiar circumstances of the election of 1847, both as to the candidates themselves, and the expenditure that took place on that occasion, tended to render it scarcely possible to predicate what success would attend any new candidate standing in the same position?—I do not consider the expense had anything to do with it. What made it impossible to calculate upon any analysis of future votes was, the very peculiar circumstances under which Mr. Baines became a candidate. The blue party at that time was split into two sections,—the Peelites and the old Conservatives; and they selected between them a man that agreed with neither, but from the great respect for his character.

70,640. You did state that you were not sanguine of success?—I decidedly stated that I was not sanguine of success; nor was I.

70,641. Did you continue to be very doubtful of success until the time you came down?—I should wish to explain that. When I say I was not sanguine of success, I mean I was not sanguine of our being able to return two candidates. With regard to myself, if I had stood alone altogether, I never entertained any doubt whatever that I should come in.

70,642. In the interview that you had with Mr. Burgess, what communication did you make to him as to the mode in which money should be spent?—I made both to him, Lord Goderich, and Mr. Oliveria a representation of the system in use at Hull, as nearly as I could; that which I received from Dr. Chalmers, and which I stated to the Commissioners at the commencement of my examination. Nothing had occurred materially to alter my opinion, and I stated to them the system as I then believed it to be.

70,643. Did you mention that also to Lord Goderich?—Decidedly.

70,644. How soon did you mention that to Lord Goderich?—Within a few days.

70,645. Before you came down here?—Yes. He saw me in the lobby of the House of Commons, some two or three days or perhaps a week or more after I saw Mr. Burgess, and I told him everything I believed—I will not say everything I knew—of Hull.

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70,646. As nearly as you can, tell us the conversation between yourself and Lord Goderich?—I told him that I thought the chance of returning a second candidate was a somewhat doubtful one, but that he must judge for himself, and in order to assist his judgment I would give him every information as to the state of the registration as I received it, with my own observations upon it; that I would assist him in every way; but that I could not give him any advice as to whether he should stand or not, and, much less, that I could not suggest to our party to invite him or anybody else. I said the party at Hull will settle who is to be the candidate, and that gentleman will make up his own mind as to whether the chances are good or not. I explained to him what I believed to be the practices at Hull.

70,647. Tell us, as near as you can, the words you made use of in explaining to Lord Goderich your view of the practices prevalent at Hull?—It would be impossible for me to attempt to give the words at all. The substance of what I told him is this: that we never spent any money in Hull in open bribery; that the only way in which voters were influenced, as far as I knew, was by employing a certain number of the freemen as messengers, or flag men, or musicians, or something of that kind, and paying them 5*s.* a day during the time they were employed. I gave him that representation, as I got it from Dr. Chalmers. I certainly did not say anything to him with respect to sham committee rooms; I really had known so little about it. If it had come into my mind, I should have told him; but I altogether forgot about the sham committee rooms. I told him what I believed the system of runners to be.

70,648. Did you mention to him, or convey to his mind, that runners were appointed for the purpose of influencing their votes?—I told him, before the Reform Bill there was the practice of paying head money, but that after the first excitement of the Reform Bill a considerable alteration and improvement had been made in the system, but there were a certain number of the freemen who were paid in this way, employment given to them, and they were not over particular whether there were not more men employed than were necessary. I naturally did not make use of the expression, "with the view of influencing their votes;" there was no occasion to make use of it; it stands to reason that it can be for that, and nothing else.

70,649. You speak in language which a reasonable man could not misunderstand?—I spoke in language which no reasonable man could misunderstand, and which, I have no doubt, Lord Goderich will tell you he did understand.

70,650. The contest ultimately proceeded on the understanding that that would take place at the last election that had taken place at all previous elections?—No doubt. I was in great hopes myself that it would not be carried to so large an extent, and with a view of putting a check upon that and the other expenditure I proposed to Lord Goderich to ask two of our friends to form a committee; I asked Mr. Carrick to act for me, and I suggested that Mr. Gresham, whom he knew very well, would be an excellent man on his part; and our intention was that no expense should be incurred without the direct sanction of those two gentlemen, and I believed that would put a very wholesome and severe check on the expenditure. Unfortunately, those gentlemen were perhaps unable to fulfil their mission, or did not exactly understand the nature of their mission, and became, as it were, merely bankers to draw cheques on as they chose.

70,651. It was never understood that the finance committee was to limit the number of runners to be employed from time to time?—I should consider that was within their duty.

70,652. To keep it at as low a figure as they could, but not to dispense with it altogether?—Certainly not, but, with the ideas I had of runners, certainly to take care that no one received payment that had not some employment given him. In fact, up to the time of our being unseated, I was as much in the dark as to what the real case of the runners was as any one could be. It was well known to our three parliamentary counsel that I always advocated the fighting of the petition with the serious belief that there was nothing in this runner system that could possibly cause us to be unseated, and I only abandoned it on finding an expense obviously very illegal in the payment of the Burton runners, the Barton out-voters, and that an expense had been incurred; and seeing that that was a plainly illegal expense, I abandoned the opposition to the petition. But so firmly was I impressed with my own belief as to these runners, that on the morning of our petition coming on I saw Mr. Wilde in the lobby of the House of Commons, and I said I must know the whole truth about these runners; I want to know exactly what is the case; and he told me about 450, I think he said, had been engaged, and about two thirds of those had been employed. I said, "Well, have those men who were not employed been paid?" and he said no, they had not. I took it for granted that was in the carrying out of the system; that those men who were employed were paid, and those who were not employed were not paid.

70,653. You never heard anything to induce you to doubt that the understanding, of which you spoke formerly, that the running system was to form no part of the parliamentary investigation, would be acted on, the last time, as it had been on previous occasions?—I never heard of such an understanding. I should have considered myself quite at liberty to have petitioned against the return of Sir Walter James and Sir John Hanmer on the ground of the employment of runners, if I had thought it was at all advisable; but I did not; I was beaten, and I was content with my defeat. I never

heard of any understanding, although I frequently heard it said by gentlemen of our party, "You are quite safe; you will not be petitioned against on the score of the runners; "the blue depend so infinitely more on the runners than we did that they will not be so "foolish as to cut their own throats;" that I have heard over and over again. I never heard of anything like a compact to prevent a petition.

70,654. It was to be this: the object was, not to alter the system, but to limit it?—No doubt.

70,655. When you came in 1852, you had cognizance of every mode of corruption in Hull, had you not?—I had cognizance, no doubt, of this system of engaging the sham committee rooms; that is to say, I had heard of it; but I never looked upon it as a system by which many votes had been got. The thing had so far escaped my recollection that I never said anything to Lord Goderich or to Mr. Oliveria on the subject. If I had recollected it I should have put them in possession of it.

70,656. You seem to throw some little doubt into the last answer. You had no doubt, in 1852, when you came here, that this system of employing runners was just equivalent to paying them head money?—No doubt; except for this purpose, believing they had absolute employment, which could be proved before a committee of the House of Commons, I believed it came within the strict letter of the law.

70,657. You know it was done in order to secure the votes of doubtful persons?—No doubt I knew it, ever since I came to Hull, and it was well known to everybody, that if you determined to have nothing to do with employing messengers,—if you had taken all the messengers from the non-voters,—you might a great deal better have stopped at home; there was no chance of success.

70,658. You knew your money was to be expended in securing the votes of parties who would not vote but for a money consideration?—No doubt.

70,659. Did you say that you understood that that led to no immorality?—No, I did not say that. All I said was, that I see a strong moral distinction between that and bribery, because it is perfectly possible that the runners who receive these payments should at the same time be proof against a very much larger payment from the other side, and I believe that scores of them are so. I believe there are scores of freemen in Hull who would not vote for you if they were refused this payment, which they look upon as a birth-right; so much so, that an insolvent put down his vote in his schedule. It is a thing perfectly well known that they look upon it as a sort of birth-right and; the man who came forward, and refused them what they believe their birth-right, you would be considered a mean man, and they would have nothing to do with you. There are scores of men who I believe would not vote for the other side if you paid them 10*l.* for doing it.

70,660. Did you never hear that it was exceedingly common in Hull for the men to be employed and paid by one side, and then go over and be employed and paid by the other side, and finally vote for whoever they choose? I have never heard of it being common in Hull. I see from the evidence there were cases at the last election; but I do not believe at former elections it was done. No doubt there were instances,—and to that I attribute the loss of my election in 1841,—there were instances where men who had been runners, and were understood to intend to vote for you, had been bought off with ready money in the streets by the other side; there were instances of that kind, and to that I attribute the loss of my election in 1841.

70,661. Did you ever hear that the system was so common in Hull that respectable gentlemen on your committees, knowing that the freemen had promised and been paid by the other side, would countenance and induce them to deceive the other side, and vote for your side?—So I understand. It appears to have been so at the last election; but there is no man in Hull more surprised than I am, and I do not believe it was the case at former elections.

70,662. Did you not hear that the pecuniary cupidity of the voters of Hull was so large, that finding the blues were only paying 1*l.*, and the orange were paying a guinea, a large number threatened to strike and go over to the other side?—If that is on the evidence I have not seen it. That is the first word I have heard of it.

70,663. They heard that the orange party were paying a guinea, and they struck for that?—Yes.

70,664. Taking those three circumstances to have been proved, do you adhere to your proposition, that this employment of runners in carrying out this system in Hull is entirely a moral transaction?—I have never given that opinion. I have only said that I see a strong moral distinction between that and bribery. Of course I cannot refuse my belief to the evidence which has been given before this Commission. It is perfectly clear that the system is infinitely worse than I thought it to be. There is no man in Hull more surprised and shocked by the revelations on this Commission than I am; but, at the same time, I do not believe it has always been the system. I believe the last election to have been infinitely worse. I well know, that when I was returned I believed it was the purest election we ever had in Hull; but it is impossible to refuse belief to the evidence. I believe it now to be the reverse. I do not believe this system of runners was so lax and so bad at the previous elections as it appears to have been in 1852.

70,665. You say now the system not only leads to what is immediately illegal, but also as immediately to what is corrupt and fraudulent?—I may probably best answer your question by saying, if there was an election to-morrow, and a gentleman came to me, as

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Lord Goderich did, to inquire the state of the town, and the way in which elections were conducted, I should give him a very different account, and say there is a system which they call the payment of runners in Hull, which they believe to be different from bribery, but to my mind it appears to have hardly any distinction.

70,666. I wish you would go a little further; does it not only lead to illegality, but to corruption and to fraud?—No question about it. When I say I consider it as bad as bribery, that includes it.

70,667. Did not that view of the question strike you at any time before the close of the last election?—No; not until after I was unseated; I did not believe it to be so. I ran a great risk of expending a very large sum of money quite unnecessarily in defending the seat, from my entire ignorance of what was going on. The single case that made me abandon the defence of the seat was, finding the sum of two guineas had been given to certain out-voters at Barton, as representing their expenses,—a sum so exorbitant, as the expense might be well paid by half-a-crown, that I said, this settles the thing; we had better abandon the defence to the petition. The gentlemen who were my counsel on the occasion, Mr. Edwin James, Mr. Davison, and Mr. Skinner, will no doubt recollect, in the conference we had, I was anxious to defend the system of runners, believing it to be that which was represented to me.

70,668. Did you not hear in the course of the election in 1847 that there were a lot of voters who were bought and paid for at the Baltic?—No.

70,669. Did you never hear of that at the election of 1847; that there were a lot there, called Nicholson's lot, a list of 80 who were bought; they polled for you and Brown, and they were paid 2*l.* apiece each?—Those were not men set down as runners.

70,670. No; bought out and out?—Yes; I have heard of that since, and I believe it to be the only exception, and a very disagreeable exception, to the rule made.

70,671. Did you not hear that he had a still larger party at the last election, and tried to sell them, but did not succeed in getting a purchaser?—I have only seen it through the evidence.

70,672. You did not hear it at the time?—I did not hear it at the time; and if anybody had told me of it I would have said, as I did in 1841, I will have nothing to do with anything of the kind.

70,673. Did you not hear there were parties going through the town offering themselves from one side to the other?—No; I never heard anything about it.

70,674. Besides the payment of money, there is another form of making payments in rewards after. Have you ever been the means of obtaining any office or place of any sort or description for any voter as a reward for his services, or the relation of any voter?—Not as a reward for their services, certainly; but I have frequently done it. It is an exceedingly bad system; but I took the system as I found it. I endeavoured to escape it as far as I could. The system you mean is no doubt the appointments in the Post Office and the Custom House. The sitting member has very frequently an intimation that there is such a vacancy, and if there is any one to recommend you may recommend him. When I first became the member for Hull, I wrote to Mr. Galloway and Mr. Jalland. I tried to get this duty taken off my hand, by having a committee of gentlemen appointed here, to have what is called the patronage of the place. However, it was found that system could not be carried out, and I was inundated with applications. There is no part of a member's business so disadvantageous to him as that part; for, for some trifling place, he is sure to have fifty applications, and forty-nine men are disobliged. Under those circumstances, all I could do was, to get as well as I could the best information about the candidates, and to select whoever I thought the most deserving man, and if there were more than one who appeared equally deserving, three or four, I then inquired which man was the most in want of the employment of the kind, and to whom it would be of the greatest benefit, and I appointed them in that way.

70,675. The question is this: I wish to know whether you can undertake to say or to assure us that you have never obtained any place of any sort or kind for any person as a reward for his vote?—That again is a question that it is exceedingly difficult to answer.

70,676. Do you mean you have only gone as far as this: some Government patronage is due to the member of the same opinions as the Government, and they are consulted?—They are only very small places.

70,677. I do not ask you whether you have not given a preference to a person of your own opinions. That is not the question I wish to put; but I ask you whether you have not gone beyond the regular routine of cases?—You probably mean, has there ever been a sort of bargain, I will vote for you if you will do something for me?

70,678. Or your saying, "I have selected you, because you gave me your vote?" One the case of contract; the other reward?—The first thing I inquire about is whether the man is fit for the situation.

70,679. I am sorry to interrupt you; but perhaps it may shorten the answer. Will you undertake to say this: that you never have given any place without a regard to the public service?—Certainly not. I have always had a regard for the public service, and the proof of it is this, with regard to the Post Office appointments, I think I may say invariably, but I have almost invariably, required an assurance that the party is fit for the post, previous to recommending a person. Mr. Mosey, the postmaster, has satisfied himself that he is capable of doing his duty properly. He is a strong Tory, but Mr. Mosey

has been kind enough to give temporary appointments in the Post Office to persons whom I was likely to wish to appoint, in order to see if they were fit or not.

70,680. You have always taken the greatest pains to get the best man?—Yes; but very few of the Tories have applied to me. The candidate himself is rarely the applicant; he applies through some gentleman; and very few of the Tory gentlemen ever make any application to me. I have no hesitation in saying, that if I have an application from a Tory gentleman for some candidate of his, and an application from a gentleman of the same way of thinking as myself, for another friend of his, that if it appeared that the Tory candidate was fit for his duty, and the Liberal candidate was unfit for his duty, I should undoubtedly appoint the Tory candidate.

70,681. It has been mentioned to us that you obtained an appointment for Mr. Theophilus Carrick?—It is probably saying too much to say I obtained it. I was consulted.

70,682. You exerted your influence in some way or other; you were instrumental in getting it?—I was anxious at that time to have procured the appointment for another gentleman whose name, I presume, I need not mention. It was Mr. Bowden,—I may as well mention the name; the brother-in-law of Sir William Lowthrop, I think he was. I was anxious to procure the appointment for him. It appeared there were some reasons, I forget what, that made it unadvisable to appoint him; they wished not to appoint him. An application had been made in favour of Mr. Theophilus Carrick. I was then asked, "Have you any objection to make to this gentleman being appointed? If you think he should not be appointed you have only to say so." That was in substance what was said to me. Mr. Theophilus Carrick had been a very strong opponent of mine; but at the same time I believed he was a gentleman wery well qualified for his duties; he was, moreover, the brother of an intimate friend of mine. I should not consider myself at liberty to say I object to his appointment, unless I believed he was an unfit man, and I do believe he was a very fit man.

70,683. He was opposed to you in politics?—Very strongly opposed to me.

70,684. There was a gentleman appointed at Beverley who was opposed to you in politics; do you recollect that you interested yourself for him in getting him a Custom House place at Hull?—I forget about that, I have such a vast deal of correspondence about it. I undoubtedly recollect the having made some appointments; no doubt of men who are either Tories themselves, or whose friends and connexions are Tories. I made them, partly because I was not only satisfied they were capable and fit men, but in many cases because I knew it was a great charity to do it.

70,685. You deny altogether the assumption that you made your position as a member for this borough subservient to any political views?—I entirely deny it; I have never done it.

70,686. It is only right that you should have an opportunity of stating that. You have stated now your views as to the position of persons who are set down, and set down for employment. A list has been handed to us of people who stated that they set their names down for the purpose and under the expectation that after the election was over they would be paid, although they had performed no service; they had their names set down for the purpose, and they voted under the belief that they would be paid. I put to you the same question that I put to Mr. Burgess on behalf of Lord Goderich. Have you come to any determination whether you mean to pay them, or not? It is a most material question in the event of having another election. It is not for a moment to be supposed we are desirous of expressing any opinion as to what ought or ought not to be done; that is quite beyond our province altogether; but, having it proved to us what took place at No. 2, King Street, and in Saville Street, on the last occasion, it is most material for us to know whether a similar scene will be acted over again, if, upon the moment we leave this Court, a new writ should be issued. This book I hold in my hand contains a list of persons who have stated to us that their names were set down in it, for the sole purpose of being paid, whether they did any work or whether they did not; the fact of their names being in that book gave them a right to be paid after the election?—Yes.

70,687. Therefore we wish to know whether they are right in stating that; or, in other words, whether you have at this moment any intention of paying such parties as those? A question something of that form was put toMr. Burgess. At the same time we thought it right that he should have time to consider whether he would answer it or not. I will put it in the very words that I put to Mr. Burgess?—I understand it perfectly.

70,688. We wish you to understand fully what the question is, and to give us an answer to-morrow morning?—I would rather give an answer now. I have never thought of the subject; but it will not take me five seconds' consideration.

70,689. Do you object to answer the question?—Not at all; not the least in the world. You will perhaps allow me to state, before answering, that as you allude to No. 2, King Street, and to the room in Saville Street, that I never heard of either of those places till long after the election. Now, with reference to the question you have put to me, it is one which I shall not undertake to judge of myself. I shall do as I have always done in matters of this kind. I shall consult some of the principal gentlemen of the place, and I shall ask them to take the matter into their consideration, and to tell me whether they consider I am bound in honour to pay or not. If I am bound in honour to pay, I shall pay. If it is their opinion that I am not bound in honour to pay, I shall not pay. But at the same time I shall hardly answer your question honestly, unless I

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tell you what my feeling upon the subject is. My own feeling upon the subject, if those gentlemen think fit to consult me upon the subject, is, that the money ought to be paid. It is perfectly true that they were engaged without any sanction of mine; it is perfectly true that I was in utter ignorance that men would be set down to receive payment, and do no work; that I was wholly unacquainted with that system, and I do disapprove of it now, and if I had known it I should have disapproved of it then; but at the same time it is perfectly true those men made their promise to a man whom they had reason to believe to be my agent; they made their promise, and they acted upon their promise, in the belief that I was cognizant of the bargain made with them, and I shall fulfil as if it was my own case. It is my fault for not having made proper inquiries, because, if I had made proper inquiries, and made myself master of the real system, the bargain would never have been made. But inasmuch as I did not do that, and left it possible for the men to believe that my promise was given to them, I shall feel myself bound to fulfil it.

70,690. You say the person who set those names down is no agent of yours?—No, I did not say he was no agent of mine. I certainly have never acknowledged him as an agent, and I have never paid him a sixpence as an agent, but he was a recognised person.

70,691. Would you not say the members of your committees are your agents to conduct the election?—Yes, unless they did anything they were specially forbidden to do. It has been frequently my practice to have a printed notice stuck up in the committee room, that no treating was to be allowed there, and that I would not be answerable for any expenses for anything of the kind; but for all the ordinary business of the election I should recognise the authority of a committee man.

70,692. Are you aware that the persons were sent to Saville Street from every committee, who were canvassed on your behalf?—I have seen it, more or less, in the evidence.

70,693. Is there anything more in setting down the names in Saville Street, and having been set down as applicants for employment—is there anything more in that than carrying out the system of which you have spoken?—I must know whether the chairman of a committee room, who sent a man to Saville Street, knew if he sent him there that he was to be put down for six days, or whether he sent him away in order to get rid of the trouble, because men come and bother them with questions which it is admitted they ought to know nothing about. They would say, go to such and such a place.

70,694. The evidence is, they sent people there with a perfect knowledge of what was being done? Was not that within the scope of their authority?—I do not apprehend their authority has ever been defined. No doubt my wish was to have no authority in anybody except in Mr. Carrick and Mr. Gresham. My wish was that no one should have had any authority whatever to incur any expense of any kind, legal or illegal.

70,695. I have understood you to say that you anticipated the system would be carried on as usual to a certain extent?—No doubt.

70,696. When the committee men did carry out the system, were they not acting in conformity with your understanding?—No. My idea would have been, that any proposition for how many messengers or runners were wanted at the different committee rooms, that it should be made to the finance committee, and that they should have said whether they did or did not sanction the employment of so many men. That was my idea, and it was obviously abandoned, or hardly ever begun.

70,697. Did you ever give instructions that they should not do it?—No; I never mentioned the subject at all, or in any way interfered with the details of the election.

70,698. Did you not appoint your agents to conduct it as they thought best?—No; I never appointed a committee man in my life. I have always understood that my committee consists of every man almost who votes for me. It is of immense size and capacity, is my committee, for everybody almost comes into my committe.

70,699. At the time the gentlemen began to act, did you intend to repudiate their acts?—I should have undoubtedly repudiated such a thing as that, if I had heard of it at that time that there had been a great deal of drinking,—beer and spirits given away. I should have said I would have had nothing to do with that.

70,700. Did you intend to repudiate their acts when they were carrying out this system?—I did not know it. Now I do know it I have no intention of repudiating their acts. I did not know they were doing it.

70,701. They were your agents?—They were my agents, for the election only.

70,702. Carrying it on in the ordinary way?—No. I am merely expressing my surprise at finding that the chairmen of the district committees sent a great many men to be employed as runners. I am not denying it; but I do not say that I shall repudiate their authority at all. I have not at all said that.

70,703. Do you not know that during the election they were carying out the system in the ordinary way?—I did not know what the ordinary way was. I should have supposed that it would be intrusted as it was to one man,—to Thistleton,—that it would be intrusted to anybody,—it might be Mr. Wilde who was selected, but it would be intrusted to somebody to put down the names for employment of such persons.

70,704. Whether it is carried on by one person or many makes no difference?—Not the slightest.

70,705. It makes no difference, if you had a knowledge that the system was being

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carried out, whether it was by one person or many?—No. I have never denied that knowledge for a moment. The only thing that I repudiated was, or at leastI thought there might be good grounds for repudiating, is the having engaged men as runners with no intention of giving them employment; that I have never known anything about, and I do not believe that used to be the case; and when I say I entered upon the last election with the idea of employing runners, it certainly was not with the idea of putting men down for employment that did not have employment to carry it out.

70,706. You did not understand the fact till afterwards?—Not till I was unseated.

70,707. But finding on coming into the room it was considered almost as amounting to a condition, to a tacit agreement, do you consider yourself bound to carry it out?—Decidedly. Those men who made the promise believed that I was responsible for it. It is my fault that they believed it.

70,708. You consider that they would have deemed it a promise if they had their names put down?—I suppose so; from the evidence I have read, no doubt. Perhaps you will allow me, before you go, to make one observation. There may have been many questions that you have asked me, especially as to the details of carrying out the election, of which I have been in ignorance so entirely as possibly to surprise you. Now, my own explanation for that is,—and you will never thoroughly understand it unless you should happen yourself to be a candidate for Hull,—the explanation of that is, that a candidate while he is in Hull from morning to night is doing nothing but either canvassing or speaking; he never has a moment's consultation with the party upon the most important matters, but they must be taken by snatches of a quarter of a minute at a time between the canvass of the voters. We are so wholly occupied from morning to night in canvassing and speaking that it is less extraordinary than you imagine. We know less about the details of the election than you would conceive.

Adjourned till to-morrow, at ten o'clock.

FORTY-NINTH DAY.—Wednesday, 3d August 1853.

HENRY CARR sworn, and examined.

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70,709. What is your business?—A fireman.

70,710. Where do you live?—In Dagger Lane.

70,711. What rent do you pay?—Five guineas.

70,712. For a house?—Yes.

70,713. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

70,714. How long have you been a freeman?—I took my freedom up in 1846.

70,715. Did you vote in the year 1847?—No.

70,716. Were you not entitled to vote?—Yes.

70,717. Why did you not vote?—I was in Hamburgh.

70,718. You were absent?—Yes.

70,719. Who did you vote for last year?—Clay and Goderich.

70,720. You had your name set down, I believe, at Legitt's, as a runner?—No.

70,721. Was your name set down for the blues?—Not to my knowledge.

70,722. Do you know Legitt?—No, I do not know him.

70,723. Lidgard; do you know him by that name, in Minerva Terrace?—No; I do not know any one of that name.

70,724. Your name is down in his list?—I cannot help that; I do not know his name.

70,725. Did you get any money at the Minerva Terrace from anybody?—No.

70,726. Were you employed as a runner—No.

70,727. Did you get any money?—I never got any money for being a runner.

70,728. Your name is returned from the central committee for Moore and Butler as Henry Carr as having been set down by Legitt; do you mean to say you did not get any money that election?—No; not from that party at all. I was never nigh them.

70,729. For what party?—The name you mentioned.

70,730. Legitt has returned your name as a person who was a runner at his committee room, and as having paid you; how do you account for that?—I cannot tell that. I never received one halfpenny from him. I do not know him.

70,731. Do you know the room in the Minerva Terrace where the runners for the blues were set down?—No; I do not know where it is.

70,732. How much did you get at the last election?—The money I received at the last election I got paid for my expenses to stop at home. I did not get anything for polling.

70,733. How much was it?—50*s*.

70,734. Who paid it?—It was paid in King Street.

70,735. That was by Mr. Bamford, was it not?—I do not know who it was.

70,736. It was a committee of the blues?—No.

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70,737. Whose was it?—For the orange.

70,738. Was it a committee room at all where you were paid?—It was in King Street.

70,739. Who paid it?—I do not know what they call the gentleman, I am sure.

70,740. How came you there?—I was sent there to draw my money there.

70,741. Who sent you there?—Mr. Wells.

70,742. What Mr. Wells?—The barber; I think it is King Street

70,743. Was it in Kingston Street or King Street?—King Street.

70,744. Where did you live at the last election?—Finkle Street.

70,745. Are you sure you voted for Clay and Goderich; because your name is down for Moore and Butler? Do you mean to swear that?—I can swear I did not.

70,746. That you did not vote for Moore and Butler?—No.

70,747. Your name is in the poll book as voting for Moore and Butler?—Then some one has been and polled false.

70,748. Where were you; what distance did you come for your expenses?—I was in the Rotterdam trade.

70,749. And you were paid the 50*s.* to stop at home?—I had to find another man in my room, and then I had to stop at home, and there were my expenses at home.

70,750. Had you been engaged to go out? What was your business at the time?—Fireman on board the Sea Gull.

70,751. Did the steamer go without you?—Yes; I engaged another man.

70,752. What day did she sail?—Wednesday.

70,753. How often do you go in the steamer?—Every week.

70,754. How much do you get paid?—15*s.* a week.

70,755. When did you go in her next?—In the following week.

70,756. And you lost a week?—Yes.

70,757. Did they deduct from you a week's pay?—Yes.

70,758. Who paid the other man? You say you got a substitute; who paid him?—The company paid him.

70,759. He was not paid with your money?—No.

70,760. You say they deducted a week's pay from you?—Yes.

70,761. And they found a substitute?—Yes.

70,762. And the people in King Street gave you 50*s.*?—Yes.

70,763. You lost 15*s.* and got 50*s.*?—Yes; and I was living at home; those were my expenses.

70,764. Do you know which booth you polled at?—Yes.

70,765. Which booth was it?—In King Street, Princes Street.

70,766. That is where you polled?—Yes.

70,767. Are you sure you polled at all?—Yes; another man polled before me in my name, only I proved it.

70,768. Did you poll or not?—I did.

70,769. Then they polled two people in your name?—I polled myself.

70,770. What time of the day?—I could not say the hour what it was now; I did not take that particular notice.

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70,771. Were you present when this man polled?—I went with him to the poll.

70,772. Is what he says true, that he voted for Clay and Goderich?—When we got to the booth he tendered his vote. The person there receiving the votes, the representative of the sheriff, said, "You have already voted." He said, "No, I have not; and this is my burgess oath." "Then who do you vote for; which party?" He said, "Clay and Goderich;" and he said, "Well, I must receive it, but we will take the other vote;" and that is the reason, I suppose.

70,773. Then he did not vote?—He tendered his vote, but it was not taken; they merely received it in that way.

70,774. Which party are you; blue or orange?—Orange.

70,775. Do you know whether it was your party who paid him, or the other party?—It was our party.

70,776. Were you there when the other person come up and called himself Henry Carr?—No. I had gone with this witness to get him to vote.

70,777. You were only present when that man came up?—Yes.

70,778. Not when the other came?—No; the other had voted before I went.

70,779. You did not see who it was?—No.

70,780. Did it never strike you that he might have voted before for the blues, and that he went up with you for the orange to account for the money, that you gave him?—The man declared he had not.

70,781. And that is all you know about it?—Yes.

70,782. It is a remarkable thing he should be personated twice over, because they had a Henry Carr a runner for the blues?—This man, I can testify to, only came up once.

70,783. How do you know that?—I was a canvasser for the orange party, and he was in my district where I had to canvass for. The consequence was I was very anxious to see him as soon as he got here.

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70,784. You inquired for him?—Yes; and his wife told me she would tell him as soon as he came up.

70,785. All that is equally consistent with his being a runner for the blues?—He was at sea; that is all I know.

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70,786. Do you get your living besides the 15*s.*?—We did at that time.

70,787. Besides the 15*s.*?—Yes; the wages are now 25*s.*, and find ourselves.

70,788. You would put the living at about 10*s.*?—Yes.

70,789. Will you swear that that was the only time you went to the poll when you went with Mr. Wells?—Yes, I will.

70,790. And you will swear you had not your name set down by the blues at all?—No; I will not swear I had not, because some one might have set it down for me.

70,791. Did they say anything to you about it?—No.

70,792. Were you canvassed by the blues?—No.

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JOHN BRAMLEY MOORE, Esq., sworn, and examined.

70,793. You reside at Liverpool?—In the neighbourhood of Liverpool.

70,794. And you were a candidate at the last election for the representation of this borough?—I was.

70,795. When was your attention first directed to the representation of Hull?—I should say in April or May; but I am not sure as to the date.

70,796. A little earlier than that, was it not?—It may be; I am not at all sure about the time when it was first mentioned to me.

70,797. Did you not talk upon the subject with Colonel Forrester considerably before that time?—I should say about that time; I am not sure of the date.

70,798. I think Mr. Ward said he wrote to you in February?—Yes; some time then about.

70,799. Who was it that first brought the subject before your attention?—I think it was Colonel Forrester, in London.

70,800. He is a gentleman who interests himself in procuring or selecting candidates?—I believe he does.

70,801. And in advising your party on the subject of the choice of candidates for different boroughs?—I believe he does; I have no personal knowledge beyond that concerning himself.

70,802. How soon was anything brought to your attention respecting the probable expense of a contest in Hull?—I should say I think in May.

70,803. Were you not aware before that that Hull was considered an expensive place?—No; I knew nothing about it.

70,804. Did you have no conversation with Colonel Forrester as to the reputation which Hull enjoyed?—Not at all.

70,805. Did you not make any inquiries about the expenses?—After I had a meeting with the gentlemen who met me at Normanton, I did.

70,806. Not till then?—Not till then.

70,807. We have heard of that meeting. Was that the first time when anything was said or written on the subject of expenses?—I believe it was.

70,808. What is your recollection of the date of that meeting?—I am not sure; I have no record of the date; but I believe it would be in May.

70,809. Mr. Ward has mentioned the subject of expenses as early as the 6th of April?—Was that prior to the meeting at Normanton?

70,810. He has shown us a letter to you in which it shows a correspondence had taken place between you, and in which you say you are surprised at the largeness of the amount?—I think that is after the meeting.

70,811. Beginning the 6th, and then it is a continued correspondence. Do you remember mentioning to Mr. Ward, in the first instance, that you thought 500*l.* was as much as a candidate ought to pay for the representation of Hull?—I do not remember that; I remember stating that the candidates for Liverpool usually paid 500*l.*

70,812. And that you did not feel inclined to pay more?—I do not recollect saying that.

70,813. We will go on to what took place when you met at Normanton. Do you remember you had a meeting; that some gentlemen came over to you?—I remember it perfectly well, but I do not remember the date of it; that is not material. I met there Mr. Barkworth, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Joseph Pease, and we had a conversation about my becoming a candidate for the representation of Hull, and the result of it was that I finally determined to come forward; that I should pay 1,200*l.*

70,814. Before you arrived at that, was there anything said as to what caused it; what

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were the elements of expense to be considered?—We had a good deal of conversation about the expenses, and to the best of my recollection 1,000*l.* was spoken of.

70,815. Tell us the conversation, as nearly as you can recollect it, in the order in which it occurred?—I can tell you the substance of it. 1,000*l.* was mentioned.

70,816. By which party; by you or by them?—By the gentlemen.

70,817. I want to know this; there is no doubt at that time the sum of 500*l.* had been named before in some way or another?—I am not aware of it at all; I should be most happy to give you every information.

70,818. You shall see the letter?—I think when the letter is produced it will correspond with my statement.

70,819. My memory is this, that you mentioned the sum of 500*l.* as the expense which candidates were put to at Liverpool. Of course it would be useless to mention that except as a guide to Hull?—I think when the letter is produced, you will find it will tally exactly with what I state.

70,820. The letter in question was previous to your interview with these gentlemen at Normanton. Do you recollect how that was; the discussion as to the amount preceding the final settlement of the 1,200*l.*?—That letter unfortunately I lost; I destroyed it at the time.

70,821. There is no doubt a discussion took place before the final settlement?—No doubt of it; but there is a second letter, which I have a copy of here, of the 24th of April.

70,822. This letter was after the meeting at Normanton?—I should say after; and I think the letter you refer to is prior to that.

70,823. Does not that remind you that the meeting of which you speak took place in April?—Yes.

70,824. And your interview with these gentlemen must have been between the 6th and the 24th of April?—I think it is very likely; but I do not remember the date at all; I have no memorandum of it.

70,825. Can you remember whether the question of expense was first introduced by you or by the deputation which you met; was it your inquiry?—I do not know; but it would naturally form an element in our meeting; it would be immaterial from which side it emanated.

70,826. Is that the letter of the 6th of April?—Yes.

70,827. It alludes to the sum of 500*l.*, and assigns as a reason that in Liverpool 500*l.* is considered the sum?—I do not think it exactly bears out that. I agreed to give 1,200*l.*, and I only put the 500*l.* in contrast.

70,828. This is the letter: "Liverpool, April 6th, 1852;" it is from Mr. Bramley Moore to Thomas Ward, Esq. "In reply to your letter of the 2d instant, I agree with you that it is better we understand each other clearly before an election comes on with regard to money matters. I stand to my proposition, mentioned to the deputation at Normanton, as named in your letter, viz., to go as far as 1,200*l.* for the legal expenses of the election; not necessarily that this sum be expended, but I will, if this be required, agree to go thus far, and incur no further responsibility. I am wholly unacquainted with what may be required, having no experience in these matters. If the expenditure should exceed the above-named sum, the gentlemen of Hull must undertake to exonerate me from all further demands. Being a stranger in Hull, I could not, with any judgment, select an agent, and would leave this, and the entire management of the election, in the hands of a committee. I think, to provide against a contest (and the surest means of preventing a contest), the electors should subscribe a sum equal to the possible requirements, to enable a good fight. The candidates here are only responsible for 500*l.*"

70,829. Now have the goodness to state what took place at Normanton on the subject of the expenses?—To the best of my recollection, 1,000*l.* was spoken of.

70,830. Do you remember who by first?—I do not remember; and I was then asked, "But suppose it should exceed that; you would not mind something more?" and I answered, that whatever it might be I should prefer it to be fixed and definite, and that I would not incur an unlimited responsibility; and that 1,200*l.* was then the sum agreed upon to be paid.

70,831. Was anything said which led you to understand that it was probable that the 1,200*l.* would be exceeded?—I was certainly let to believe that 1,200*l.* would not pay the expenses of the contest, but that my liability would be restricted to that.

70,832. Did you understand what was the general expense of an election in Hull?—Not at all; I have no idea.

70,833. Did you understand, on that occasion, the probability was that the cost of an election would be about 3,600*l.*?—Not at all; I never heard such a thing mentioned.

70,834. You did not hear that until some few days after?—I never heard it at all; I am not aware of any such sum being mentioned.

70,835. The two candidates, 1,200*l.*, and a subscription of 1,200*l.*?—I do not know what the subscriptions were.

70,836. Did you never hear what the subscriptions were that were entered into on the 20th of April?—No. I heard that the subscription was in progress, but the amount of it I do not know even to this hour.

70,837. Did you inquire what were the elements of expense when you were at Normanton?—No.

70,838. Did you not make any inquiries, coming to a large place like Hull, how your money was to go?—Not at all. I knew perfectly well that a certain sum of money must necessarily be expended in the canvass of a large town like Hull, in printing and other expenses; and the gentlemen that I had to deal with I had perfect confidence in, and in their management, and that everything would be done properly.

70,839. Did you know that the constituency consisted of a considerable number of old freemen, not being householders?—I knew that, as a matter of course; but the subject was not mentioned, to the best of my recollection.

70,840. How came you not to make any inquiries? Was it because you were already in possession of information, living in Liverpool, and knew that freemen were an expensive body to deal with?—I do not know. They are not very expensive there. The worst thing proved against the freemen has been the day's wages there.

70,841. How is it that you made no inquiry, when you came to contest a borough of 5,000 voters, how your money was to be spent?—I made no inquiry whatever. All that I cared about was knowing my own responsibility, and the maximum amount for which I was liable.

70,842. Do you mean you gave a carte blanche to commit all sorts of corrupt practices?—Certainly not.

70,843. I want to see what precautions you took to avoid it?—I took none; but I never countenanced anything corrupt.

70,844. I want to know what precautions you took to prevent it?—The precaution I took, as you observe, in one of those letters was that I would not he a party to anything in the way of bribery or treating; and as far as I know that was strictly carried out.

70,845. You mean the only precaution you took was making a simple declaration, and leaving other people to interpret that as they pleased?—I do not admit that.

70,846. I understood you to say this: you took no precaution except that of making a simple verbal declaration that you would be no party to bribery or treating?—Certainly.

70,847. You took no other precaution?—Personally none; nor do I see that I could take any.

70,848. I understand you, you would say that the reference you made to it is contained in your letter?—It is.

70,849. And you do not remember making any other?—Yes.

70,850. And you made that in writing?—Yes; and also verbally.

70,851. You took no precaution, except that contained in your letter, and a similar verbal declaration?—No, none; and I am not aware that I could take any.

70,852. Did you make any inquiries as to whether corrupt practices had prevailed on former occasions in Hull?—No, I did not.

70,853. Were you aware then that they had been said to prevail?—I certainly was aware that there had been an inquiry some years ago.

70,854. In the year 1837?—Yes; a matter of notoriety; but I made no inquiries.

70,855. You were aware, as a matter of notoriety, that corruption had prevailed in the general election of 1837?—In former years.

70,856. In 1837?—Yes; I suppose so; in Mr. Wilberforce's time. The gentlemen with whom I treated were equally opposed with myself to anything being done in the way of bribery or treating, and we understood ourselves perfectly upon that head, that nothing of that kind should be done, therefore I made no inquiries as to former practices, nor was it necessary for me to take any further precaution with regard to my own election; that was a clear understanding between myself and the gentlemen.

70,857. The understanding was conveyed of course in the course of the conversation?—It was, and subsequent to it also.

70,858. Was the subject of runners ever alluded to?—Not at all.

70,859. Or messengers?—Not at all.

70,860. Or employing people with the purpose of securing votes?—No.

70,861. Neither by one side nor by the other?—Not by either side.

70,862. Are we to understand that there was no particular allusion to any particular character of spending money,—any particular mode of spending money,—but it was the simple general words that there was to be no bribery or treating?—No bribery or treating.

70,863. In general words?—In general words.

70,864. But the specific mode in which bribery might be for the future carried on, or had been said to have taken place on former occasions, was not alluded to?—No; not at all. I never heard the subject alluded to, to the best of my recollection.

70,865. Perhaps it will be a little out of place; but it will come in better here if I ask it. During the course of the contest has there ever occurred any conversation between you and the gentlemen by whom you were supported bearing on the peculiar character of the expenditure in Hull?—No.

70,866. Any way of employing men?—I am not aware of any. In the course of my experience here I observed there were messengers.

70,867. I am coming to that; I am talking at the present moment of what was said?—Nothing.

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70,868. It comes to this then, that it was represented in general terms by you, and assented to by them, or, vice versâ, declared by them, and assented to by you, that there was to be no bribery or treating?—Yes, decidedly.

70,869. You have already mentioned that you had heard of the investigation in 1838 relating to the election of 1837?—The subject was never mentioned to me. I knew it as a matter of history.

70,870. Was this merely a meeting of some gentlemen, or did they convey a requisition to you?—I think they had a requisition with them.

70,871. There was a requisition to you at some time?—There was.

70,872. And according to your recollection they brought it with them?—I think so. A requisition was brought, I think, on that occasion, and taken back to Hull, and afterwards forwarded to me.

70,873. They showed it to you, and took it back, perhaps not fully signed at that time?—I suppose that is the reason.

70,874. Up to the time you became a candidate I believe you had no immediate connexion with Hull?—Do you mean political connexion.

70,875. No; local?—No, none; very slight.

70,876. I mean you are not engaged in any matter of business connected with the town?—Not at all.

70,877. You are extensively engaged elsewhere?—Yes.

70,878. Had this deputation only a short conference with you?—Probably only half or perhaps three quarters of an hour. It was so short that the gentlemen returned by the train the same afternoon.

70,879. And have you told us the substance of all that took place then?—I have. I am not aware of anything else that occurred.

70,880. After that you wrote this letter of the 6th of April?—Yes.

70,881. Having heard in the meantime from Mr. Ward?—Yes, of course.

70,882. Have you got the letter to which this of the 24th of April was an answer?—I have not.

70,883. Or the one to which the letter of the 6th refers?—No; I have not.

70,884. They would be respectively of the 2d and 23d of April?—Yes; the 2d of April, and the other would be the 23d of April.

70,885. Can you recollect what the contents of the letter were? It seems to bear upon the subject?—I can say so far, the letter related to nothing else further than the subject of money.

70,886. Perhaps if you hear it read it will bring it to your mind?—"Liverpool, 24th April 1852. My dear Sir,—I acknowledge with great pleasure your letter of yesterday, and coincide entirely with your views about the guarantee fund,—treating, and bribery. I will not be a party to either one or the other. I think you have done very well indeed, and of course the more you get the more you diminish the risk to individuals. I therefore now formally consent to come forward as a candidate on the understanding agreed upon, viz., I hold myself responsible to the amount of 1,200*l.* towards the legal expenses, if the whole of this sum shall be required; and further, that this sum be expended first; say before the guarantee fund shall be called upon. This sum, however, it must be understood, is to be the maximum amount of my liability. Believe me to be, my dear Sir, yours truly, J. Bramley Moore." Now, having heard that, look at this guarantee of the 20th of April, produced by Mr. John Boulderson Barkworth, as to the 1,200*l.* Was the substance of that communicated to you by Mr. Ward in his letter of the 23d?—It is the first time that I have seen this, and the first time I have seen any sums put to the names.

70,887. Never mind the sums. I mean the substance and the terms. Would they not be incorporated in Mr. Ward's letter to you of three days earlier?—No, I should think not.

70,888. It is so much in the very language of your letter that it is almost supposed you had seen that, or something to that effect?—I dare say Mr. Ward's letter would be an echo of part of this.

70,889. You see that this letter of your own obviously must have been drawn with that or the very echo of it before you. I observe there are whole sentences the same?—It is very likely, and the substance of it to me would be this, that a guarantee fund had been formed, and probably mentioned the amount at the time, of which I have no recollection, but I do not know now the amount of that.

70,890. It is a little over 1,200*l.*?—I had no idea it amounted at that time to so much.

70,891. We may take it then that the substance of the document of the 20th of April must have been communicated to you in Mr. Ward's letter of the 23d?—So far that a guarantee fund had been mentioned to me, and probably the amount, and that my money should be expended first before they came on the guarantee fund; but nothing beyond that. I believe the proposition originated with myself to expend my money before they came upon the guarantee fund at all; but it would not go beyond 1,200*l.*

70,892. Was it upon that understanding that you became a candidate?—I did.

70,893. At that time we understand the second blue candidate was not known?—He was not in the field. I did not know anything about him.

70,894. It was known, I believe, that a second blue candidate would come forward, but the name of the gentleman was not known?—Not at that time.

70,895. Was it not known that a second candidate would come forward?—I think not so early as that. I think it was some time after.

70,896. Do you recollect this: whether that was made upon the supposition that there would be only one candidate or two?—It was not decided.

70,897. Not one way or the other?—I knew perfectly well it was not decided at that time whether there was to be a second candidate or not.

70,898. Whether there was or not, this was settled, that it would not make any alteration in your position?—Not the slightest.

70,899. How soon did you hear of a second candidate to come forward in the same interest for Hull?—I do not remember the date at all.

70,900. Was it before you made your entrance into Hull?—Yes, certainly.

70,901. It would be in June, would it not?—On the 10th of June; I think it was Thursday the 10th of June.

70,902. Is that the day that you came here?—Yes.

70,903. Did you remain here from the 10th of June until the election took place on the 8th of July?—No.

70,904. How long did you remain then?—I think that we remained only two or three days, and returned again on the 17th.

70,905. At that time, when you came here, during those two or three days, were the committees then organized to any extent; or not until your return on the 17th?—I should say not, to the best of my recollection; but I was introduced to certain parties the same night.

70,906. Can you give us the date of your introduction to Mr. Wells, the attorney?—No, indeed I cannot.

70,907. Was it during that short visit that you paid? We have him on the 12th making an agreement with the attorney on the other side relating to expenses?—I was no party to anything of that sort.

70,908. It is merely with reference to the date?—I cannot give you the date. I do not know whether I was first introduced to Mr. Wells on my first visit or the second.

70,909. At your first visit nothing very material probably occurred?—No; nothing very particular.

70,910. When did you hear of a second blue candidate coming forward?—I cannot tell you the date.

70,911. Was it before or after?—It was before.

70,912. A day or two, or probably before?—I should say more than that.

70,913. Was it before the 10th?—I say before the 10th; that I am certain.

70,914. When did you meet Mr. Butler first?—We met accidentally, I think, either at Normanton or at the Milford Junction, in the same carriage.

70,915. Was that on the occasion of your coming down the second time or the first?—I think it was the first.

70,916. You were not acquainted with him previously?—No; we became acquainted in the carriage.

70,917. Did you find him here when you returned on the 17th?—That I am not sure of. I think Mr. Butler went away and came back as well as myself.

70,918. Upon your second visit to Hull did you find then that the arrangement of the committees was pretty well organized?—I think what they call the central committee was organized; that there was one formed; but I know nothing about it myself personally.

70,919. You knew the fact that a central committee was organized, did you not?—Yes, I knew the fact; but I cannot speak to the fact at that time.

70,920. You do not fix the exact date?—No.

70,921. How soon was your attention drawn to the runners that were employed?—Never.

70,922. You began just now, and was going to say something about the runners, when I stopped you, because I thought it was premature. You observed some messengers. What is it you were going to tell us just now about your observations on the number of messengers?—I observed at the central committee there were messengers there, as a matter of course, but how they were engaged, or how paid, or anything, I know nothing at all about it.

70,923. Did you make any inquiries?—No, never.

70,924. Did you inquire whether they were voters or not?—No; I never meddled with anything, and made no inquiries.

70,925. Did none of those gentlemen mention it to you?—Mention what?

70,926. Mention to you that the messengers were principally voters, if not exclusively so?—I am not aware that I ever had any conversation upon the subject. It was no business of mine to meddle with their arrangements, and therefore I did not.

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70,927. I want to know how far they communicated to you what they were doing?—I do not think the subject was ever mentioned to me. I am not aware of it.

70,928. Did you occasionally go to the other committee rooms?—I never attended any. I might have gone to the central committee room. In fact I was in the habit of going there in the morning frequently to meet my canvassers. We made it a point of meeting, as being central, and then went off for the day, and frequently I got my letters there; they were taken there for me.

70,929. Was your attention ever directed to the names of the persons who were employed about the committee?—No, never.

70,930. Did you hear, for instance, the name of George Steeple mentioned?—As a matter of course he was there.

70,931. You knew his name?—I knew his name; he was in the committee room. I think he was the person that handed the letters to me when I went there in the morning.

70,932. Was your attention ever directed to the character that he bore in the borough?—Not at all.

70,933. I mean his electioneering character?—No, not at all; it was never volunteered to me, and I never made any inquiry; I had no reason for making any inquiry.

70,934. You observed nothing which excited your suspicion?—Not at all.

70,935. In the first instance, did you think there were more messengers than necessary?—I could form no opinion upon the subject.

70,936. Did you observe a change in the messengers; that two or three days there would be one set, and another day they would all be changed?—No, I did not. I know this, that sometimes when I wanted a messenger to send with a note I could not have one.

70,937. Did it never strike you, that the messengers were not always the same; that a change had taken place; one was displaced, and succeeded by another?—I never took the slightest notice. They might be changed or they might not; but I did not notice it.

70,938. It did not attract your attention?—No.

70,939. Did you ever make inquiries as to how the payments were being made?—Not at all. I never made any inquiries about money the whole time I was here.

70,940. And none volunteered?—And none volunteered.

70,941. Did you happen to hear at any time during the election of a person named Lidgard, but sometimes called Legitt?—No; I have no recollection of such a man.

70,942. Or of hearing the name mentioned?—I never heard the name, to the best of my belief, and I have no knowledge now who or what he is. I perhaps ought to state here the reason of having no knowledge of such a man, as his name may have been mentioned possibly in the course of the evidence, that I have read very little of the evidence; in fact, with the exception of Mr. Ward, I think I may say I have not read any on the blue side. I have got it all I believe unopened; I reserve it for a future opportunity.

70,943. I am asking of course as to time. You did not hear it at the time?—No; I never heard his name, to my knowledge.

70,944. Was anything said to you about the mode by which the attendance of any of the out-voters was to be obtained; removed voters is the more correct expression; voters who had ceased to become resident? Was anything said to you as to how their attendance was to be secured?—Not further than this: that I went along with my colleague to Barton, and I think to Hedon, and some other places, to address them. I know nothing about any arrangement to bring them here to vote.

70,945. You canvassed them, being in the neighbourhood, as you would anybody else?—Exactly.

70,946. During the progress of your canvass, had you any applications made to you for employment, or were any made in your presence?—I have had frequent applications to treat, and been asked in the street to give something what they call allowance, but I never in any single instance gave a farthing.

70,947. Independently of that, were you applied to for employment by people who wanted to be employed in or about the committee?—I think it is very possible I may have been asked, but I never gave any attention to it, further than saying, "I have nothing to do with you."

70,948. Did you refer them to the committee, or simply content yourself by saying, "I have nothing to do with you"?—I would not undertake to say whether I referred them to the committee, but certainly no conversation beyond that, or saying, "I know nothing at all about it; you must go to the committee or the proper parties."

70,949. Were you aware at any time during the contest, of the mode in which your committee dealt with applications when made direct to themselves?—No.

70,950. You never heard it?—No; I have only learnt that since from what has taken place here.

70,951. Perhaps you may have heard something of the books? Is it limited to that, that you have only heard it since this inquiry?—I have heard it mentioned since the election, but never before.

70,952. You did not at the time know how your committee were dealing with these matters?—Not in the least, and I am not aware that I ever saw a committee book or the contents of one.

70,953. Were you ever present when discussion arose at the committee room as to how the money was to be paid?—No, never.

70,954. Where you present at any time?—I am not aware that I was ever present at any proceedings of the committee.

70,955. Did you ever become acquainted with the fact, that your committee adopted the plan of withholding a portion of the wages of some of the persons employed by them?—No; I know nothing about their arrangements.

70,956. Never heard that that was adopted by them?—I am not aware that I ever heard such a thing.

70,957. Is it, to the best of your recollection and belief, that you never became acquainted with it, at all events till after the election was over?—I believe not; I do not even know it now. To the best of my recollection, I do not know anything of the sort.

70,958. What was the hour of the day when you used mostly to attend the committee; early in the morning?—I never attended a committee.

70,959. I mean when you went to the central room?—I should say early in the morning, generally by 9 o'clock, I met the gentlemen who were going to canvass with us in the day.

70,960. I will read a particular resolution. If you do not remember this one it will probably suffice. Did you hear this: "Upon the motion of Mr. West it was resolved that the resolution passed yesterday on the subject of the payment of the wages, or the runners or messengers and doorkeepers, be rescinded, and that the wages of the present week be paid in full, but that afterwards three fourths of the wages be only paid weekly until the conclusion of the election, when the balance will be paid; and that the district committees be paid accordingly"?—I never heard, it to my knowledge; but I think it was a very wise one.

70,961. Or the other resolutions to which it refers?—I never heard of any resolution, to the best of my knowledge.

70,962. Or the subsequent resolution, varying that which I have now read?—Never heard of it.

70,963. You know nothing of it?—Nothing whatever; this is the first time I heard of any resolution of the committee.

70,964. Why do you think it was a wise resolution?—To keep back payment to secure the men's services, certainly.

70,965. You paid the sum of 1,200*l.* to your treasurer or chairman?—I paid it to Mr. Ward.

70,966. And I dare say you have also heard that a subscription was also raised, and Mr. Butler contributed a like sum of 1,200*l.*?—Yes; but I do not know the amount of subscription. I know Mr. Butler paid the same sum as myself.

70,967. Do you know that any sum was contributed in London?—No.

70,968. You never heard of that?—I never heard of any.

70,969. You have never heard it said, that a sum of money was to be sent, but it did not arrive in time to be of any service?—No, never.

70,970. Do you believe that such a thing did not occur?—I believe that no such thing ever occurred. I think I should most likely have heard it if such a thing had occurred.

70,971. Supposing then it was said that some gentlemen connected with a club in London had sent down or intended to send down a sum of money in aid of the contest, you believe you would have been aware of that fact?—I think it is very likely that I should have heard it in London.

70,972. And you never heard it?—No, never.

70,973. I suppose you were not conusant of any of the payments made here?—Not a shilling.

70,974. Did you make any payments at all yourself towards the expenses of the election, or connected with the election, beyond the payment of the lumping sum of 1,200*l.*?—Not a shilling, that I know of.

70,975. Were you in any way conusant of a gentleman being sent to Grimsby for the purpose of bringing up some voters from there, and the terms on which he was to go?—No.

70,976. Were you aware of the sum of 200*l.* being placed in the hands of Mr. Bamford by Mr. Barkworth?—No, certainly not, by any other gentlemen. I know nothing whatever of any money payment, or any money transactions of any kind.

70,977. I am alluding to a certain sum that was put in Mr. Bamford's hands by Mr. Barkworth, to be applied in the mode they have described to us. Were you aware that the money was placed by the one in the hands of the other?—No; I know nothing about it; I never heard of it until yesterday.

70,978. You have heard it since, casually?—Yes; yesterday for the first time; I saw it in the paper yesterday.

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70,979. Had you ever been a candidate before you offered yourself for Hull?—Never.

70,980. Had you taken part at any time in elections at Liverpool?—Not with the management or working of the election.

70,981. Had you been upon committees at elections at Liverpool?—Not an active member of the committee; my name has been upon it, and I have attended public meetings.

70,982. I may suppose that you have advocated the Conservative interest in Liverpool; it would have been as one of that party?—Yes, certainly.

70,983. Had you assisted at all in elections at any other place previous to your coming to Hull?—Never. I had a proposition made to me before I came to Hull to go to another place, which I relinquished.

70,984. What borough was that?—I prefer not naming the borough.

70,985. Were you not aware as a matter of history,—you put in that shape yourself, I think,—that at most boroughs there was some corruption?—Certainly; as a matter of history it is notorious.

70,986. I think we have heard or read, upon high authority, that probably there is none without it; I dare say you would share in that opinion?—Not exactly.

70,987. Not to the full extent?—No; I may take, for example, Liverpool, where a very large sum of money was expended upon former occasions, and at the last election, although the members were unseated, I think, to the best of my belief, there was nothing intended as bribery.

70,988. But the resolution of the Committee who sat upon that occasion did in fact amount to this, that that money which was advanced by way of head money or customary payment amounted to bribery?—It was thought sufficient to unseat the members; but the real and plain fact, as far as bribery went, amounted to this, that the men had a day's wages given to them to make up for the loss of time in going to vote, and my firm belief is that that was not intended as bribery, but merely to make up the loss of time to a poor man who is to lose his day's wages through coming to vote.

70,989. I have read carefully the resolutions come to as the result of the labours of that Committee, and I am quite aware that it was on the 5*s.* a day payment that the result principally turned, and that that payment was presented to the House as a payment in the nature of a day's wages for loss of time?—It was.

70,990. But the result was that it was sufficient to unseat the members?—It turned out to be sufficient; but I think it was exceedingly hard upon those men.

70,991. Were you aware that such a system as the day's wages for loss of time was prevalent in Liverpool?—I knew that it had been done before.

70,992. Are you aware that there has been a customary payment, or that something which might amount, in the minds of those people, to a legal claim to some sum, had been made and allowed?—I cannot go to that extent.

70,993. In Liverpool, I mean?—I cannot go to that extent,—looking upon it as a legal claim.

70,994. I will leave out the word legal, and say as a claim put forward. Were you aware that for some time in Liverpool at elections, probably upon both sides, the payment of a sum of money in lieu of wages and for loss of time had been sanctioned and made?—I know it had been customary to do it.

70,995. Probably on both sides?—I should say upon both sides; I do not think there is any merit more for the one than for the other.

70,996. When you met these gentlemen at Normanton, did you understand that a contest in Hull was certain?—Certainly not; at that time it was uncertain.

70,997. When the sum of 1,200*l.* as your maximum was agreed to, it had no reference expressly to whether there would be a contest or not?—No; it was to be my maximum contribution in either case.

70,998. Was it represented,—for I do not remember now how the fact was,—that Mr. Clay and Lord Goderich were likely to be in the field, or that they were in the field?—I think not at that time; I think Mr. Clay it was understood was, but Lord Goderich was not spoken of at that time.

70,999. It was thought that he, as the sitting member, would wish to represent Hull again?—Certainly.

71,000. But Lord Goderich, you think, was not mentioned?—I think he was not spoken of at that time.

71,001. Mr. Baines was occupying the other seat at that time, and probably it was not known whether he would offer himself again in 1852; or was that alluded to?—I think not.

71,002. The sitting members at this time would have been Mr. Clay and Mr. Baines. I was merely drawing your attention to whether it was supposed that those two gentlemen would again ask for the seats, or that either would retire, or whether any allusion to a contest was made?—I think it was understood, but I will not be sure about this, that Mr. Baines would go to Leeds.

71,003. Taking it that it might be, from what occurred at Normanton, that there would be no contest at Hull, did it not occur to you that the sum 1,200*l.* was a large sum of

money for an uncontested election?—My letter provided for that; it says, "Not necessary that that sum should be expended."

71,004. I am aware if there was any surplus that it would be returned to you?—Yes.

71,005. My question is, whether, supposing there was no contest, it did not occur to you that the deposit of 1,200*l.* was a large sum?—No; I should not say so, because in making an arrangement for an election you must take the contingencies into consideration, that there might be a contest; it does not follow that the money should be expended; but if you ask a candidate to come forward, I think it is reasonable that you should ask that candidate to put down a sum sufficient for the emergencies of the contest

71,006. Whatever it may be?—Yes; and it does not follow that you should spend that money.

71,007. I merely direct your attention to it, whether the sum occasioned any remarks from you in case there should not be a contest?—No.

71,008. Because I understand that an equal sum was to be had from the other candidate, whoever he might be?—The other gentleman was not mentioned.

71,009. But whoever it might be?—It was not understood that there would be another candidate at that time.

71,010. Knowing that corruption to some extent prevails generally, and knowing the system of the customary payment at Liverpool, did it not occur to you, when these matters were being considered, to ask whether there was any class of persons in Hull who come under the character of persons being paid?—I know nothing about the corruption in Liverpool; I was never any party to it.

71,011. I do not know that I said "corruption;" the customary payment, I meant to say. Knowing of the customary payment in Liverpool, and that corruption prevails generally in boroughs, did it not occur to you to make any inquiry as to whether there were any persons in Hull who generally had a payment?—No; I never inquired about the matter.

71,012. You have told me that you did not consider that the payment at Liverpool is at all in the nature of an illegal or an improper payment; I mean the payment for loss of time?—Certainly not given with a view of bribing the parties; certainly not.

71,013. But the payment in Hull being somewhat of a similar character, in the nature of a payment for loss of time, I wish to draw your attention to whether you inquired whether any such payment in respect of loss of time was made to any class of persons?—I never made the inquiry.

71,014. You were made aware, probably, of the extent of the constituency?—Yes.

71,015. The register containing between 4,000 and 5,000 names, I believe?—Yes.

71,016. Did you at all inquire what number of them would be freemen?—Well, I should think I did; I should think so.

71,017. We have ascertained that the old right of voting, before the Reform Bill, of freemen, extends to about 1,800, or thereabouts, at the present time; do you remember whether or not you had information that the old right extended so far?—I will not be sure as to the number, but I thought they were not quite so many as 1,800; but that is immaterial.

71,018. It was considerable?—Yes; it was considerable.

71,019. Did not that lead you at all to inquire whether they received the customary payment for it?—No, it did not.

71,020. Did Mr. Ward, or either of the other two gentlemen who accompanied him, make any statement to you with regard to a customary payment of these freemen?—No, I believe not.

71,021. Any customary payment?—No.

71,022. In the nature of a day or two, as employment, in the character of messengers?—No.

71,023. Not at all alluded to?—No; not at all alluded to. To the best of my belief I never inquired into any details in the management of an election here.

71,024. You were aware, you stated, as a matter of history, that there had been a considerable investigation as to Hull elections in 1837?—Yes; but I have no particulars of it.

71,025. But even that knowledge did not induce you to make the inquiry I have been alluding to?—No.

71,026. You knew that it was a bribery scrutiny which lasted many months?—Yes.

71,027. On passing on from the interview at Normanton, when you came to Hull to make your stay with reference to the approaching election, did you canvass daily?—Not immediately.

71,028. But how soon before the time of election?—After the second time that I came I should say that the canvass was daily, as far as practicable; there might have been days missed, but it was intended to be daily.

71,029. Perhaps that would occupy about a fortnight or ten days?—We never completed the canvass; it was not completed at all.

71,030. You returned on the 17th of June, and the election took place on the 8th of July?—Yes.

71,031. After you returned, your canvass was pretty active and constant?—Constant;

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I am not aware that there was any interruption to it; it was daily, or intended to be daily.

71,032. You say your course was to meet your canvassers at the central room at about nine o'clock, and then to proceed to the separate districts to which you were to apply yourselves?—Yes. We did not always meet at the central committee room, because sometimes it was more convenient to meet in another part of the town. If the canvass lay in another district more distant, it was more convenient to meet there; but we met more frequently in the general committee room than anywhere else.

71,033. I think you say that another reason was, that your letters were addressed to you there?—My letters were addressed to the care of Mr. Ward, and were sent there to meet me.

71,034. In the canvass you made some gentlemen would accompany you who had acquaintance with the district through which you were going?—Yes.

71,035. Would they be some members of the committee of that particular district?—Some of them, I have no doubt, would be, but not all.

71,036. They would of course have made to a certain extent a general canvass before you arrived?—I am not able to answer that; I do not know.

71,037. When they accompanied you, had they usually canvass books, and things of that kind, with them, to draw your attention to the persons whom you were to visit and call upon?—Yes.

71,038. Did not those books, as far as your memory goes, show who had promised, who were doubtful, who were against you, and who were neutral, and so on?—Yes.

71,039. And I should presume, where the vote had been promised, you would rather go and apply yourself to those who were doubtful, and see what they would have to say?—Whenever a voter gave me a decided answer, and said, "I have promised the opposite party," we usually said to him, "Then fulfil your promise;" and we passed on.

71,040. I mean when they had promised previously to your canvassers, you would rather pass on, and go to those who were doubtful?—It would be necessary, out of gratitude, to go and thank them for their support.

71,041. I thought you said that you had no time?—In the latter part of the canvass we did pass many who had promised, relying upon their good feelings, to save time.

71,042. I want to ask, when your attention was directed, which it frequently must have been, to doubtful voters, and when you made the canvass of the voters, did you not, in general, if they made application for employment of any kind, direct them to make it to some committee room?—I am not aware that I have; but there may have been one or two instances of that sort, but never entertained in any way by myself or my colleague.

71,043. Did you generally direct them to some committee room; would that have been the course?—I think it would. If it was an application for any sort of employment, the answer would invariably be, "We can do nothing in the matter."

71,044. And "You must apply to the district committee"?—Sometimes a man might ask to be a messenger. In that case we would never say anything about it, but that he must apply to the proper quarter as we knew nothing at all about them.

71,045. That would be your invariable practice?—Invariable.

71,046. You do not remember any single instance of entertaining an application of that kind beyond that?—No, I do not.

71,047. "You must apply to the proper quarter;" meaning the committee?—Yes.

71,048. Of the district in which the man was?—Yes.

71,049. When these persons, or some of them, occasionally made these applications to you, which you did not entertain, had you, not curiosity enough to ask your canvassers what it meant?—Not the slightest.

71,050. You think not?—No. A great many people were out of employment, and nothing could be more natural than that parties out of employment should ask to be employed.

71,051. You would not have need to ask the meaning of the application?—No; not at all.

71,052. You would understand the nature of the application, though you did not entertain it?—In what sense do you mean?

71,053. As being persons whom you have just stated yourself to be out of employment, and wanting work?—Yes.

71,054. You would understand the nature of their application to that extent?—I should understand that they wanted to be employed, and get something to do.

71,055 As connected with the election?—Yes; but about their voting, or being voters, I knew nothing at all; they might be non-voters, or they might be voters; but this occurred in very few instances, such applications to us.

71,056. We have evidence before us, however, I think I may say, from every committee, that applications for employment were very frequent, and that the names were put down to get employment if it could be found them?—I think that is very likely; but I knew nothing about it, and I never even gave a recommendation to a man.

71,057. You have stated that applications of this kind were very few to you?—Very few, indeed.

71,058. Did not some of the persons who you actually canvassed say they wished for

employment, or were willing to be employed, or give that sort of answer to your personal canvass?—No doubt some few did.

71,059. And your answer to them would be of the same character you have mentioned?—Yes.

71,060. Directing them to go to your committee?—Yes.

71,061. Did Mr. Butler usually accompany you?—Generally. I should say I believe always. I am not aware that we ever convassed alone.

71,062. You did not go separately into different districts?—No, I think not.

71,063. Did you acquaint Mr. Butler with what had passed between yourself and the gentlemen at Normanton, when you first had the pleasure of meeting him?—I should no doubt make him acquainted with the only part that would concern him, which would be about the contribution of money; I do not think I should trouble him with conversation there; but I may or may not; I do not know.

71,064. Did you learn from him that he had agreed to find a similar sum at your first interview?—I did; but at the first interview I am not prepared to say that I did.

71,065. Not when you first met him at Milford?—No; but afterwards.

71,066. During your stay in Hull?—Yes; certainly.

71,067. During your canvass do you remember at any time any applications being made to you for committee rooms; I mean of the character that received payment of a certain sum of two or three guineas apiece; there has been a good deal of evidence as to them?—I am not aware of such an application being made to me.

71,068. For the employment of a room or the use of a room?—I am not aware of any.

71,069. For the use of rooms offered to you as committee rooms, in which case the sum of two or three guineas seems usually to have been the payment?—I am not aware of any applications ever having been made to me; it is possible they might, but I have no recollection whatever of such a thing; I do not think that ever such an application was made to me.

71,070. I believe after the money that you placed in Mr. Ward's hands came into his keeping, you never inquired at all as to the mode of disbursement?—Never.

71,071. Did you at any time put any limit at all upon the nature or character of his payments?—Not in the slightest; I know nothing about any payments up to this hour; I have never made any inquiry.

71,072. Mr. Ward has shown us a book of his expenditure very carefully kept; did he ever furnish you with a copy or list of payments, or the mode in which the money had been disbursed?—Never.

71,073. Did you never go through the accounts of the election with him at any time?—Never; I never saw an account.

71,074. In what way, if any, did you hear from him, whether the sum advanced had been enough to cover the election, or not?—I do not think that I ever heard from Mr. Ward upon the subject.

71,075. You never, I believe, received any surplus?—No, I did not; I never made any inquiry about it.

71,076. And Mr. Ward never communicated to you that there was none?—No.

71,077. Do you not remember whether, at the final close of the business, he did not communicate to you in some way as to all the accounts being paid, and as to the nature of the disbursements?—No, never; I never had any communication whatever about a single payment, and I knew nothing whatever of how it was expended; I was satisfied that it was expended, and therefore it was immaterial to me to have the particulars; I was perfectly satisfied that I was in honourable hands.

71,078. As a man of business, I would ask you, if you had placed a sum of 1,200*l.* in the hands of an agent, and part of the condition was that the whole of it possibly might not be expended, whether you would not expect to know from that agent at some time or another whether the whole had been expended or not?—Pardon me; I do not think there is any analogy between the two cases.

71,079. If my question is not quite in form, I say "agent," because I suppose you admit Mr. Ward was your agent?—He certainly acted as my agent in the matter; I gave him the money.

71,080. He was your principal agent, I may call him, without mistating his position?—Yes.

71,081. And you had paid 1,200*l.* into his hands?—Yes.

71,082. Coupled with a condition that if all was not spent you were to have an account of the surplus?—I am quite satisfied Mr. Ward would have returned an account.

71,083. Am I not right?—If you treat that as a matter of business, as a mercantile transaction, most undoubtedly I should have an account of the expenditure of every farthing; but I do not think there is any analogy between a mercantile transaction and contributing towards an election. I being perfectly satisfied that the money was expended, and perfectly satisfied of the honour of the parties in whose hands I placed myself, I think it would have been perfectly superfluous in me, and almost an insult, to ask for any particulars for that account.

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71,084. Mr. Ward has stated that he was most anxious that all persons connected with the election should see how he had disbursed every farthing?—I have no doubt of it.

71,085. And he had prepared his accounts with the greatest accuracy. We have his book before us, and he said more than once that he was most anxious that everybody should know how he had disbursed everything.

71,086. Therefore it occurred to me, as you were a person intimately connected with that 1,200*l.*, that it would be almost of course that you should be informed, as well as the others, of the mode of disbursement?—I never had any curiosity upon the subject myself, and I never made any inquiry, and I am in perfect ignorance how the money was expended; but I am perfectly satisfied that it was properly expended.

71,087. Tell me how you knew that the whole had been expended?—I do not know that further than this: that I know such a sum would be inadequate for the expenses of a contest in a place like Hull, where there are necessary expenses that must, as a matter of course, involve the expenditure of a great deal of money.

71,088. I asked you that question, because you stated more than once that you were satisfied that all had been expended?—I was satisfied that a large sum must have been expended from that, and I know also, from the first part of this inquiry, that a larger sum was expended.

71,089. That would be knowledge that you had acquired from this inquiry?—Yes; it is so.

71,090. But we are now referring to antecedent times?—I felt satisfied in my own mind,—I had no knowledge whatever of it,—but I felt satisfied in my own mind that that would be inadequate to cover the expenses of a contested election.

71,091. I still must ask you, putting aside the mercantile shape of it, whether in a matter of advancing 1,200*l.*, in which under certain circumstances a portion might be returnable to you, whether you would not expect to know eventually whether there was anything to be returned or not?—I regarded it in this way: as my contribution towards the election, and I never exercised any further curiosity about the matter. I never made any inquiry, and I never wished for any information upon the subject.

71,092. You must allow me to put this question to you: did you think that an inquiry, or an expression of curiosity, if I may say so, of that kind, might have disclosed payments that you would not approve of?—Not in the least.

71,093. You did not think so?—No; what use would it be to me? I was perfectly satisfied of the expenditure of the money, and what use would it have been to me to trouble me with the particulars of it.

71,094. I could suggest several uses; it might be very useful with regard to a petition, and it might be very useful in various shapes to know how the money was disbursed?—Possibly, if I had been returned, and there had been a petition presented against me, then it might have been a reason for my inquiring; but not being in that position, there was no occasion for it.

71,095. You did not think it would be reasonable, in order to guard against a petition, to see how the disbursements were being made at the time?—No; I was perfectly satisfied that the gentlemen would not do anything improper.

71,096. Have you not since learnt in the course of this inquiry that a great deal of money was expended in the nature of employment of runners.?—Yes, I have.

71,097. Perhaps you would think that that would rather class itself under the customary payment, as at Liverpool, than as improper payment?—No; there are no such parties employed in Liverpool.

71,098. Not precisely the same kind?—Certainly not in the manner in which I see they have been employed here.

71,099. You would not class it in the same category with the customary payment at Liverpool?—No.

71,100. Then, without using the word "illegal," would you think that it savoured more of bribery than the customary payment at Liverpool?—That is a matter of opinion. I should say, certainly that it does.

71,101. I ask the question because you put them in a different category yourself?—I heard it stated in the Court yesterday, that a man received 30*s.* pay for one day's work, or two days' work, therefore I cannot class them in the same category; there is a very wide difference between them.

71,102. I may tell you that the evidence before us is this: that on the part of the orange the time was generally six days, and on the part of the blues generally four days; and it has been stated by more than one witness, that that difference of the two days lost the blues the election?—If it was wrong on the part of the blues to pay four days, it was exactly fifty per cent. more wrong on the part of the orange to pay six.

71,103. We are not inquiring which is the worst. I did not ask any questions about that. I merely stated it in that way as showing the nature of the employment and the time of employment, as distinguished from what you said was customary at Liverpool, and as to the complexion that would be put upon that transaction here as distinguished from Liverpool. I understood you to say that it assumed much more the chaaacter of bribery here?—Yes, I should say so; but all this I have only learnt since this inquiry.

71,104. I put it distinctly to you from what you have learnt from the evidence?—Yes, just so.

71,105. When, before the election took place, in conversation or otherwise, you made use of the word bribery, did you mean to include in the word "bribery" the payment to a man of a sum of money for the loss of his time on the polling day?—I never entertained the question at all.

71,106. Was it passing in your mind to include under the words which you yourself used payment of the day's wages to a man for the loss of his pay in going to poll?—No. Allow me to add what I understood to be bribery.

71,107. I merely ask what you did not consider bribery?—That question of days' wages is a question that never passed my mind at all. What I should consider bribery would be giving a man colourable employment, or paying him a sum of money for his vote.

71,108. I purposely put it to you in very precise terms. Did you mean to include, when you made use of the word "bribery" in April last, a prohibition to pay the man his day's wages for the loss of his time on the polling day?—It never crossed my mind.

71,109. We have had evidence that on the day preceding the election there was a plan suggested for getting quick information from the poll to the various districts, by which the employment of a great additional number of messengers would be needed; did you hear of that plan upon the day previous to or on the day of the election?—I am not aware that I did.

71,110. It is called Mr. Wells's scheme, although some other gentleman claimed a share in the merit of the invention?—I do not know anything about it; but I know this, that on the day of election I was told during the day that messengers had been employed by the blue party, and that in the morning they were in great fault, that about sixty in one district had been taken away by the orange party. Of course of the fact I know nothing; but I have no doubt there was a distress that morning for messengers, and that they had been abstracted by some means or another from the service of the blues.

71,111. You do not quite meet my question. Part of this scheme was in the nature of what are called clearing houses; two rooms were taken from whence the information was to be sent to the different districts, of the state of the poll as it could be got from time to time during the day; and the information was to be sent from the clearing houses by means of a considerable number of messengers, who were engaged and actually selected upon the day of nomination. Did you hear of the clearing houses, and the proposed employment of those additional messengers?—I do not remember ever having heard anything about the clearing houses before. I think it is very probable that arrangements may have been made for extra messengers to convey the information; but I know nothing about it.

71,112. Did you hear, independent of that, that a short time previously the number of messengers had been increased by 108?—No.

71,113. And then by the clearing houses it was proposed to increase them by 477 more?—I knew nothing about the numbers. I heard that extra committee rooms had been taken by the opposition party.

71,114. And did you hear that that was retaliated in the same mode?—I was coming to that; that it involved the necessity, in fact a defensive necessity, of having more committee rooms in certain districts.

71,115. Did you hear that those committee rooms were taken by the orange party in some instances for the purpose of obtaining the votes of the parties?—I have heard as much as that.

71,116. You heard it at the time, I mean?—Yes, at the time; not exactly for obtaining votes.

71,117. For the purpose of influencing the vote of the person who was the owner of the house; did you hear that?—I did.

71,118. And did you hear that your own party retaliated by adopting the same measure?—I heard that they had taken extra committee rooms also.

71,119. Did you hear also that the orange party adopted this: that they took extra committee rooms for the purpose of increasing their staff of persons employed?—I did.

71,120. Did you hear that in that respect also the blue party followed the example?—We followed the example of taking extra committee rooms.

71,121. Did you understand that your party were taking rooms as a retaliation?—I only heard of the fact, that they were forced into it by the blue party having taken extra committee rooms.

71,122. I do not ask what you heard, but what you understood; did you understand it was a mode of retaliation?—I should say yes.

71,123. And then it was that your party in their turn were to take rooms in order to secure votes?—I suppose that would be the object.

71,124. Was it your understunding at the time?—I was no party to it in any way whatever.

71,125. I do not ask you that; but was that your understanding of it at the time; was that in your mind?—To increase their staff, no doubt.

71,126. You heard that the blue party were taking rooms to secure the votes of the runners?—I suppose that was the object.

71,127. You thought so at the time?—Yes.

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71,128. Did you think, when you heard that your party were taking extra rooms, that they were taking them for the same purpose?—I think it is very likely.

71,129. You did think so then?—I thought so. I had no knowledge that they did, but I thought so.

71,130. You heard also that the orange party were taking rooms for the purpose of increasing the number of their messengers?—Yes.

71,131. And that again was in order to secure their votes?—I suppose so.

71,132. You thought so; that is all?—Yes.

71,133. Did you think that that also was to be retaliated by your party?—I thought so. I thought there was some object, to give them influence in the election.

71,134. Before you came to Hull, had you at all considered what was the machinery of conducting an election?—Not at all.

71,135. Had it never crossed your mind what would be the principal heads of expense? No; I never went into any particulars of any kind.

71,136. I do not ask you as to the amount of those expenses in Hull, but what would be the ordinary machinery of conducting an election?—No; I never gave the subject any consideration, further than a general one, that there would be a great deal of expense in printing, in cabs, and other necessary machinery.

71,137. That is just what I ask you. Give me the other heads of what you suppose would be the ordinary machinery?—I never considered it.

71,138. Did you think that there would be printing, and cabs, and colours?—I never considered the thing in its details.

71,139. Before you came to Hull, you understood that there were to be two candidates?—In the first instance?

71,140. Before you entered finally on the contest, you understood, or you knew, that there were to be two candidates, and that they were each to pay 1,200*l.*?—No.

71,141. Did you not?—No; there was only one, myself.

71,142. That was at Normanton, I understand?—Yes.

71,143. But before you actually began to canvass in Hull yourself personally you knew that there were two blue candidates?—Yes.

71,144. And that they were each to pay 1,200*l.*?—Yes.

71,145. And that there was to be a guarantee fund?—That there was to be a guarantee fund, and that I was not to be liable beyond the 1,200*l.*

71,146. And that the guarantee fund was not to be touched until the money of both the candidates had been expended?—No; I said nothing about the other candidate.

71,147. Did you not know, before you actually began to canvass in Hull, that that was so?—No, I did not. I knew nothing about Mr. Butler's arrangements, except that he had to give 1,200*l.* Any conditions connected with his money I never knew anything about; but I think it is probable it would be precisely similar to my own; but I know nothing of that fact.

71,148. Did you not think so at that time?—I never gave the question a thought. If I did I have no doubt that I should consider it in that light.

71,149. Had you not been informed before that time that if there was a contested election in Hull the guarantee fund would in all probability be touched?—Of course it would; that is, when our money had been expended.

71,150. Therefore at that time your estimate of the expenditure would be that it would be more than 2,400*l.*?—I never made any estimate whatever.

71,151. What was your thought about it?—I never thought of any precise sum beyond the question of giving that money, and if it was sufficient, well and good; all that I was anxious for was that I would not embark in a thing without knowing the extent of it, and therefore, in giving the 1,200*l.*, I knew that that was the maximum sum that I should be called upon to pay, and beyond that I cared nothing at all about it.

71,152. You have told me that you thought the guarantee fund would be touched?—No, I did not say so.

71,153. Would in all probability?—I think it is very likely it might; but I have no means of giving a decided opinion upon that.

71,154. I am asking your opinion and the state of your mind at that time. You told me you thought at that time in all probability that the guarantee fund would be touched?—I think it is quite possible.

71,155. Does not it follow that you thought at that time in all probability that the expenditure would be more than 2,400*l.*?—Yes; but I thought at the same time it might be under that. I had no means of judging of that expense.

71,156. You have given that answer, that in all probability it would be more than 2,400*l.*?—Yes; and there was an equal probability that it might be less. In the first instance there was only Mr. Clay and myself.

71,157. I am asking you at the time you began your personal canvass, and when you knew that Mr. Butler was here, and when you were informed that he was to subscribe 1,200*l.* If I understand you rightly, you thought in your own mind that that 1,200*l.* was given upon the same terms as your own?—I think it is likely, but I do not know anything about it.

71,158. I want to ask you whether at that time it had not struck your mind that in all probability the expenses would be more than 2,400*l.*?—I think it may have crossed

my mind that it might be more, but as to any sum, more or less, certainly I never knew of.

71,159. Was not the condition of your mind at that time, that in all probability the expenses would be more than 2,400*l.*?—I think it is probable that might be so.

71,160. Upon that did it never occur to you to consider how that sum of 2,400*l.* was to be expended?—No.

71,161. You have said that you thought the printing was a necessary part of an election; did you ever consider what might be the expense of printing?—Not at all.

71,162. We have heard yesterday that in a contested election, where the candidate put his main influence, as he supposed, in the printing,—that is, Colonel Thompson,—the printing of his speeches and cards,—that it cost him 120*l.*; has it ever occurred to you that the expense could reach beyond that?—I never considered the subject as to an amount; but now, that the question is put to me, I should say that 120*l.* would not pay the immense number of placards that I saw the town covered with, and printing; but I have no means of knowing it.

71,163. Did it ever occur to you that the bare printing bills for the purposes of the election could amount to anything like 400*l.*?—I have no idea, and I am really not competent to give an opinion upon it, as I have never seen any of the accounts.

71,164. You spoke of cabs; did it strike you that 200*l.* would be a fair price for cabs?—I have no idea at all. I do not know how many cabs there are in Hull; but I believe that 800 cabs were engaged on one occasion, at two guineas each, in Liverpool, and there would be 1,600 guineas at once.

71,165. Mr. Ward's account shows an item for messengers or runners, as we call them here, of 1,300*l.*?—I know nothing about it.

71,166. As I understand you, that is no part of the calculation that would be in your mind?—No; I never heard of runners until afterwards.

71,167. I only ask you, as a man of business, how did it strike you that the sum of 2,400*l.* could be expended?—I can only say that I never considered the subject in its details, and, beyond knowing my own liability, I cared nothing at all about it; I was perfectly satisfied.

71,168. We have heard that a contested election in Hull, fiercely contested, cost a candidate 400*l.*; that therefore, would seem to be a sum fit to cover the necessary expenditure?—I am very much surprised at that.

71,169. It never crossed your mind that a sum exceeding that by 2,000*l.* would be excessive?—It is the first time I have heard of such a sum, and I confess it appears to me to be a very absurd sum for a contested election,—400*l.*, judging by analogy.

71,170. You did know that there were certain items on which there is a large expense?—They are palpable.

71,171. What are they?—You cannot have committee rooms without great expense; you require cabs; you require to advertise; you require printing and other incidental expenses, I have no doubt, which do not occur to my mind.

71,172. For what purpose do you consider that those expenses are necessary?—They are usual. I cannot say whether they are useful or not.

71,173. Did you think that there was any use in them?—I never thought upon the subject, because it never concerned me. These are matters done by your committee.

71,174. I understand you had a strong objection to either bribery or treating?—Yes.

71,175. And your objection was expressed in those terms?—Yes.

71,176. Had you an objection to a certain influence being exercised by an expenditure of money?—For improper purposes, certainly; but you must expend money, as I said before.

71,177. But what I want to know is, whether your desire was to keep within the letter of the law, or whether it was to prevent any influence from money considerations in any way operating upon the voters?—That is rather a difficult question to answer. I should say, certainly to keep within the letter of the law.

71,178. Then you did not object to the vote of a person being influenced by a money consideration, provided that could be done within the letter of the law?—I have not said so.

71,179. I ask you that; did you object to it?—I never objected, and I never assented.

71,180. Did you mean the committee and the persons conducting the election upon your behalf to understand that you were objecting to a breach of the law, or to a breach of the morals?—The question was never discussed; and if by any colourable employment of money, I should say I certainly objected.

71,181. Was that on the ground that the colourable employment would be a breach of the law?—The question was never discussed, and never entertained in any way.

71,182. I am asking your intention. When you expressed yourself that you objected to bribery and treating, did you mean that you objected to a breach of the law which would endanger your election, or did you object to the influence of money being exercised upon the voters, so as to influence their votes?—I objected to the employment of the money in any way for improper purposes in influencing votes.

71,183. That is rather too large a term. By "improper" do you mean a breach of the law that would endanger the election?—I do not know anything that is improper that would not be a breach of the law

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71,184. Do you consider any influence improper that would not be a breach of the letter of the law?—No, not to that extent, because you might exercise an influence over a man; intimidation; or you might threaten him in the way of advantage in his business, or what not; and certainly I would not countenance anything of the kind.

71,185. Supposing that you could influence a man by pecuniary considerations, so as not to commit a breach of the law, had you any objection to that?—I do not see how that could be done; because if you influence him through pecuniary considerations it must be a breach of the law. I should say so; but you are more competent to give an opinion upon that than I am.

71,186. I am asking for the state of your mind at the time. I want to know what is your meaning by using the word treating and bribery? I want to know whether you meant any influence of money to be exercised upon the voters?—I may answer at once, that I did not.

71,187. Then all you wished to be expended at the election at Hull was the money necessary for the actual machinery of the election?—Yes.

71,188. And that that should be the smallest sum possible?—I cannot say the smallest sum possible, but as small as practicable.

71,189. That is to say, for the necessary machinery, without any regard to the influence it might have upon the constituency?—Yes. It is supposed that placards may have an influence, and therefore money is expended in printing with an object, and for the purpose of influencing voters; but not corruptly.

71,190. Then you intended to convey to your committee by those words that you objected to bribery and treating, that you objected to any influence being used by an expenditure of money?—Yes; any improper influence.

71,191. I do not understand the word "improper;" but any influence arising from the expenditure of money?—Allow me to put this: take distant voters; you cannot bring voters from a distance without providing them with conveyances, and I should say that a conveyance or no conveyance might induce a man in certain circumstances to come and tender his vote or not; therefore the employment of that money, to convey him to town from a distance like Hedon, for example, might decide him, and that would be so far a money influence; but I do not call that an improper money influence.

71,192. Then am I to conclude that the sum of 2,400*l.* appeared to you to be the smallest sum that was necessary for the machinery of an election?—I cannot answer that in that way, because I have no decided opinion upon the subject, as I said before. All I cared about was to know my own liability; it might be too much or it might be too little.

71,193. I only want to understand the state of your mind. You objected to a money influence being exercised upon any voter?—I did.

71,194. And yet, when you heard that the orange party were taking extra and unnecessary committee rooms, for the purpose of influencing the votes of the owners, you made no objection when you thought that your party was retaliating in the same way?—I did not hear so much as that. I heard that the orange party were taking extra committee rooms, and I inferred that their object was of course to extend their influence in the election; it would be unfair in me to say what they did, or what the precise object might be, except by inference; and therefore, whatever it might be, a similar course was forced upon the blue party, to take extra committee rooms also; but this I merely heard casually. I did not hear it from my committee, or from any of the persons connected with me. I heard it casually in the course of conversation.

71,195. You answered before, twice, that you heard and you thought that the orange were taking committee rooms for the purpose of influencing the votes of the owners?—No; not exactly the votes of the owners; yet I think it is a fair inference.

71,196. Then what I say is this, that you thought your own party were retaliating in the same way?—Yes.

71,197. That is, they were taking rooms for the purpose of influencing the vote of the owner?—Yes; a similar course.

71,198. And you made no objection?—I had no means of knowing that was the object; but I certainly heard conversations to that effect.

71,199. And you thought so at the time, in your own mind, that it was the fact?—I think it was.

71,200. And you did not object to it? You did not tell them not to do it?—No.

71,201. Was not that wholly inconsistent with what you now say? Were your instructions to them that they should not use money as a means of influencing any vote?—I never gave instructions of any kind; and if these extra committee rooms were taken, it became a necessity, and it might be for the object of securing the vote of the party who let the room; but of that I have no knowledge at all; none whatever.

71,202. It seems to me that that conduct of yours towards the end of the election was inconsistent with what you say was your meaning at the beginning. Will you explain that? Was it a change of mind upon seeing what the orange party were doing, or do you still say that you did intend that no money influence should be exercised?—I not only intended that at the beginning, but all throughout.

71,203. Then how do you explain it, you did not interfere when you found your parties retaliating upon the orange, by exercising a money influence?—No. I think what I say

is this: that extra committee rooms were taken; this is what I heard as mere rumour. I do not think it was for me to go and volunteer to ask my committee, "Are you doing so and so for this object?" I never interfered in anything. I left the thing entirely in their hands. Nor do I know the fact why these committee rooms were taken, except that I infer they were taken for the furtherance of the election by the orange party in the first instance, and then the thing was forced upon the blues also.

71,204. Did you purposely abstain from interfering at all with your committee?—I cannot say that I purposely abstained; the thing never engaged my attention or thought, for we were occupied from nine in the morning generally until ten or eleven or twelve at night, and I never interfered or meddled with anything; it is perfectly compatible that this may have taken place, that it might have crossed my mind, and that I should never take any notice of the subject. I knew nothing of it. I heard such a thing, and that is all.

71,205. You say you thought it would not have been your business to interfere with what your committee were doing?—If I had known that they were doing anything of that sort, I think it would have been my duty to interfere, if they were doing anything improper; but I knew nothing of this, nor do I know it now.

71,206. It having crossed your mind that it was being done, you did not think it right to ask your committee whether it really was being done?—I never gave the subject any further thought. You hear a great many things, and you might do nothing else but occupy the time of your committee by asking questions. I am not aware that I ever brought any subject before the committee, or interfered in any way whatever.

71,207. Did you purposely abstain from interfering or inquiring into the conduct of your committee, or into the amount of expenditure that they were incurring?—Purposely abstained from inquiring. I had no object in inquiring. I was satisfied about their expenditure.

71,208. I put it directly to you: Was any part of the motive for your not inquiring an idea that the candidate had better not inquire?—Please to repeat your question?

71,209. Was any part of the motive which actuated you in not inquiring, an idea in your mind that at elections the candidates had better not inquire?—I think it is possible that that might have operated, with being satisfied also. I think this, that the less a candidate meddles and knows the better, if he is satisfied that he is in proper hands.

71,210. I want to know whether you mean by proper hands, safe hands?—The word "safe" is rather a word that you can put more than one meaning upon. What I mean is, being in the hands of gentlemen who will not compromise you or compromise themselves.

71,211. Compromise you in what way?—By not doing anything that is improper or illegal.

71,212. By not doing anything that is illegal. You knew the 2,400*l.* might be expended —Yes.

71,213. And you thought it better, if I understand you, not to inquire how it was spent?—I cannot say that; you must not put it entirely upon the footing of thinking it better not to inquire. I never gave the matter any consideration. I never wished to know how it was expended, inasmuch as I felt a conviction that if it was not expended that any balance would be handed back to me; and if it was expended, what was the use of my inquiring into particulars? I had no curiosity upon the subject at all.

71,214. Was it because you did not wish to know the mode in which they might have expended that money? Was that any part of your motive?—I cannot say that that was exactly the motive.

71,215. I do not ask you whether that was the sole motive, or exactly the motive, but whether any part of the motive was, that you did not wish to know the mode in which that sum of money had been expended?—I had no desire to know how it had been expended.

71,216. Supposing that this was to be the fact, that, striking out all the money paid to persons for loss of time upon the polling day, either days' wages or anything else, striking that out, and the items of expenditure were reduced below 2,400*l.*, should you consider yourself entitled to claim any money back? Do you understand the question?—Not very well.

71,217. Supposing that a sum of money has been expended in paying voters the day's wages for loss of their time upon the polling day, and supposing that striking off all those sums of money reduced the whole amount expended below 2,400*l.*, do you consider yourself entitled to have any money back?—If the day's wages were struck off.

71,218. I do not know whether I make myself understood. I wish to be very precise in the question, and therefore I will put it again. Supposing that there is an item in the account for day's wages, being the one day's wages for the number of persons who voted for you, and who are paid a reasonable day's wages for the loss of their time upon the polling day, that, striking that item off, the whole amount expended in the election is reduced below 2,400*l.*, then do you consider yourself entitled to the return of a portion of your 1,200*l.*?—If it is struck off of any other item, reducing the sum below 2,400*l.*

71,219. I wish you would answer yes or no, in the form I put it?—Then I should consider that I should be entitled to any surplus to be returned to me.

71,220. I am supposing it has been expended, but if expended without your authority

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it must be struck off; therefore the proposition I put to you is this: Supposing in point of fact the expenditure of 3,600*l.* should be thus, 2,300*l.* for various sums of money, legitimate we will say, and 1,300*l.* had been expended in the payment of day's wages of 5*s.* a day, or any other reasonable sum, and consequently by taxing off from the 3,600*l.* that 1,300 it would bring the gross expenditure below 2,400*l.*, do you consider yourself entitled to anything back, considering that you have a right to tax off that item as money expended without your authority?—I should be entitled to any return under 2,400*l.*

71,221. That is not an answer to my question. Should you consider yourself entitled to tax that item off, so as to bring it below 2,400*l.*?—I may or I may not be entitled.

71,222. I will put the question another way. Do you consider, if any money has been paid for day's wages, that that has been paid wholly contrary to your instructions; if it follows that argument, you are entitled to have it back?—If such payment has been made contrary to my instructions.

71,223. If it has been made at all, has it been contrary to your instructions, according to the view you take of it?—I never gave any instructions further than what I have stated.

71,224. I want to know the view that you put upon your own instructions. Therefore take this hypothesis, with a view to test the accuracy of your own instructions?—I never gave any instructions of any kind or description to regulate the committee, further than this, that I would not be party to any bribery or treating, and by that I mean to the improper expenditure of money. If any money has been paid to persons which should be struck off as an improper expenditure, and it brought the sum under the sum which I gave, I should be entitled to claim the difference, whatever it might be.

71,225. Now what I want to know is this; we will reject the words "improper," "illegal," and everything of that kind, I simply want to know this fact: Whether, supposing an item is in the accounts, consisting of a number of men for runners, any number, made up of items of day's wages for the loss on the polling day, has that money, in your view of your own instructions, been expended contrary to your instructions? That is a very simple question, and can be answered yes or no.—It is not so simple.

71,226. Be so good as to answer it yes or no, and then make your explanation afterwards? I do not ask you whether it is legal or illegal or improper?—Your question is, if I understand you right, that any money paid to a man for a day's wages for going to give his vote, if it brought the sum under 1,200*l.*, whether I should be entitled to the balance? Is that the question?

71,227. Yes. Whether you could have turned round to the committee, and said, "You have done this without my sanction or authority, gentlemen; pay it out of your own pockets, and give me back the balance?"—I should say, if I understood your question, I should be entitled to it, if that was an improper expenditure.

71,228. That is not the thing. I do not say "if." That begs the whole question. You leave it to the other persons to decide whether it is proper or not.—I do not know whether it is proper or improper.

71,229. That does not answer the question. I want to know your view of it. It is a mercantile business. As a man of business, perfectly familiar, I take for granted, with these matters, if a man spends your money without your authority you are entitled to call upon him to pay it back again?—Just so.

71,230. And of course you would consider yourself the best judge of your own instructions?—I gave no instructions, as I said before, and this may or not be a proper payment.

71,231. Does it come to this, that you cannot answer the question?—I cannot answer the question.

71,232. You have said the understanding of your committee was that there should be no bribery or treating?—Yes.

71,233. Then, supposing money to have been given, I mean for employment, which may be thought to be within the letter of the law, and yet such a payment as did influence his vote, should you consider that that was beyond the understanding?—We had no precise understanding.

71,234. I will put the question another way. It has been in point of fact decided to be beyond the strict letter of the law to pay a man this 5*s.* or any other reasonable sum for his day's wages. Assuming that, should you consider yourself entitled then to demand it back, or are you prepared to demand it back?—I may be entitled to demand it, but I certainly should not; certainly not.

71,235. Then, as far as this, whether it was or was not legal or illegal you did not understand, not having made up your own mind upon the question, when you gave the instructions; you left the committee to interpret it?—I never considered the question before.

71,236. You left the committee to interpret what was legal or illegal?—I left them to do just what they pleased that was legal or proper.

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71,237. You were lately a candidate for the representation of Hull in Parliament—I was.

71,238. Had you, previous to becoming a candidate for the borough, any connexion with it; any local connexion with it?—None whatever.

71,239. Your subsequent connexion with it was of a political nature?—Yes.

71,240. When was the subject first mentioned to you?—Early in the month of June 1852. I think it was the 4th or 5th of June; I am not quite sure which.

71,241. Not before that?—No.

71,242. Who was the application to you first made by; do you remember?—I think it was by Mr. Barkworth.

71,243. By some gentleman from Hull?—By some gentleman from Hull. I think the first I heard it from was Colonel Forrester.

71,244. I am taking it in the order of time. Do you think Colonel Forrester's communication was before that of these gentlemen from Hull?—Five minutes before.

71,245. After they arrived?—They arrived, and saw Colonel Forrester, and he saw me, and spoke to me. He mentioned that some gentlemen wished to see me.

71,246. At the time that that occurred, were you aware that Hull was rather an expensive place?—I am not aware that I ever heard of it, except as associated with two other places; Hull, some other place, and Halifax. That is the only knowledge I ever had of it. I do not think that I ever heard of it in any other way.

71,247. Had you much communication with Colonel Forrester before these gentlemen were introduced to you?—Only that he mentioned to me there were a couple of gentlemen below, from Hull, who wished to see me.

71,248. Did he associate it with those two other places?—No, he did not.

71,249. Did he mention to you anything about the expensive nature of the place?—Did who mention it?

71,250. Colonel Forrester?—No, he did not.

71,251. Was it simply a casual conversation?—It was an occasional conversation, that there were two gentlemen below who wished to see me below stairs. It was in the club house; the Carlton Club.

71,252. Nothing upon the subject of expenses was named by Colonel Forrester?—I do not remember that there was.

71,253. Then you had an interview with the deputation?—With the deputation.

71,254. Was the subject of the expense of a contest at Hull alluded to?—It was not only alluded to, but very fully entered upon.

71,255. Just tell us, if you please, your recollection, as nearly as you can at this distance of time, what occurred upon that occasion?—When I went down into the waiting-room, there were these two gentlemen, Mr. Barkworth and Mr. Harris, who stated to me that they had come from Hull, as a deputation, to seek another candidate for the representation of the borough; that they had received a list of names (I do not know exactly how many); but that as soon as they saw my name on it they at once pitched upon me as a fit and proper person, and they asked me if I was willing to become a candidate. I said I should like to know the town, and the expenses, first. They then stated that the expense to a Conservative candidate was limited to 1,200*l.*; that was all they expected a candidate to pay.

71,256. Just tell us the whole conversation, as nearly as you can in the order in which it occurred?—They wished another blue candidate (I mention the word "blue" merely to distinguish the parties); they wished another blue candidate. I asked if there were other candidates already in the field. They mentioned that there were; that Lord Goderich, Mr. Clay, and Mr. Bramley Moore were candidates; Lord Goderich and Mr. Clay in the orange interest, and Mr. Bramley Moore in the blue. I asked why there was to be a contest; and the answer was, it was not the intention on the part of the blues to have any contest, but it was fairly forced on them by the other party introducing a candidate at a late period, when it was not expected. I said, "Are you sure that 1,200*l.* is the sum; "that it will not cost more?" and they said, "Yes, certainly it will not"; that the corrupt practices that prevailed in Hull on former occasions would not, they hoped, be repeated upon the present; and there was a fair probability of a pure election. They also stated that a subscription was entered into by the blues for the purpose of meeting any expense that might be incurred, supposing corrupt practices were adopted by the orange party, to petition against the return of any members that were so brought in. That was the purpose that I supposed and I understood at the time that the subscription was collected for.

71,257. You understood then that it was with that view?—In the event of any corrupt practices and bribery being adopted by the Radical party, that they would petition, and unseat them for doing so. That was the object of the subscription, so I understood at the time; and that the payment by the blue candidates would be sufficient to cover the expenses, and the other was reserved for defending the seats afterwards, in the event of corrupt practices. That was my impression clearly at the time.

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71,258. Not to be called in aid of the elections?—Not to be called in aid of the elections; that for the election expenses one subscription of 1,200*l.* would be sufficient to defray the expenses of the election. In fact, I understood from the deputation that there was a determination to be as pure as an election could be. That certainly is not saying much, according to what has taken place in this Court.

71,259. Just go on, and tell us, as near as you can recollect, the order of what further took place?—I agreed to pay the 1,200*l.*, and became a candidate.

71,260. Before you agreed was there anything else said about the expenses?—I do not remember anything else.

71,261. Did they, for instance, explain to you what were the corrupt practices which had previously prevailed?—No; it was in general terms, as I presume must be understood.

71,262. Corrupt practices are of such various forms; I wish to know whether they told you whether they meant head money, or treating?—No; they did not allude to any one. I included various acts under the head of corrupt practices myself, in my own mind.

71,263. You associated in your own mind and understood them to convey to you that the corrupt practices that had prevailed were of various descriptions?—No, I did not.

71,264. Did you understand them to convey to your mind that there were corrupt practices of various descriptions?—No, I did not.

71,265. Just tell us what it is that you understood them to mean?—They did not talk of corrupt practices.

71,266. They said the corrupt practices of former elections were not to be repeated?—Precisely; they did not enter on what the corrupt practices were.

71,267. I wish to know whether they explained to you what the corrupt practices were?—No, they did not; there was no explanation.

71,268. And you put your own construction, on what they were?—I put my own construction in various ways: bribery, intimidation, lying, slandering, and everything else that can be imagined. I put them all down.

71,269. You did not ask for an explanation?—No, I did not; I comprehended all in one term.

71,270. Is that all that was said?—I do not remember any other conversation upon the subject, beyond the fact that I agreed to become a candidate, to pay the 1,200*l.*, and to go down when called upon, and to canvass the electors.

71,271. Did you consider after these gentlemen having alluded to the corrupt practices as having prevailed at former elections; did you at that time seriously believe, or not, any money would be spent in practices which the law does not approve of?—I sincerely believed at the time that on our side of the question, the blue party, from the statement made to me, that it was the full intention and determination of the blue party to be upright and honest, and not expend money in any corrupt practice.

71,272. If they could, perhaps?—I know nothing about ifs.

71,273. Did you believe that an election was practicable, or that a contest rather—did you believe that a contest was in point of fact, practicable without the expendidure of some money? I do not say large, but some money, in modes which the law in its strictness does not approve of?—Am I bound to say what I believed or what I thought at the time.

71,274. That is the question we have to try?—You want my opinion?

71,275. Yes; what you thought at the time. Did you at the time think it probable that a contest in such a place as Hull could be carried on without some money being expended in practices which the law does not justify?—I did.

71,276. You thought it was possible?—I did.

71,277. According, of course, to your own view of what was justifiable, or not. Did you learn then the number of freemen there were in the borough?—I did.

71,278. What did they tell you about the number?—I am sure I have not an idea. The information I got from a printed book that contains the names of freemen, householders, and all the electioneering particulars. I did not hear of freemen in particular. I heard the constituency was a large one; somewhere about 5,000. I heard the amount of the constituency.

71,279. Did you hear how it was divided?—No, not at the moment. I referred to a book published by Mr. Dod, that gives all the particulars.

71,280. Probably you referred to it at the time?—I did, either at the time, or the following day, or the evening; not immediately.

71,281. Do you recollect whether in the course of that conversation any allusion was made to the number of freemen not occupying houses to the value of 10*l.*?—No; I do think there was anything said about them.

71,282. Do you recollect that you inquired?—No, I did not; for I entertained no idea. I did not trouble myself whether they were freemen or householders.

71,283. Do you think it likely that they had some influence upon the expenditure?—I did not.

71,284. Did it not occur to you at all?—Not at all.

71,285. And you made no inquiry?—Not the slightest, as to the nature of the constituency or the number.

71,286. Do you feel equally confident that they did not communicate to you the fact?—They might or might not; but really I cannot say at this moment, for this reason, I gave no particular attention to the fact, of whether they were freemen or householders, for I really did not know, in point of purity, that there was any distinction. I did not know that there was any difference in the mode of taking the votes or giving them, or of the character of the parties.

71,287. It might be some guide as to whether the whole of the constituency were of that rank in life to live in a house of greater value than 10*l.* or below it?—I never entertained a question about it. I did not think of forming any distinction upon the subject. I think a great many freemen not worth 5*l.* were much more respectable men than many of those that occupy large mansions, and give their votes more honestly.

71,288. Go on, and tell us all that took place. Have you told us the whole?—I was asked to prepare my address, and I did so.

71,289. Then and there?—No; not then and there.

71,290. You were asked to do it?—I was asked at the time; having explained my political views on certain points, and having been approved of by the deputation, as a person that they would be happy to receive.

71,291. Your political views were satisfactory to the parties?—Yes, they were. I prepared the address; and the following morning they called for it; took it to Hull, and there it was published.

71,292. Was anything further said when these gentlemen said they hoped the corrupt practices which prevailed at former elections would not be repeated?—I do not think it was a matter of hope.

71,293. Belief?—I think they said they almost anticipated that the corrupt practices of former elections would not be repeated.

71,294. Did you understand it to this extent, as a pledge on their part that they would not have resort to that?—I did; I clearly understood it as a pledge to that effect; a pledge on their own part; I am sorry to say a mistaken belief in the other.

71,295. It gave you confidence?—It gave me very great confidence.

71,296. I understood you to say that no details were entered into?—So far details, that the 1,200*l.* was mentioned.

71,297. Relating to the corrupt practices?—No, I did not.

71,298. They did not tell you what the corrupt practices were?—No.

71,299. Did you collect from them that these gentlemen were aware from their own knowledge of the corrupt practices that had prevailed formerly, so as to be in a situation to direct your attention to guard against them, if you chose?—They made no statement that they were aware of it from their personal knowledge.

71,300. You had heard, I suppose, from the observations you made before, of the investigation that had taken place at the time?—I did not; I never heard of it.

71,301. Or on the former occasions, confessedly within the memory of the people now voters; no less than three investigations have taken place in Parliament respecting this borough?—I was not aware of it in any way whatever at the time.

71,302. Within the memory of voters who have been three times struck off for bribery; have you never heard that?—I heard more of Hull within the last year,—I did not hear of it previous to that, nor at the time,—I heard more of Hull for the last twelve months than I did for the thirty-eight years before.

71,303. Did you hear at any time before the day of the election, that there had been no less than three investigations?—I did not.

71,304. I am not troubling you with anything that took place after the election. I wanted to know how far parties gave you information as to these things in Hull?—I had no information whatever upon the subject.

71,305. They did not communicate it to you?—No, they did not. I think it was a most charitable thing that they should keep such information away from me; it would have made my mind very uncomfortable if they had.

71,306. It possibly might have resulted in your declining the honour?—When I once embark in a thing I do not give it up very quickly.

71,307. Then you consented to stand, issued your address, and shortly after, I believe, came down to Hull?—Yes, I did.

71,308. Up to that time I believe you had had no communication with Mr. Moore?—None whatever.

71,309. We hear from him that you were not acquainted with him?—I was not acquainted with him. I heard nothing whatever of him.

71,310. Before that did it occur to you, as these gentlemen had talked of the previous corrupt practices in Hull,—did it occur to you to make any inquiries of Colonel Forrester?—No, it did not. I took it as a general term; because I believe all boroughs are more or less corrupt. I did not make any exception in favour or against Hull.

71,311. Did Colonel Forrester make any communication to you upon the subject?—No.

71,312. It did not occur to you to ask it?—He is about the last man I should inquire

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of. What would he know about it? I had not a thought of asking Colonel Forrester for imformation.

71,313. I will call to your mind part of the evidence that has been given, which was this; and I repeat the question again, in order to point to the evidence given before, to refresh your memory. The deputation have stated to us in their evidence, as soon as they saw you, and found from your conversation that you had been with Colonel Forrester, at least they drew from your observation that Colonel Forrester had communicated to you what a corrupt place Hull was, to that extent?—You cannot refresh my memory upon the subject, because I never heard the evidence before. If you tell me it was given in evidence, I must admit it?

71,314. I tell you the deputation has told us that they assigned that as the reason for not entering at length into the matters relating to the corrupt practices,—that you seemed in the interval between their coming away to have been made aware of the fact by Colonel Forrester, to that effect,—that you did not seem entirely ignorant of the system?—I am not responsible for their ideas.

71,315. I think it right to point out to you what was their impression, that you should correct it if it is wrong, or confirm it if it is right?—I am not responsible for their impression. I prefer leaving them to exercise their own judgment on that.

71,316. Are we to understand then, after bearing that in mind, that their impression was an erroneous one?—Certainly erroneous. Colonel Forrester mentioned, I must say, they came from Hull. He did not say two strangers below; he mentioned the fact, and the nature of their business with me.

71,317. You did not learn from Colonel Forrester or from any other source before you saw them that Hull was a place in which money had been spent improperly?—No, I did not; certainly not.

71,318. I only remind you of it?—I never heard it from Colonel Forrester or any one else.

71,319. You agreed to stand, issued your address, and so on?—Yes.

71,320. Before you came down to Hull, did you converse with Colonel Forrester or any other friends in town upon the subject of the kind of place you were coming to?—As to the nature of the place I did not.

71,321. I mean the nature of it, as an expensive place?—No, I did not. When the expense was limited to 1,200*l.* I thought it was immaterial to me what the former practices were, as my expense was limited to 1,200*l.*

71,322. They have stated to us that you seemed by your manner to think it a very small sum. Did you mean to convey any such impression to them?—I do not know what impression they may form upon the subject; but I think 1,200*l.* not so very small a sum.

71,323. Did you mean to convey that; because they may have arrived at a wrong conclusion. They drew from your conversation the inference that you considered it a very small sum to be spent in Hull?—It was very kind; but I do not think I intended them to think that.

71,324. You did not mean to convey that?—Certainly not.

71,325. Did it occur that it was rather a large one?—No.

71,326. Did not the sum of of 1,200*l.* for the two candidates, backed by a subscription, seem to contemplate a large outlay?—Who said it was backed by a subscription?

71,327. I am asking, was it understood or mentioned to you,—did you at any time, during the conversation, understand that any part of the money was to be applicable to the contest?—Certainly not. I was under the full impression that the subscription previously, as I heard at the time, was for the purpose in the event of the orange party resorting to their old practice, to prosecute a petition, and unseat them for it. That was what I understood at the time to be the intention of that additional subscription.

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JOHN BRAMLEY MOORE, Esq., recalled, and examined.

71,328. You stated generally that you did not make any payments. I will put a particular name to you, which has been suggested to us, in order to give you an opportunity of making any statement you desire, because, on the one hand, it is possible, by mentioning a name, it may refresh your memory, and, on the other hand, it may, if you deny it, serve to confirm the general opinion you gave. I will put this question: Whether you did pay Christopher Luccock any sum of money whatever on the day of the election, or within a few days before it?—I most distinctly deny that I ever paid Luccock or any other individual whatever. I do not know the man; I never heard of him.

71,329. You said as much on a former examination, that you never paid any one?—But I deny this in particular, or any other individual; neither at any time, either before or after, even a shilling.

71,330. Either previous or subsequent to the election?—No. I have often been asked for an allowance, but in no single instance have I ever given it.

71,331. On or previous thereto?—No.

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71,332. Did they show you any of the copies of the paper that had been agreed to by the gentlemen who had raised a subscription?—No, they did not.

71,333. Did they at at any time show you that paper?—Never.

71,334. There is the original (*handing the subscription list, April 20th*, 1852)?—No copy of that; I never saw it or anything like it; nothing of the same nature at all.

71,335. Did you never learn that in point of fact the subscription was to be applicable to the election, and nothing else?—No, I did not.

71,336. Did they never tell you that; were you up to the time of the election under the impression that 2,400*l.* was all that was applicable to the election?—I cannot say exactly whether I heard a few days before or a few days after; about the period I heard 2,400*l.* was not sufficient.

71,337. When did you hear that?—I could not say exactly when; it was two or three days before; it was immediately about the time of the election; whether it was just before or after I cannot say.

71,338. Can you say it was not more than a week before the election?—Certainly not; I was not aware of it a week before.

71,339. Up to within a week before the election?—Or perhaps a few hours closer or even after; I cannot tell.

71,340. You were not made aware of there being any fund to supply a possible deficiency up to within a week before the election?—I do not think it was even then.

71,341. If you will confine it to a week I will imply that it was. I meant merely to guard your answer from binding yourself nearer than was necessary. I will take your answer to be that up to within a week you were not even aware of it?—Precisely; that is my meaning.

71,342. That is your view of it?—Yes.

71,343. When, in your judgment, did you hear of any other fund being applicable to the purposes of the existing contest?—I could not state that I ever heard any statement of fact whatever; I could not say I heard any direct statement.

71,344. How soon then was it brought to your attention that 2,400*l.* was an inadequate sum for the purposes of the contest?—Long after the contest was over.

71,345. Not till then?—When the petition was spoken of to unseat the then sitting member, it was by some person or other mentioned casually that there was not money sufficient to prosecute the petition; there was another subscription required for it, the election having cost more than was originally expected.

71,346. It has transpired that a second subscription was got up. I am not going into that?—That is about the period when the petition was talked of, that it first came to my knowledge principally the money had been drawn upon for the purpose of the election.

71,347. And then you learned (am I right in supposing?) that the fund which up to that time you believed was applicable to the petition had been in point of fact spent?—Drawn upon for the election.

71,348. How did you suppose that the deficiency, should one occur, was to be met?—Deficiency, for what purpose?

71,349. Of the contest?—I never contemplated a deficiency.

71,350. Were you always under the impression that 2,400*l.* would cover everything?—I never formed any impression beyond the fact that 1,200*l.* was to cover me.

71,351. Did it never occur to you that in matters of this kind, it is necessary to be fortified by some guarantee?—The guarantee was in the character of the gentlemen whose hands I was in.

71,352. You relied on them?—Yes; that they would do whatever was proper in carrying out the election.

71,353. Did you understand them to pledge themselves that the expenses should not exceed 2,400*l.*?—I understood they pledged themselves that my expense should not exceed 1,200*l.*

71,354. You were not very mindful of where the deficiency should come from if it occurred?—I never thought about it, I did not contemplate a deficiency.

71,355. Were you of opinion, one way or the other, that 2,400*l.* would cover the expense?—I never thought about it; I had too much of other matters to think about.

71,356. When did you come down to Hull first?—I think it was the 10th of June.

71,357. Did you understand their view was they did not intend to get you at the head of the poll?—Certainly not; I understood no such thing. I never expected to be at the head of the poll. I expected to be second.

71,358. Second to Mr. Bramley Moore of course?—I expected Mr. Bramley Moore to be at the head, and myself next to him.

71,359. Did you not contemplate that they meant to play the game of allowing you to be beaten, and then unseat the others, and so long before prepared for a petition?—Certainly not.

71,360. You came on the 10th; how long did you remain then?—I think I remained two or three days.

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71,361. Very little was going on then?—Upon my word there was a great deal going on.

71,362. What did you observe going on?—I observed the warmest possible feeling in favour of Mr. Bramley Moore and myself.

71,363. Upon the arrangements?—Upon the arrangements, I cannot remember anything particular upon that point. We began as most English people do; we began with a dinner. On the day we arrived about eight or ten very agreeable gentlemenlike men sat down to dinner with us, and we had a good deal of joking, and all that sort of thing.

71,364. Speechifying?—Nothing of that sort.

71,365. Were there any of the details of the election mentioned at the time?—The only matter of detail that I remember is, amongst the others we were introduced to we were introduced to Mr. Wells, who was pointed out as our agent.

71,366. On the 10th?—On the day of the dinner.

71,367. You understood he was the solicitor?—Yes.

71,368. Did you have any conversation with him upon the subject of the expenses?—None whatever.

71,369. You made no inquiries?—Not the slightest.

71,370. Did he make any communication to you?—No. We did not enter on electioneering matters at all on that occasion.

71,371. Did you learn from him that he had been engaged in election contests before?—No, I did not. In fact it was a simple introduction, and nothing more. I do not think I exchanged two words with him.

71,372. Did you happen to learn from him that he was also the law adviser of the former candidates?—They mentioned the fact; but I did not exchange two words with him. I could not learn much in that time.

71,373. In that short visit to Hull did you get any insight into what had taken place on former occasions?—No, I did not.

71,374. None at all?—None at all. The only thing that occurred was, that Mr. Moore and myself made two speeches each, and then went to town.

71,375. We hear that you arrived again, about the same time that he did; did you not, though not in the same train?—On the first day we arrived together. On the second day I think Mr. Moore arrived before me; only the morning of the same day; but we did come together; he was in the town.

71,376. In the interval did you learn anything with respect to the mode in which money had been on former occasions expended in Hull?—No, I did not.

71,377. I put the same question to you as I did to Mr. Moore. Did you attend the committee?—No.

71,378. Were you present at any of the discussions of the committee?—No.

71,379. Did you at any time learn, during the progress of the contest, that discussions did take place on money matters?—No, I never did.

71,380. Allow me to draw your attention to one of these resolutions? This resolution appears in the minutes of the central committee:—"On the motion of Mr. S. West, it was resolved, that the resolution passed yesterday upon the subject of the payment of the wages of the runners or messengers and doorkeepers be rescinded, and that the wages of the present week be paid in full; but that afterwards three fourths of the wages be only paid weekly, until the conclusion of the election, when the balance will be paid; and that the district committee be paid accordingly. That is a resolution upon the general committee. Did you ever become aware of the resolution?—I do not remember hearing the resolution till I heard it a few minutes ago. I agree with Mr. Moore; it was a very wise one.

71,381. Were you aware of the subject to which it referred; the discussions that arose on the subject of how the messengers should be paid?—No; I do not think I heard a word about it.

71,382. You agree with him that it is wise?—Quite so.

71,383. Why? Do you think to prevent people running away?—I do not think that exactly; but it is the same in many other things. In the payment of the militia they do not give them all their money in advance.

71,384. That is to secure their services?—Yes.

71,385. You do not agree with the resolution next, "That the resolution just read be rescinded;" for the next day it was rescinded?—I suppose the committee had some wise reason for it, or they would not have done it. I know nothing about it.

71,386. You do not think that was very wise?—That would depend on circumstances If they would go away without it it was wise to rescind it.

71,387. The reason was, it appeared to them that men were going over to the orange party?—Then it was a very wise resolution, that adds to the wisdom of the measure.

71,388. And the folly of rescinding it?—That is a matter of opinion.

71,389. Did you hear anything of another matter of discussion which occurred at your committee or one of the committees, on which a resolution was passed raising the wages from one sovereign to a guinea, in consequence of an opinion entertained by the committee that the difference between a pound and a guinea would turn the election?—I never heard of that. I never heard any such thing. I would have strong doubts about a shilling having such an effect as that.

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71,390. The committee thought otherwise, and acted on it?—Of course they were the best judges.

71,391. My question is whether it was brought to your knowledge?—No; it was not brought to my knowledge.

71,392. Did you make any payments yourself, either on the day of the election or previous to it (confine your attention to that for the present), except the 1,200*l.*?—How do you mean?

71,393. Relating to the election?—None whatever.

71,394. You do not mean any previous?—No; I think I once or twice paid a shilling for a cab to the hotel, and that is about the extent of my outlay.

71,395. Did you pay any sum of money to any voter, knowing him to be a voter?—Never in my life, directly or indirectly, previous or subsequent to the election. I beg pardon; I mentioned the word "subsequent." I paid in London some man, whether he was a voter or not, as he said he came from Hull, and said he was in want of his breakfast. I gave him 5*s*. I knew nothing about him.

71,396. Did it come under your observation that in some districts the messengers, doorkeepers, or runners, as they are variously termed, were engaged sometimes one week one set of men, and another week another set?—No; that could not by possibility have come under my observation.

71,397. It did not fall under your observation?—No; certainly not. It could not do so.

71,398. Did it fall under your observation that the number of doorkeepers or messengers or runners at any time was excessive?—It did not, because I must tell you I did not know who was a runner or a messenger; there was no distinct badge; there were such a number employed, one way or another, I did not know whether they were employed as messengers or not.

71,399. Did it occur that there were a number of hangers on idling about the committee doors?—There were sometimes great crowds about the door.

71,400. On the staircase?—I did not observe any idlers. I did not observe anything particular in that respect.

71,401. I do not mean strangers coming in for the day, but people who made it a practice of attending daily at the committee room?—I do not consider it was excessive. I did not make any particular remark about idlers. I was sorry to find that at that time Hull was quite full of idlers.

71,402. There was no difficulty in finding persons to fill any employment that would be required?—That I had no knowledge of.

71,403. It follows from what you say?—Whether they would work or not was their business.

71,404. Did you during your canvass become acquainted with the fact that in the early period, at all events,—not throughout,—all persons employed were voters?—No; I did not.

71,405. It was not brought before your attention?—It was not in any way brought to my knowledge.

71,406. Can you say you had no knowledge whether they were voters, one way or the other?—Certainly I had no knowledge of it; but I hope the committee were not such muffs as to employ men who had not votes. Where it was necessary, of course they would give the preference to a voter.

71,407. It would be only part of one of the natural modes of carrying on the election to secure messengers out of voters?—No. I do not do such an injustice to the people of Hull as that. I think their votes might be obtained from principle in many cases.

71,408. Still it would naturally occur as the ordinary mode of carrying on an election contest, that they would prefer having a staff of voters, so that you could keep your eye on them?—Do you mean my own eye?

71,409. The eye of the committee?—I never entertained a question about that, one way or the other. A great many shook hands with me, promised me their votes, and said they should be delighted to vote for me, which drew my attention to them.

71,410. Why do you mean they would be muffs if they did not employ voters?—I think it is quite a legitimate and fair thing that a poor man's having a vote should be no bar to his being employed.

71,411. Rather a preference?—They generally are a better class of men; that is one reason; they are a better class of men who have votes to those that have not, and of course more to be relied on.

71,412. Still that scarcely answers the question. Why should you think they were not muffs? You seemed to lay a great stress on that?—They must at that time, if they had done so, considering the franchise is extended to a very low point. They must have taken a low grade of men, and such as would not be depended upon.

71,413. We find, in point of fact, generally, that your staff consisted of a very low grade indeed, and all below 10*l.* a year each?—A man above that I do not suppose would require employment. He would have some other resources.

71,414. The maximum appears to be about 5*l.* or 6*l.*?—I should think those rated at a higher rate would not require that kind of employment. I do not suppose you would get a messenger rated at 20*l.*; they are generally a little above it.

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71,415. During the course of your contest, I dare say you had a good many people asking you for employment?—No; not for employment.

71,416. What did they ask you for most days?—To use their own words, they asked for "'lowance;" not allowance, but "'lowance."

71,417. How used you to deal with those people?—I used not to deal with them at all.

71,418. What answer did you give to them?—Generally, I said I cannot do it.

71,419. Did you refer them to the committee?—No, I did not indeed.

71,420. Do you remember that in no instances you told these people to go to the district committee?—I do not think in a single instance I ever said such a thing. I knew the district committees had quite enough to do without sending these men to them.

71,421. Did they not also come and ask for employment on your canvass?—Such a thing might have occurred; I do not remember it. If they did they got the same answer, "I cannot do it."

71,422. Do you think you ever told them they had better go to the committee?—I do not think I ever gave such an answer. I think the general answer was, "I cannot attend to you."

71,423. Now during the course of your contest did you observe a great many orange flags sticking out of the windows?—Yes, I did.

71,424. A great abundance of orange flags and ribbons, as well as blue?—No; not as well as blue.

71,425. As bad as blue?—As bad as blue; they were worse than blue.

71,426. Do you think the number was very great, the orange?—Yes; excessive.

71,427. Did the exhibition generally of orange symbols appear to you to be excessive? I mean symbols, dresses in windows, cards, flags, ribbons, and all those sort of external demonstrations were excessive?—Do you mean they were in excess of the blue, or that they were unnecessary?

71,428. Unnecessary?—I think every single one of them was unnecessary. If no such things existed it would be much better. I think every single ribbon was unnecessary.

71,429. The blues had a good many also?—Quite as absurd, the one as the other.

71,430. Do you mean that the exhibition of sticking out of window flags would be a profligate waste of money?—I think it is a most improper waste of money, and ought to suppressed in every town in England.

72,431. Apart from that, which is rather matter of opinion (still it is one on which I am very glad to have your opinion),—apart from that did it appear to you that there was a very large exhibition of orange flags, exceeding the blue, I should say?—It did; more particularly in the Market Place.

72,432. You say both were excessive?—When you say both were excessive——

71,433. Both were unnecessary?—Both unnecessary, and the orange were decidedly in excess of the blue.

71,434. Did you learn, during the progress of your canvass, that rooms were taken from voters by the orange party for the purpose of influencing the votes of the persons who were the owners of these rooms?—No; I did not understand it in that way.

71,435. Was not it brought to your attention?—I did not understand it was with the intention of obtaining any undue influence over the parties.

71,436. Did you not hear that a committee rooms were taken when the only or principal object of having the room was the influence it should have over the vote of the owner?—No. I did not hear that.

71,437. You never heard it?—I did not at all understand it in that way.

71,438. Did you hear that an extravagant number of committee rooms were taken by the orange party?—No, I did not.

71,439. For the purpose of enlarging their staff?—I merely heard in conversation that the orange party had a great number of committee rooms.

71,440. In conversation you probably heard what the object was?—I do not know. I did not think there was anything to complain of in that respect. I think the intention was to convey the idea that they were working uncommonly hard for their party.

71,441. Did you hear, as a subject of conversation, that they were working hard in this way; that they were taking rooms?—No; I did not hear that they were taking rooms for any such purpose.

71,442. Did you hear at all that they took a greater number of rooms than was reasonably to be expected?—I do not think I heard it in those words.

71,443. We know the number, and probably you do so?—I really do not.

71,444. The number of committee rooms you had?—I have not the most remote idea. I could not tell you at this moment whether we had five or fifty. I should say we had more than five. We had more wards, and there was a committee room in each ward. beyond that I really do not know.

71,445. You were not at all made aware that the conduct of the orange party in respect to the committee rooms was in any way incorrect? Did you never hear any allusion made?—I cannot say that I ever did. I have heard more since I came into this Court than I ever heard in my life about Hull at the last election.

71,446. Did you hear any animadversions passed upon the orange party for their abuse of the practice of having committee rooms?—I do not think I did, for that purpose. I

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heard them heartily abused for many things; that might have been amongst them. I cannot say that I heard that in particular.

71,447. It has been stated to us that complaints were made by you, or rather on your behalf, to the orange party, complaining of this very practice?—I have no doubt our committee would have complained if it was necessary. I was not aware of it.

71,448. Do you know the fact is that both parties did make complaints? Did you not hear that they had complained?—No, I did not.

71,449. Did you hear, during the course of the contest, that Mr. Wells entered into a kind of agreement with the lawyers upon the other side to limit the number of runners?—I heard in conversation that there had been some agreement made between the committees of both parties upon the subject of messengers and committee rooms. I did not hear what the agreement was. I heard that an agreement had been made between them.

71,450. Did you hear that the agreement was an agreement limiting the number?—No; I did not know what the nature of it was. I knew they had arranged between each party. Indeed, I did hear that the orange party broke faith with whatever agreement was made; and they did not in fact adhere to it, and that their words were not to be depended upon at the time.

71,451. You heard the orange party had broken faith?—Yes; I heard upon several occasions that they had.

71,452. That would amount to this: that they had exceeded some special agreement?—You may put it in that mild form. The word I heard was, they "broke faith," and were not to be depended upon.

71,453. Did you understand that they had broken faith, or was it that they had exceeded the number of runners which was agreed on, and the number of committee rooms?—Yes.

71,454. You heard it?—I think I did in conversation.

71,455. That they had broken faith in both those instances?—I cannot say whether they were included, but in a great many instances.

71,456. These are the only two. It has been repeatedly stated to us that your side did complain that faith had been broken with them, inasmuch as the orange party had increased their staff of runners amongst voters beyond what had been arranged, and also that they had increased the number of rooms. I wish to know whether you heard that the orange party had broken faith in those two instances?—I have no doubt I must have heard it at the time; it was a matter of conversation, and might have come to my knowledge; but I really could not say to that.

71,457. Did you not hear also this, that they had broken faith, and that it became necessary for your party to adopt retaliatory measures?—No. I only heard of it to-day in Court. I never heard of it before.

71,458. Understand me clearly? I am putting it with a view of testing whether the party did break faith or not?—I never thought you were doing otherwise.

71,459. You did not hear. Of course if you can throw any light on it, or give any explanation, we shall be most happy to hear it from you in explanation; if you can throw any light on any matters of practice of any sort or kind, we shall be glad to listen to them?—I assure you I have not the slightest wish to conceal any fact connected with the town that has come to my knowledge; but getting up at seven o'clock, breakfasting in a great hurry, going down to the committee room, and spending a hot summer's day in shaking hands with men, women, and children, deprived me of the opportunity of hearing much connected with the election.

71,460. Was anything said by any of your friends as to the discussion, whether it was or was not expedient to have recourse to retaliatory measures?—I never heard it even insinuated. My friends were very sanguine of success up to the day of the election.

71,461. My question was: Whether you ever heard, during the progress of the inquiry, of any corrupt practices of a pecuniary nature, the propriety of retaliating on which was discussed in the committee?—You mean inquiry about the election?

71,462. Yes, I did.—If there was any discussion, of course it was not in my presence.

71,463. You might have heard it afterwards?—No, I do not think I ever did, not at the time of the election. I may have heard a thousand things since the election was over.

71,464. Your answers come to this: whatever you heard with respect to the practices of the orange party in your presence, the subject of retaliation was not mentioned?—Not pecuniary retaliation; no, certainly not.

71,465. Had you never heard that it had been discussed, until after the election was over?—I never heard of any such discussion whatever. I took it always for granted that if the committee met they met to talk about something.

71,466. Did you hear, during the progress of your canvass, anything took place in Lowgate ward about the payment of runners?—No, I did not.

71,467. I put the question generally. You made no payments after the election?—None whatever.

71,468. Did you hear that a sum of 200*l.* was placed, on or before the day of the election, in the hands of Mr. Bamford?—I never heard of the transaction till I heard of it in this Court, or when I saw what transpired in this Court.

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71,469. You did not hear it at the time?—No, I did not.

71,470. That a sum of 200*l.* was placed by Mr. Barkworth in Mr. Bamford's hands for a purpose that was unmistakeable?—I never heard it till it was stated in Court.

71,471. Did you ever hear how many runners were employed?—No, I did not.

71,472. Anything relating to it?—Nothing whatever.

71,473. Did you ever hear of the cheme that has been called Mr. Wells's scheme; a scheme which, had it been carried out, would have required 477 additional persons to be engaged as a staff two or three days before the election?—No, I did not.

71,474. Independently of that, did you hear also that about the time of the dissolution of Parliament, or a day or two before that, the staff mentioned was about 108 messengers or thereabouts—No, I did not.

71,475. 477 would be an addition?—I never heard how many messengers were employed.

71,476. Did you ever hear of the great increase at all?—No, I did not.

71,477. Had you been a candidate at any place before Hull?—I can hardly say that I was. I may or may not say so. I once issued an address, but immediately retired. I can hardly call that being a candidate.

71,478. If it is not a secret, where was it?—Shrewsbury.

71,479. Some time ago?—I think it was in 1847.

71,480. The previous general election?—Yes.

71,481. Is Shrewsbury a large constituency?—It is; it is not so large as Hull. I have not got the number at this moment.

71,482. Had you been anxious for a seat in Parliament before you offered yourself as a candidate for Hull?—No; I had no particular anxiety about it.

71,483. Had you spoken to Colonel Forrester upon the subject?—Yes. I mentioned, I believe, that I would have no objection to stand for a borough, and to devote my time to some useful purpose.

71,484. Before the arrival of these gentlemen as a deputation, did he mention, amongst other boroughs, to you, the borough of Hull?—No; I do not remember hearing of it before. I do not think that he mentioned to me any place.

71,485. When these gentlemen waited upon you, we understood from Mr. Harris, who was one of the party, that amongst other things he stated to you that a good deal of money had been spent at Hull elections, or something to that effect; that bribery had prevailed; that was his evidence as to part of the interview which you have been speaking to?—I think I have stated that before.

71,486. You stated this,—and possibly it is not inconsistent with what you have said: you understood there was a fair probability of corrupt practices at Hull not being repeated?—I think I qualified my statement. I could not vouch for the exact words, but the substance of it.

71,487. Then, having stated their remark was that there was a fair probability that corrupt practices would not be repeated, you would not think it was improbable that they should state the fact that corrupt practices had prevailed in Hull at some period?—I do not remember anything beyond the fact I have stated.

71,488. I think the word "repeated" would hardly seem to have that application?—I cannot say the word used. I can give my impression.

71,489. What you state is not inconsistent with what Mr. Harris stated, that there had been a good deal of money spent in Hull, and that bribery had prevailed, and then stated, "I think there is a fair probability that corrupt practices will not be repeated?—That was the nature of the conversation.

71,490. Mr. Harris said they told you, in consequence of the strictness of the Act against bribery, they thought that much money would not be spent?—Did Mr. Harris? Then I remember the word perfectly; he referred to the recent Act of Parliament.

71,491. In alluding to the practices that had prevailed, do you remember now at all whether he mentioned the character of them?—He did not. I cannot remember anything whatever alluding to the character of the practices.

71,492. Mr. Harris or Mr. Barkworth?—Neither.

71,493. Merely the subject of bribery having prevailed was alluded to?—Yes.

71,494. You stated, I think, you understood from them the election was to be as pure as could be?—Did I make use of the words "as pure as could be?" I understood it was to be a pure election.

71,495. On my own note I have it "as pure as an election could be;" and then you said, "that is certainly not saying much, according to what has taken place in this Court?—Exactly, I have no doubt.

71,496. When you understood the election was to be as pure as could be, I want to know whether you understood from those gentlemen "as pure as could be in Hull"?—No, I did not.

71,497. It was to be an election entirely pure?—Entirely pure; as pure as could be.

71,498. Not with reference to Hull at all?—No.

71,499. When they stated the election was to be as pure as could be, did they tell you there ever had been a pure election in Hull?—No, they did not. They did not say anything, or venture upon the subject; they did not allude to it, one way or the other.

71,500. Do you remember if they made any allusion to the severe scrutiny that took place in 1837 on the ground of bribery?—I do not think they ever said a word about that.

71,501. You contributed, you said, the same sum that Mr. Bramley Moore did; 1,200*l.*?—Yes; 1,200*l.*

71,502. Did you make payments to Mr. Ward also?—I did. I also made my payments to Mr. Ward.

71,503. We understood from Mr. Ward that your payments were made in two sums?—Yes, they were.

71,504. First a sum of 400*l.*, or something of that kind?—It was 200*l.* first.

71,505. And the remainder some short time after?—And the remaining 1,000*l.* some time afterwards.

71,506. Did you accompany those payments with a letter, or how did you transmit the money to him?—The half notes I rather think were sent in a blank envelope from London. I wrote to my agent in town to send it down in half notes; one of the halves to be sent to Mr. Ward, and the others to myself; and when he received his half I handed him the others. It was merely done for post-office security.

71,507. Was the whole sum transmitted in that way?—Yes, it was. Tht first 200*l.* was not in half notes; that was, I think, in notes of various amounts. The other was in half notes, as I have stated.

71,508. Do you remember accompanying the transmission of that money by any letter?—I remember that I did not.

71,509. You merely sent the notes?—Merely the notes.

71,510. Mr. Ward being the general disburser of the payments, did you at any time give him any directions as to how that money was to be disbursed?—None whatever.

71,511. Did you see Mr. Ward, on the subject of his being the paymaster, before those notes were sent to him, when you were in Hull before?—Did I see him about it?

71,512. Yes. I mean was the subject of his being the person who was to be the cashier and the disburser of the money mentioned among you when you first saw Mr. Ward in Hull, before you transmitted the money to him?—No, it was not. I handed it to him as the chairman of the committee. I did not know whether he was paymaster, or receiver general, or what he might be. I gave it him as the chairman of the central committee.

71,513. Had you the same understanding with regard to the money that Mr. Moore has mentioned to us, that in case of there being a surplus the difference should be returned to you?—I had no understanding of the sort.

71,514. But supposing matters should have turned out that in the course of the election it should have cost only 1,200*l.*, each of you gentlemen having advanced 1,200*l.*, should you not have expected to have had 600*l.* back again?—I should have been agreeably surprised and very much astonished if I had.

71,515. There was no arrangement about it?—None whatever.

71,516. Did Mr. Ward at any time furnish you with an account of the mode in which he had disbursed it?—Never.

71,517. Did he ever communicate to you that the whole had been spent, or say anything at all to you on the subject?—I do not think he ever did.

71,518. Will you look at that book (*handing Mr. Ward's account book to the witness*) that is a book of his disbursements? Did you ever see it before this time?—Never till I saw it in this Court.

71,519. I presume you have never asked for any account?—No.

71,520. And none was ever sent to you?—None was ever sent to me.

71,521. Something must have occurred with regard to your handing over the precise sum of 1,200*l.*?—That was the sum agreed on; and when I came to Hull I said to Mr. Ward, as the chairman, whenever you want the money from me, just mention the fact, and you shall have it. A few days before the election,—I cannot say the day exactly—Mr. Ward mentioned to me "The money will be useful now," and I wrote an order for 1,000*l.* to be sent down.

71,522. That was the second payment?—Yes; the first couple of hundred pounds I brought down in my pocket on coming down the first time.

71,523. I understood you to state that you were engaged pretty much in canvassing when you came down permanently?—I was very much engaged.

71,524. There was a good deal of shaking hands, and various other things of that sort?—Yes; various other things of that kind.

71,525. You said you thought, as far as employment was necessary, that the committee would employ voters, as far as employment was wanted?—Of course, if the electors applied for it.

71,526. They would employ voters in preference to non-voters?—I imagine they would.

71,527. You said you thought the voters generally a better class of men than the ordinary freemen?—I fancy they ought to be.

71,528. Do you apply that to freemen in Hull, or to boroughs generally?—My experience of boroughs is not quite so great as it is of Hull.

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71,529. With regard to your acquaintance with the freemen of Hull, you would apply it to them?—As far as the freemen of Hull go, I consider them a very honest set of fellows, and I think that there is as much principle among them as you will find among any other class of people.

71,530. I am asking for your impression with regard to this class of persons. One of your chairmen told us, that when they wanted confidential men they applied rather to non-voters than to the voters?—I have not heard it, and I do not know it.

71,531. As far as your observation goes, you think that is not warranted?—I have had no experience in the management of elections; I have only had experience in canvassing.

71,532. I am asking you as to the experience you gained during your visit here?—I cannot say that I have formed any opinion on the subject.

71,533. You stated that you thought they were a very honest set of men?—I think they certainly are.

71,534. In addition to the employing those who had votes for the necessary employment, do you not think that the employment of those who had votes would also have some influence on their votes?—I think it is pretty well understood that a voter, if he is in want of employment, will apply to the party of his own political bias, in preference to applying to the other party; and my impression is that his mind is made up as to his political views before he applies for employment, and not afterwards.

71,535. That is, he will have it in his mind at the time he makes the application to give his vote to those to whom he is applying?—Precisely.

71,536. And there would be, probably, a corresponding understanding on the part of those to whom he does apply, that the application carries with it something in the nature of the promise of the vote?—No, I do not think that. I think the understanding would be, rather, that the application of that particular party meant that he was friendly to the party to whom he is applying, and that it was the party of his own way of thinking.

71,537. Friendly to them in the nature of voting for them?—Yes.

71,538. And that would be understood by them to whom he did apply?—Naturally so. Men usually apply to their friends when they are in difficulties.

71,539. You have said in the course of your canvass that some persons might have asked you for employment?—They might, certainly.

71,540. And you said you turned aside, and did not attend to them?—Yes.

71,541. Why did you not attend to their application?—Because I had no employment to give them. I did not interfere with it. I had neither employment to give them, nor time at that particular moment to give them either.

71,542. Personally, no doubt you had no employment to give them?—No.

71,543. But, as a gentleman connected with the party, you had?—Precisely; but in that case I did not interfere.

71,544. Did you not listen to the application?—Very seldom. I knew that it was impossible to comply with it.

71,545. You probably thought the management of the election was in other hands?—I did not think about it; I knew it was.

71,546. Knowing that, should you not direct them to those persons who were managing the election for you?—No; I think it would be very unfair if I did, because they had quite trouble enough without that.

71,547. You stated that you thought employment should be given to voters, as far as necessary?—They would know where to go to, without coming to me in the streets.

71,548. You think that they would know where to apply?—I think they would. The applications to me were more in the way to give them some brandy and water, or something of that sort.

71,549. I think you said that some also applied for employment occasionally?—I think they did; but very, very few; perhaps half a dozen the whole time.

71,550. Would those applications have been made,—as far as you remember any to have been made to yourself or to the canvassers who were with you,—would they apply to them or to yourself?—I can only speak to those who applied to myself.

71,551. Do you not remember some applications of that nature being made to the canvassers, the gentlemen who were with you?—That I cannot remember. The men that were with me would be engaged, perhaps, one with somebody, and I and the others going on or following, and the application would not be mentioned to me of course. I had other things to think of.

71,552. You were endeavouring to get the parties to vote for you,—I do not mean improperly—but your object was to secure their votes?—Yes, it was.

71,553. Should you not listen to applications of that character?—No, not in the slightest. Not to men coming up in the street in that way. I would not listen to him, unless he was introduced to me by some of the gentlemen about me. I should not enter into conversation with him.

71,554. If you did not listen to him in the street, you told him there was some place where he might make his application?—That I know nothing about; that was his own look-out.

71,555. Did you not, with Mr. Bramley Moore, meet at the central committee room generally before commencing your canvass?—Yes, we did.

71,556. And of course you must have become acquainted with some of the leading members of the committee; Mr. Ward, Mr. Harris, Mr. Barkworth, Mr. Yeall, and Mr. Davis?—Yes; all those men I knew.

71,557. Those are prominent names that have occurred to me?—I know all those gentlemen.

71,558. At the central committe room was the subject of retaliation mentioned?—It was never mentioned in any way.

71,559. Were not your friends sanguine of success up to the day of the election?—Yes, I believe so.

71,560. Will you tell me, in your judgment, why you did not succeed?—Because I believe implicitly that about 300 of our men were carried off in the night before, and made to vote before nine o'clock in the morning against us, and that being 300 abstracted from our number and added to theirs made the majority by which we lost the election. I think that was about the number.

71,561. What class of persons do you think that 300 consisted of; because you said they were a very honest body of men?—I should not say they are very respectable men; but I hope they form a class of their own.

71,562. Then I am afraid we must except that 300 from the general character of the freemen of Hull?—I did not say they were 300 freemen. I said 300 voters.

71,563. I did not say freemen either. You must except them, at all events?—Yes, I think you must except them, certainly.

71,564. That must have been a matter very much discussed, and have created great surprise?—It disgusted me very much, and as to being a matter of discussion at the time, of course it was the subject of conversation in every house in the borough.

71,565. I asked you if it was a matter very much discussed?—Yes, it was.

71,566. Being a matter very much discussed, what particular class of persons was it thought that those 300 were from among?—That I do not know. I should say from men to whom money would be an object; certainly not from free and independent voters.

71,567. Was it not considered that they were of the class put down as messengers and runners?—I believe so.

71,568. They were of that class?—They were men that ought to have been in our employment at the time for all necessary purposes.

71,569. Do you think there were 300 of them?—I heard at the time there were 300.

71,570. Who had been on your staff?—Yes.

71,571. For all necessary purposes?—Yes, precisely; perhaps not the whole of them; but they were certainly men who had promised to vote for us.

71,572. I understood you to say they were of the class called runners or messengers?—I cannot say how many of them were; I know a good many were. They were supposed to be 300 men who had promised to vote for us, and who had the honest feeling of breaking their promise before 9 o'clock in the morning, so that there was no possibility of their retracting.

71,573. Had you not heard that a good many of those persons had been engaged on the day before for the purposes of the election, with regard to the clearing house system to which we have drawn Mr. Moore's attention?—No, I had not.

71,574. Was not that deficiency found out very early on the polling day; I believe you said at 9 o'clock?—I believe they all polled before 9 o'clock; all the men who were taken away from us; the deserters were all brought up to the poll before 9 o'clock.

71,575. Did you hear whether they had been locked up, or bottled up, during the course of the night?—No; I did not hear how that was.

71,576. Or how they had been got away?—No.

71,577. Did you hear from what part of the town they had been obtained?—No, I did not.

71,578. Merely the fact?—Merely the fact, and that was quite sufficient.

71,579. You were asked whether you knew anything of any of the committee rooms beyond the one in each ward?—I knew that to be a fact, that there was a committee room in each ward.

71,580. But not beyond that, I think, you said?—I am not aware of any. In my canvass I used to walk into a room, and be told this is a committee room, but where they were I cannot tell; I am not perfectly acquainted with Hull.

71,581. Although you did not hear of any committee rooms except those in each ward, did you hear of any rooms that were not committee rooms, but paid for colourably as such?—No, certainly not.

71,582. Were any applications made in your presence as to such rooms?—No.

71,583. Or as to the use of them?—No.

71,584. Nor in the course of your canvass?—No.

71,585. Now, you have said that a few days before the election Mr. Ward told you it was time for you to pay your money?—No; I did not say that. I said that he said, money would now be convenient.

71,586. You also said, just about the election time you heard that the expenses were likely to exceed the 2,400*l.*; did you hear those two things at the same time?—No, certainly not, nor from the same parties.

71,587. Can you tell me how long it was before the election, if at all, that you heard

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the expenses were likely to exceed the 2,400*l.*?—I really could not say whether it was before the election, at the election, or immediately subsequent; it was about the election time.

71,588. When we say the election we mean the polling day?—That is what I mean. I could not fix that statement to a day.

71,589. You have said that you consider the numbers of colours and ribbons were excessive and useless; did it strike you generally, from what you observed of the election, that there was being incurred a wasteful expenditure of money?—I considered every yard of ribbon shown in the streets was a useless expenditure of money.

71,590. From what you observed at the election, did you at that time come to the conclusion that there was generally an extravagant outlay of money; did that occur to you?—Of course it does at all times. I think an election ought not to cost 200*l.*; but it is a fault in the system, not in the occasion.

71,591. When you were asked for 1,200*l.*, and knew that your fellow candidate was asked for 1,200*l.* as well, did it not immediately occur to you that there was to be an extravagant outlay of the money?—It did not do any such thing.

71,592. What was the use of it, if 200*l.* ought to be sufficient?—I said, on the contrary, that I did not think it extravagant.

72,593. I thought you said just now that an election ought not to cost more than 200*l.*?—It is a fault in the legislature, not in the electors.

71,594. What is there in the law to make it necessary that you should expend 2,400*l.* in a contest in Hull?—Why printing; the system of taking votes; the system of canvassing; the system of bringing voters to the poll; and that last though not least important item, the solicitor's bill. I think if such things will not run away with 2,400*l.* you must apply somewhere else for an explanation.

71,595. Considering it to be legal, you thought it quite unnecessary?—No, I did not.

71,596. What was it necessary for, in your judgment?—The 1,200*l.*?

71,597. Yes?—For the expenses.

71,598. Why did you think it was necessary to expend that sum of 2,400*l.* in printing, in lawyers' bills, in colours, and cabs, and such matters?—Because it is a pretty well understood thing that very few elections cost as little as that; therefore I was not going to set up a new doctrine in an old borough, and to make it a much cheaper thing than it ever was before; I saw it would be impossible to do it.

71,599. Then you thought that unless you did countenance that expense it would be dangerous to your prospects of success in Hull?—I consider that 1,200*l.* for a candidate, with a constituency of 5,000 voters, and a population of 90,000, may be legally and prudently expended, and without in any way demoralising the electors.

71,600. Do you think if you had refused to countenance that it would be dangerous to your prospects of success?—It would be fatal. I need not have come here. They would not have had me. If they asked for 1,200*l.*, and said it was necessary, and I said I will not give it you, there was an end of the matter.

71,601. Had you heard, before you came to Hull, that it is usual for candidates, when a specific sum of money is set down for their expenses, not to inquire how it is expended?—I heard nothing of the sort.

71,602. Have you ever heard it?—No.

71,603. Have you ever heard that it was advisable, as a matter of prudence, that a candidate should not inquire how the money was spent?—I have heard electioneering matters talked over, I suppose as long as I can remember, and I have heard frequently that it is one of those unsatisfactory things, like lawyers' or doctors' bills, and the best way is to shut it up, and have nothing to do with it, because every item would be a matter of great annoyance, and the best way is to pay the money, and not to think about it.

71,604. Was it acting on that idea that you did not enquire into the expenses here?—I did inquire into the expenses; I inquired if the expense was to be 1,200*l.*, and if that was what it was to cost me; and having paid that I thought no more about it.

71,605. Was it following up that idea that you did not inquire as to the way in which your 1,200*l.* was to be expended?—It was not exactly following up that idea; but I suppose it might have resulted from that feeling, that it is always disagreeable to look at unpleasant payments. I undertook to expend 1,200*l.*, and having failed in the object of that expenditure, not having met with a return, I thought it best to pay it, and have no more to do with it.

71,606. Had you come to a resolution from the beginning not to inquire how it was expended?—I came to no resolution about it.

71,607. Was it ever your intention to inquire how the 1,200*l.* was expended?—Certainly not; but I think I should have been very angry if I saw them building a corporation hall or something of that kind with it; but when I saw everything carried on with honour and integrity on our part, there was nothing more to inquire about.

71,608. Did a friend accompany you?—Yes.

71,609. Was he your private solicitor?—No.

71,610. Was he a solicitor?—Yes; he came down with me as a friend.

71,611. Was it to watch the proceedings on your behalf?—It was not; he was a perfect stranger in Hull. I asked him to accompany me, and he came down with me. He is a young and highly respectable gentleman in every way.

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71,612. All I mean to ask is, whether you brought him down on the understanding that he was to watch that nothing unsafe was done?—Certainly not, because I had every confidence in the parties that brought me down, and I believe implicitly they carried out their original intention and my wishes with the utmost honour and integrity.

71,613. Was this gentleman brought down with you to consult with?—He was brought down by me for nothing further than to assist me in my canvass, and certainly not to watch the proceedings in any way, or to interfere.

71,614. Did you ever hear, in the course of your canvass, or in conversation, of a person named William Henry Nicholson, a man well known among the influential voters here?—No, I do not think I did. I might have heard of it, but I do not remember it.

71,615. Do you think you did not hear of him. It is stated that he was known to all the influential men in the town; he is a sailmaker?—I may have heard of him at the time, but I really forget him now; there were so many names at the time that I cannot recollect them.

71,616. Do you recollect hearing that name?—No, I do not. I might have heard it at the time, and been intimate with him; but I really forget it at this moment. I forget whether I ever saw such a person.

71,617. Do you attribute the loss of the election to those people going away in the morning?—Yes, I do; to that and the practices I alluded to before.

71,618. To the illegal practices?—Yes.

71,619. You did not, however, present any petition complaining that those 300 which were abstracted would have gone a long way to set you at the head of the poll—It would have cost me about 30,000*l.*, and I should rather remain at the bottom.

71,620. There was a petition presented?—We did not petition for the seats; a scrutiny is rather a different matter.

Thomas Newstead.

THOMAS NEWSTEAD sworn, and examined.

71,621. Where do you live?—55, Carr Lane.

71,622. What is your business?—Innkeeper.

71,623. What rent do you pay for a house?—£60.

71,624. Are you also a freeman?—No.

71,625. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—At the last election; 1852.

71,626. Who did you vote for?—I voted for Bramley Moore and Lord Goderich.

71,627. Did you receive any money for your vote?—None whatever.

71,628. Did you receive any money at all?—No; not directly for my vote; of course not.

71,629. What did you receive money for?—There was a committee room engaged; it had nothing to do with my vote at all.

71,630. Where was the room?—In the house that I occupy.

71,631. When was that room engaged?—It was engaged nine or ten days prior to the election.

71,632. By whom?—By Mr. Kemp and Mr. Ellerman.

71,633. Did those gentlemen belong to some committee?—I should expect they belonged to the blue committee.

71,634. Did he give you a list of committee men who were to meet at your room?—No.

71,635. Did any committee meet at your room?—Yes; there was a committee there.

71,636. Who was the chairman; do you know?—I really do not know; Munroe was chiefly there.

71,637. What is his other name?—I really do not know; he is generally called Captain Munroe.

71,638. Was he there every day?—I think every day, to my knowledge.

71,639. What kind of business was transacted there, do you know?—I am not aware of the nature of the business; there was paper, pen and ink there, and various other things necessary for doing business.

71,640. Were you present occasionally in the room?—Never in the hours of business.

71,641. Did you keep the door for them?—No; they had their own doorkeeper.

71,642. Is there a private door?—They had a doorkeeper at the room they rented.

71,643. How much were you paid for your room?—Three guineas.

71,644. When was it paid you?—It was paid me on the 3d of August; that was a year ago; nearly a month after the election.

71,645. Where were you paid?—At my own house.

71,646. Who brought you the money?—George Steeple.

71,647. Did you also have your name set down among the runners in Lowgate ward?—No.

71,648. Your name, I believe, is in that list?—Not by my sanction.

71,649. Were you aware at any time that your name had been placed on the list of messengers?—I never gave any sanction to it, at all events.

71,650. Were you ever informed that it had been done?—Never.

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71,651. Did you ever receive any payment except the three guineas?—No, none at all.

71,652. At the time your room was engaged, had you promised your vote to either of the parties?—No; not to either party.

71,653. Had you been canvassed by both parties?—No; I had not been canvassed at all by the blue side until the time Mr. Munroe asked me.

71,654. That was when he took your room?—No; some three or four days after.

71,655. Did the orange party canvass you?—There was a person who said he represented the orange party, whose name I did not know, came to me; consequently I told him I did not promise any one.

71,656. At the time that your room was taken you had not promised your vote?—I had not.

71,657. And afterwards you did promise Captain Munroe?—No, I did not even promise him.

71,658. You told me just now you did?—You asked me as to the canvassing, I understood you. I did not promise him even then when I was canvassed.

71,659. Did you offer your room to the orange party?—No, I did not.

71,660. Nothing passed with the orange party about your room?—Nothing, to my knowledge.

William Metcalf.

WILLIAM METCALF sworn, and examined.

71,661. Where do you live?—18, Scott Street.

71,662. What is your business?—I am a millwright.

71,663. What rent do you pay?—I am a freeman; I am not a householder; I do not pay 10*l.* a year.

71,664. How much do you pay?—£8.

71,665. And you are a freeman?—Yes.

71,666. When were you made a freeman?—In 1842.

71,667. At your own expense?—Yes.

71,668. Did you vote at the election in 1847?—Yes.

71,669. Who for?—I voted for Brown.

71,670. Were you employed at all at that election?—Yes; I had my name put down.

71,671. Where was it put down?—At Linwood's, the committee room in Wincolmlee.

71,672. How much money did they pay you?—I had 10*s.* before and 10*s.* after the election.

71,673. Who paid it you?—I got paid 10*s.* at Linwood's, and 10*s.* at Foster's, the Bay Horse, the opposite side of the road.

71,674. At the last election, who did you vote for?—For Moore and Butler.

71,675. Did you get any money for your vote then?—I think I got 6*s.* before and 15*s.* after.

71,676. Who paid it you?—Mr. Murgatroyd paid me the 6*s.* at Linwood's,—at least it used to be Linwood's, at the last election but one,—and the other Legitt paid me.

W. A. Moses.

WILLIAM AGAR MOSES sworn, and examined.

71,677. Where do you live?—Church Street, Drypool.

71,678. What business are you?—Joiner and small tradesman.

71,679. What rent do you pay?—Not any; I am not a householder.

71,680. Are you a lodger?—I am not a householder.

71,681. What do you mean; that you do not pay rent for any house at all?—No.

71,682. Is it your own house?—It is the property of my mother.

71,683. You are a lodger, then?—Yes.

71,684. When were you made a freeman?—In 1844.

71,685. At your own expense?—Yes.

71,686. Did you vote at the election of 1847?—Yes.

71,687. Who for?—Brown and Baines.

71,688. Did you get any money for your vote?—10*s.*

71,689. Who paid you that?—Dr. Twining.

71,690. Where did he pay you?—At the Noah's Ark in Witham.

71,691. After the election?—Yes.

71,692. Was that for Mr. Brown?—Yes.

71,693. Did you get anything for Mr. Baines?—No.

71,694. At the last election, did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

71,695. I believe your name was set down in Holderness as a runner?—Not as a runner; I was not in the town.

71,696. Your name was put down?—Not that I am aware of.

71,697. Do you know Mr. Bamford?—I do know him by sight.

71,698. Did you get any money for your vote?—Not for my vote.

71,699. What money did you get?—10*s.* for my expenses.

71,700. Where did you come from?—Ferriby.

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71,701. What was the 10*s.* for?—For my expenses and loss of time.
71,702. You can come from Ferriby for 1*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes; and there is going back.
71,703. You can go back for a 1*s.*?—Yes; but there is loss of time.
71,704. That is the way you make it out?—Yes.
71,705. When were you paid?—About a week after.
71,706. Who paid you?—Mr. Walker in Drypool.
71,707. How much of that 10*s.* do you think you would have got if you had voted for Clay and Goderich which was paid you by the blues?—I do not know.
71,708. Not a farthing?—I should not have applied for anything.

DANIEL OXTOBY sworn, and examined.

Daniel Oxtoby.

71,709. Where do you live?—Trippett, No. 35.
71,710. What is your business?—A painter.
71,711. What rent do you pay?—I am a lodger.
71,712. When were you made a freeman?—1851.
71,713. At your own expense?—Yes, at my own expense.
71,714. Who did you vote for in 1852?—Bramley Moore and Butler.
71,715. Did you get any money for your vote?—Yes.
71,716. How much?—10*s.*
71,717. Where were you paid?—At the committee room, Lowgate.
71,718. After the election?—Yes; on the Saturday night.
71,719. Who paid it you?—I do not know I am sure who it was.
71,720. Was it some man at the committee?—Yes.
11,721. Was it for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
71,722. Is that all you got?—That is all I got.

GEORGE OXTOBY sworn, and examined.

George Oxtoby.

71,723. Where do you live?—I live in No. 2, Foster's Court.
71,724. What is your business?—At present I am in the Customs.
71,725. What rent do you pay?—£6.
71,726. When were you made a freeman?—The 5th of July 1849.
71,727. Are you a brother of the last witness?—Yes.
71,728. Who did you vote for in 1852?—Moore and Butler.
71,729. Did you get any money for your vote?—Yes.
71,730. How much?—10*s.*
71,731. Was it paid at the same time as your brother's?—Yes.
71,732. And at the same place?—Yes.
71,733. How long have you been in the Customs? Were you there at the time you voted?—No.

JOHN OXTOBY sworn, and examinad.

John Oxtoby.

71,734. Where do you live?—Christopher Street.
71,735. What is your business?—A whitesmith.
71,736. What rent do you pay?—£7.
71,737. When were you made a freeman?—In July 1846.
71,738. You are a brother of the last witnesses?—Yes, I am.
71,739. Did you vote in 1852?—Yes.
71,740. Who for; Moore and Butler?—Yes.
71,741. Did you get 10*s.* for your vote?—Yes.
71,742. Were you paid at the same place?—Yes.
71,743. And at the same time?—Yes.
71,744. Was that all that you got?—Yes; that is all.

THOMAS PARKER sworn, and examined.

Thomas Parker.

71,745. Where do you live?—Junction Dock Street.
71,746. What is your business?—I am an upholsterer.
71,747. What rent do you pay?—£56.
71,748. Are you a freeman?—No.
71,749. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—In 1852.
71,750. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
71,751. Did you receive any money?—No, I did not.
71,752. Was your name set down in the Market Place ward?—Set down as a runner?
71,753. Yes?—Not that I know of; not with my approbation it was not.

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71,754. Are you sure that you voted?—I voted for Moore and Butler. I attended at the polling booth in Blanket Row, and gave my vote for Moore and Butler

71,755. Did you get any promise of any money?—No.

71,756. Did you let a room?—No.

71,757. Did they have a room at your house?—No.

71,758. Did anybody let them a room, with your knowledge or sanction?—No

71,759. Can you tell us anything about your being bribed?—I never was yet, and I should not like to be.

71,760. Did you receive any money at all at the last election, upon any accoun t, from the candidates, or their committee, or their party?—No. I trust that I am above it.

71,761. You name seems to have got into the book?—No doubt those who put it in are better paid than I am for it.

71,762. Do you know what is your number upon the register?—I do not.

Thomas Peacock.

THOMAS PEACOCK sworn, and examined.

71,763. Where do you live?—No. 14, Silvervester Street.

71,764. What is your business?—None at all.

71,765. What rent do you pay?—£14.

71,766. Are you a freeman?—No, I am not.

71,767. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—At the last one.

71,768. Who did yon vote for?—For Moore and Butler.

71,769. Did you receive any money?—I was upon the committee.

71,770. What committee was that?—In Osborne Street. I did not receive any money for voting; I received a pound for four or five days being on the committee.

71,771. What did you do; did you canvass?—Yes. I went out and distributed cards and bills.

71,772. That is what they call a messenger, is it not, or a runner?—I do not know.

71,773. You were not one of the committee men as distinguished from a runner?—No.

71,774. People who carry the cards about are generally called messengers and runners; were you not of that kind?—I attended the committee room every day for four or five days.

71,775. Your name was set down, I think, in South Myton, as a messenger?—I do not know that.

71,776. Did you not apply for it to be put down; did you not go and say you wished to be employed?—No.

71,777. How came they to find you out?—I have been living in Silvester Street for eight years.

71,778. They did not go to every man who lives in Silvester Street?—I lived there for about eight years. They knew me very well.

71,779. Did you go to the committee room, and offer yourself for employment as a messenger?—I went there, and tendered my vote.

71,780. Did you tender you vote at the committee room?—They asked me if I had a vote and I told them yes, I had.

71,781. What else did you say, that they might put you down for employment?—They put me down for a committee man.

71,782. When did they pay you your money as a committee man?—May be eight or ten weeks after. I never went and applied for it.

71,783. Who brought it you?—Mr. Steeple. Mr. Wells wondered why I had not called for eight or ten weeks. I went there, and he gave me a sovereign. That is the whole truth.

71,784. How many days were you on the committee?—Four or five or six days. I did not keep any particular account. I did not care anything about the election. I do not want to vote again.

John Plummer.

JOHN PLUMMER sworn, and examined.

71,785. Where do you live?—29, Caroline Street.

71,786. What is your business?—Shipwright.

71,787. What rent do you pay?—£11, and the taxes.

71,788. When were you made a freeman?—In 1820.

71,789. Was it at your own expense?—Yes.

71,790. Did you take it up yourself?—Yes.

71,791. Did you vote in the year 1841?—Yes.

71,792. Who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James, I think it was.

71,793. Did you receive any money at that election?—Not at all.

71,794. Nothing?—Nothing.

71,795. At any time?—Not at any time.

71,796. Did you after the election?—No; not after the election.

71,797. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I think Baines and Brown.

71,798. Clay was the other candidate?—I think it was Baines and Brown.

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71,799. Did you receive any money then?—No.
71,800. Neither before nor after?—Neither before nor after.
71,801. Did you let them have a room?—No; no room at all.
71,802. At the last election, did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
71,803. Your name is down, I think, in the Lowgate list for a messenger?—It is.
71,804. Did you apply to be set down as a runner?—No; I was not a runner.
71,805. How did it come down, then?—I was there, and I used to attend at the room. I was a kind of deputy committee man.
71,806. What did you do as a deputy committee man?—I went and canvassed.
71,807. How long was it before the election that you began to canvass?—I cannot say exactly.
71,808. You can give us some idea?—I do not know at what time the members came down. A week or so after the members came down.
71,809. You did not go round with the members?—No.
71,810. You went another way?—I went another way.
71,811. On your own account, or were you sent out canvassing?—I went out on my own account.
71,812. You kept a list of those you canvassed?—No; I cannot say I canvassed very much.
71,813. How much did you get for doing nothing?—I got nothing for doing nothing.
71,814. No payment?—No payment.
71,815. You received no money at all?—No.
71,816. Did you go with any people to the poll?—Yes, I think I did, with one man.
71,817. Where did you take him from?—I think I picked him up in Lowgate. There was one man in a cab against Lowgate ward.
71,818. Did you give him a little refreshment before you got there?—No.
71,819. How came you to go up with him?—The same as I would go up with any other person.
71,820. Did he not know the way, or what was the reason?—No. I was going up myself, and he thought he would go with me.
71,821. Did you ever receive any money?—No.
71,822. Neither before nor after the election?—Neither before nor after.
71,823. Did you let them any room?—No.
71,824. Did you send them any people to have their names set down as runners?—No.
71,825. When canvassing?—No.
71,826. Did you send any people to the committee room to be set down as runners?—No; I cannot say that I did; not to my recollection.
71,827. Was there not some money left at your house after the election was over, at some time?—No; not a farthing.
71,828. Not at any election?—Not at any election.
71,829. I thought you seemed to know that your name had been set down in Lowgate; you said so?—Yes; it was set down in Lowgate.
71,830. In the committee?—Yes.
71,831. Did you apply to have it set down?—No. I went up into the room, and they asked me if I would have it set down.
71,832. They asked you?—Yes; and I said I did not mind; I could spare a little time in the evenings, but not at other times.
71,833. And you got no money?—No; no money.
71,834. Did you expect that you would get something after the election was over?—No.

James Plummer.

JAMES PLUMMER sworn, and examined.

71,835. Where do you live?—William's Square, Mason Street.
71,836. What is your business?—Shipwright.
71,837. What rent do you pay?—Eight guineas.
71,838. When were you made a freeman?—1845.
71,839. At your own expense?—Yes.
71,840. Who did you vote for in 1847?—For Baines and Brown.
71,841. Did you get your name set down?—No.
71,842. Did you get any money for your vote?—No.
71,842. Did you get any money at all?—No.
71,843. Before or after the election?—No.
71,845. No money at all?—No money at all.
71,846. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
71,847. I believe your name was set down then?—Yes.
71,848. Did you apply to have it set down?—No.
71,849. How did it happen?—I was in the committee room. I had promised my vote before that, and they said if I would assist for two days I should be paid for it; they did not require my labour for nothing.
71,850. As a runner?—As a messenger.

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71,851. And then it was put down?—It was put down.
71,852. You told them you should vote for their party?—They knew that before.
71,853. How much did you get?—10*s.*
71,854. Who paid it you?—Mr. Pulleyn.
71,855. When did he pay you?—On the Saturday following.
71,856. Do you think Mr. Pulleyn would have paid you if you had voted for Clay and Goderich?—I do not suppose he would.
71,857. You would not have asked for it?—No; I should not have required it. I should not have required anything if they had not had my services.

Francis Postell.

FRANCIS POSTELL sworn, and examined.

71,858. Where do you live?—Thornton Square.
71,859. What is your busines?—I am a mariner.
71,860. What rent do you pay?—I lodge there.
71,861. When were you made a freeman?—1818.
71,862. In 1841, when Clay and Thompson and Hanmer and James were candidates, did you vote?—Yes.
71,863. For whom?—For Clay and Hanmer, I think; I will not be sure.
71,864. Did you get any money for your vote?—No.
71,865. Did you get any money at all?—No, not any.
71,866. Before or after the election?—No, not any.
71,867. At the next election, in 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.
71,868. Did you get any money then?—Nothing at all.
71,869. In 1852, who did you vote for; Moore and Butler?—I did.
71,870. Did you get your name set down in the Market Place as a runuer?—Yes; in Humber Street.
71,871. Did you apply to have it set down?—Yes, I think I did, but I will not be too confident.
71,872. Was it at Legitt's?—No.
71,873. What money did you get?—27*s.* 6*d.*
71,874. When were you paid?—Two or three days after the election.
71,875. The whole of it, or were you paid some before?—I think I was paid 10*s.* before, or something of that kind.
71,876. Who paid you that sum before?—Mr. Aitkens.
71,877. Where did he pay you?—At the committee room.
71,878. And where was the remainder paid you?—At the same place.
71,879. By whom?—He gave me the money; it came from Davis in the Market Place.
71,880. Just remember? You were put down as a runner at Brown's election in 1847; did you not get some money then?—I never had any money from Brown that I recollect.
71,881. You think not; you are not quite sure about it?—I am not sure.
71,882. A good many people said they did get some of Mr. Brown's money?—I am sure I did not get a farthing of it.

J. E. Postell.

JAMES EDWIN POSTELL sworn, and examined.

71,883. Where do you live?—In Adelaide Street.
71,884. What is your business?—I am a hairdresser.
71,885. What rent do you pay?—£14.
71,886. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
71,887. When were you made a freeman?—1846.
71,888. Did you vote in 1847?—Yes.
71,889. For Clay, Baines, or Brown?—Baines and Clay.
71,890. Were you employed as a runner for the orange party?—No.
71,891. Did you receive any money at that election?—No.
71,892. Nothing at all?—No.
71,893. Are you sure of that?—Perfectly.
71,894. At the last election in 1852, who did you vote for?—Clay and Gooderich.
71,895. I believe you got your name set down for the blue party?—No.
71,896. Was your name not set down at the Minerva Terrace?—Not that I am aware of; not by my authority.
71,897. Did you never hear of it?—No; I never was canvassed but once by the blues, in 1852.
71,898. What did you say to them?—I gave them a denial; I was asked by Mr. Croft, and I was a second time canvassed by Mr. Claxton and Mr. Mawe, and I gave them all a denial.
71,899. Was your name set down for the orange party as a runner?—No; as a clerk.
71,900. At which room?—In Osborne Street.

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71,901. How long were you a clerk?—I was four days successively engaged there previous to the election, but I had been there off and on for many days prior to that.

71,902. Would it be four including the day of election?—Yes.

71,903. How much money did you get?—Do you mean altogether?

71,904. I ask you first as to the four days?—I received it altogether.

71,905. How much did you receive altogether?—Either 3*l.* or 3*l.* 1*s.* I received; I would not be positive as to the amount.

71,906. Was it calculated on the same rate per day?—I had some to pay out of that. I paid 14*s.* to a man of the name of Carrall, who I believe explained it to you here.

71,907. Then you received 3*l.* less 14*s.*?—It was either 3*l.* or 3*l.* 1*s.*; I would not be positive as to that amount, and 14*s.* out of that I had to pay to Carrall.

71,908. A man of the name of Carrall you say, who has been a witness, what was he?—He was a runner.

71,909. Who directed you to pay Carrall 14*s.*?—Dr. Hodgson.

71,910. You had the 3*l.* 1*s.* less 14*s.*?—I am not positive as to 3*l.* or 3*l.* 1*s.*, but it was 14*s.* off that amount.

71,911. Was that calculated at any rate per day?—I do not know; the way it was done, was this, I was to make out a note for the days I had been successively engaged. I put it down at Mr. Galloway's office, the amount was put down, and I took it to the central committee, at which Mr. Atkinson paid me the amount, and no more do I know about it.

71,912. When did he pay that?—On the Wednesday after the election.

71,913. Did you not make out the bill yourself?—Only for the amount of days I was employed.

71,914. How many days did you make it out for?—Four days that I was successively employed. I took that to Dr. Hodgson, he signed it. I took it to Mr. Galloway's office, and Mr. Braidy put down what amount I was to receive, and Mr. Atkinson gave me the amount.

71,915. I thought you said you had been engaged off and on several days before that?—Yes, for a month or six weeks on and off.

71,916. And did part of that payment apply to those odd days?—Yes; I expect so.

71,917. It was not upon the note?—I told them the manner in which I had been employed.

71,918. Who fixed the amount you were to be paid?—Mr. Braidy put the amount down that I was to receive.

71,919. I thought you said Dr. Hodgson put it down?—No; Dr. Hodgson put down no amount. Mr. Braidy put down the amount.

71,920. Was that at the same room?—No, it was at Mr. Galloway's office. I told him how I had been employed, the same as I tell you now.

71,921. Was this done after you had voted?—This note?

71,922. Was it made after you had voted?—Yes, decidedly; but I had promised my vote prior to being employed by them, a long time.

Adjourned till to-morrow, at 10 o'clock.

FIFTIETH DAY.—Thursday, 4th August 1853.

The Right Honourable MATTHEW TALBOT BAINES, M.P., sworn, and examined.

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71,923. I believe you were formerly member for this borough?—I was.

71,924. And you are now I believe member for the borough of Leeds, and a privy councillor of Her Majesty?—Yes; I was member for Hull from July 1847 until the general election in July 1852.

71,925. You had been, we understand, recorder of this borough, and resigned that appointment shortly previous to your offering yourself as a candidate?—I had the honour of holding the appointment of recorder of this borough from 1837 to 1847, that is for ten years, and as you are aware, before I could offer myself as a candidate for the borough, it became necessary that I should resign the office of recorder.

71,926. Had you any other connexion with the borough beyond that of your professional character?—Not the least; I was a perfect stranger to Hull, and to all the inhabitants, when I came here in the year 1837; my connexion was entirely of an official and professional character.

71,927. Did it continue merely official and professional up to the time of your becoming a candidate?—Strictly so.

71,928. Had you become in any way acquainted with the circumstance that Hull had not a very good reputation in point of the expenses of its contests?—I had heard generally that there had been petitions against some of the former returns for Hull, but one line of conduct which I prescribed for myself while recorder of the borough was, never to inter-

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mix in any way with the politics of the borough, and least of all to interfere or meddle with any of the contested elections which took place during that time.

71,929. You think then that the peculiar position that you occupied rather prevented you from becoming acquainted than associated you with the local history of Hull, I mean with reference to its political history?—I should say so. I assure you I acted strictly upon that rule; I avoided all conversations with reference to Hull politics, and I believe it was by entertaining that view that I obtained the confidence of a great number of the most respectable inhabitants of the borough.

71,930. You had heard that a petition consequent upon the election of 1837, which was heard in the House of Commons in the year 1838, was in a great measure a bribery scrutiny?—Yes, certainly, I had heard of that.

71,931. About how long before the dissolution were you invited to become a member?—I should think that it had been first intimated to me that there was a possibility that I might be invited about the end of June, and it was while I was attending at the York assizes in my professional character, in the beginning or the middle of July I should say, that I received the requisition.

71,932. It has been said that your first visit to Hull as a candidate was only as early as the Friday before the election, which took place on the Thursday?—I am not certain as to the day, but I should think it was about that.

71,933. Allow me to assist you with two or three dates. It has been stated that you came on Friday, and that a deputation went to Mr. Brown on Saturday night or Sunday, and Mr. Brown came on the Monday?—I think I heard of it on the Monday.

71,934. That brings me to the question I was about to put to you: did you in any way anticipate a contest when you arrived here?—Not the least; it had been put to me strongly that my offering myself as a candidate would in all probability avert a contest, which a great many of the most respectable inhabitants were desirous to prevent; and when the requisition was presented to me at York, so little anxious was I to become a member of Parliament, that in the first instance I wrote a letter to my friend Mr. Bright, telling him that I must decline offering myself as a candidate for Parliament. I was convinced, looking at my professional avocations, one of which required that I should absent myself from London two or three times in the course of the year for such a lengthy period, that I could not discharge efficiently those duties that belonged to a member who represented a constituency like this. Mr. Bright returned me for answer, that great pains had been taken to get up the requisition, and many of my friends had made great sacrifices for bringing it to a completion, and that if I would offer myself, there was every probability that there would be no contest, which was what the respectable people in the borough desired; in fact, it was put to me in such a way that I determined to retract the refusal which I had previously given, and I sent an acceptance of the requisition, and by the same post I sent the resignation of my recordership to the Home Office.

71,935. Did you learn when you were first invited that it was a requisition consisting of many names of both of the two political parties called orange and blue, in Hull?—Yes, of all parties.

71,936. Did that lead you to the conclusion that a contest was less likely than otherwise? Certainly. I thought a contest scarcely possible under the circumstances in which I was informed that I stood.

71,937. But in the course of your communications with Mr. Bright, the gentleman you have named, was anything said to you upon the subject of the expenses which you might be likely to incur?—Certainly, nothing further than this, that as there was no probability of a contest, the expenses would be as nearly nominal as might be; I know that idea was conveyed to me, but whether that was said in words I cannot undertake to say at this moment.

71,938. The general result was, that the expenses would be inconsiderable?—Yes.

71,939. Was any sum ever mentioned?—No.

71,940. Was any sum ever mentioned, in any part of the contest?—Never.

71,941. Was any limit ever put by you upon the expenditure in the way of a fixed sum, or was there any limit put upon your liability by your committee?—Certainly not. Having selected an agent, through the kindness of Mr. Bright, who was so kind as to offer to act in that character; having selected an agent in whose intelligence, discretion, honour, and prudence to myself I had the fullest confidence, I certainly did not feel it necessary to mark out any limit to which he ought to go; I put myself unreservedly into his hands, and when he sent in the ultimate account of the expenses which he had incurred, I paid those accounts; indeed, I had paid those accounts before I received them, if I may be permitted to say so; that is, every farthing that he had advanced had been paid before I received the account, but I paid it in the full confidence that Mr. Bright had not done, and would not sanction, knowingly at all events, anything illegal or improper in any way whatever.

71,942. Mr. Bright was a gentleman with whom you were previously acquainted?—I had known Mr. Bright during the whole time of my connexion with Hull.

71,943. Was it at any time, in or before the election, brought to your attention, either by your own personal observation or by statements of others, that there was a class of people in Hull called runners, who were employed for an almost nominal service, and expected to be paid?—Certainly not; I never heard of them until long after the election.

71,944. Or messengers, or any other name, tantamount to that?—You mean persons nominally messengers, but really receiving money for the purpose of influencing their votes?

71,945. Speaking to a lawyer, I use a technical term, whose employment was colourable?—I was not aware that there was any such class.

71,946. I presume that your answer applies to either your personal observation or to information from others?—Certainly, given in the most unreserved way; I had no such knowledge.

71,947. Was it upon the Monday or the Sunday night that you heard the contest would take place?—I think it was on the Monday; I believe I passed the Sunday with my friend and chairman, Mr. Tottie; and I think, upon my return to Hull that night, I received a note from Mr. Bright informing me that there was another candidate in the field; I think on Sunday night or Monday morning.

71,948. At that time had much progress been made in arranging a committee upon your behalf?—I do not know; I knew a number of gentlemen were kindly interesting themselves for me.

71,949. Were district committees appointed; there might be a number of gentlemen sitting in a central committee without districts?—I really do not know whether there were at that time; I may state this, that I positively declined to canvass, and would have nothing to do with any personal canvass when I came to Hull.

71,950. Did you not during the whole time make a personal canvass?—Never.

71,951. Mr. Bright stated that?—That is the fact.

71,952. Upon the Monday, I presume, measures were taken to organize the distribution of the polling cards, and so on?—I understood from Mr. Bright that my friends had now become extremely active, in anticipation of a contest, and perhaps this difference then took place in my own conduct; I went, I think, to more public meetings after that, for the purpose of stating my opinions to the electors, than I had done before.

71,953. Excuse me if I ask the question, whether or not, in point of fact, your opinions were not those which are commonly known by the name of orange in Hull; you did not give a distinctive colour, we are told, in consequence of the union of parties in your favour?—I told every meeting that I addressed distinctly that I was favourable to the political principles of Lord John Russell; I believe that that denoted orange; that is what I said; I did not call myself either orange or blue; I told them that I was not a political follower or adherent, but that I politically agreed with Lord John Russell.

71,954. Pink was the colour that you took?—Yes, pink.

71,955. What other step did you yourself take, beyond that of making your opinions known through the medium of public addresses?—No other; I went about, as I just now stated, more frequently, and addressing the electors, offering myself to be examined and cross-examined by anybody who thought fit to do that; that was all that I did.

71,956. Did you go much to the committee rooms?—No, I never was at the committee rooms, at least that I know to be committee rooms; I have been, as I stated, at places where I was requested to address the electors, and it may be that I addressed them from the windows of some of the committee rooms, but I certainly was not aware that I went to them as committee rooms.

71,957. Mr. Sidebottom, we hear, the solicitor in this town, was employed upon your behalf; was he retained by you or by the chairman?—Certainly not by me; I believe my committee retained two solicitors, Mr. Sidebottom and Mr. William Ayre.

71,958. Had you any acquaintance with Mr. Sidebottom?—A professional one; I had been counsel for Mr. Sidebottom at York repeatedly.

71,959. I mean intimate acquaintance?—No, not at all; it was purely a professional acquaintance.

71,960. Or Mr. Ayre?—Mr. Ayre was clerk to the magistrates, and therefore as recorder I had been brought a good deal in communication with him in the borough.

71,961. Did you go to Hedon at all?—Yes, I accompanied Mr. Charles Whitaker to Hedon one evening, I forget which, but I think some two or three days before the election.

71,962. Did you know Mr. Park?—No, certainly not; I was introduced to a number of gentlemen there, but whether Mr. Park was one I do not know.

71,963. Was Mr. Park one of your agents?—Not that I know of; the committee may have engaged him, but I knew nothing of Mr. Park.

71,964. Did you at the time know that he was engaging himself very actively on your behalf?—I certainly did not know of that, nor did I know that anybody but Mr. Whitaker was taking an active part; I understood Mr. Whitaker to have some local connexion with Hedon, and he was so good as to accompany me there upon one occasion.

71,965. The gentleman I mean is Mr. Godfrey Richard Park, a solicitor?—I do not know his name; I do not know that there was any other agent employed; if there was it was by my committee.

71,966. Did you go with him or with any other gentleman at Hedon to canvass the Hedon voters?—Certainly not; I never canvassed a single voter. Allow me to say, at Hedon I met a number of voters, at least I understood them to be voters, at a public meeting, and addressed them publicly.

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71,967. Did you know in point of fact at that time that the Hedon voters belonged to a class who were desirous of voting for money?—Certainly not.

71,968. And who would not vote otherwise?—Certainly not; I had not the least knowledge of any such thing.

71,969. Did you hear that during the course of the contest a negotiation was entered into upon your behalf, either by Mr. Park or anybody else, for the purchase of the Hedon voters?—Certainly not. I hope I may say, without any improper pride, that I do not think that anybody would venture to submit any such bargain to me at that or at any other time.

71,970. You deny all knowledge of the fact, supposing it to be so?—Certainly; in the most explicit and unreserved manner.

71,971. Because documents have been put in, one of which I will show you?—I trust that the Commissioners will examine me and question me in the most unreserved manner.

71,972. Here is a list of persons who received 10*s.* each for their votes; that is, 10*s.* paid by you, and a pound by Mr. Brown?—I never heard of it, and I was not aware that I was a partner with Mr. Brown in any such speculation as that.

71,973. That would be under the name of travelling expenses?—I never heard of it under any name.

71,974. Did you hear during the course of your contest that there were persons whom I have already mentioned to you, runners; but who, under the name of travelling expenses, asked for money totally disproportioned to their real expenses, leaving a margin for the purchase of the vote?—Certainly not.

71,975. You know where Hedon is?—Yes; six or seven miles from Hull.

71,976. Did you hear that in addition to the two classes that I have named, namely, runners and messengers, that there were a class of people in Hull who also considered that they had a claim to be paid after the election, if they voted for a particular candidate; that claim being created by the simple act, to use a familiar term, of being set down?—No; I never heard that until this inquiry.

71,977. You never heard that as a technical word, which signified that a man is to be put down and paid if he voted?—I assure you I never heard of the expression until I read some of the evidence on this inquiry.

71,978. It appears, by the accounts that have been before us, that considerable expenses were incurred upon your behalf in payment to persons for committee rooms; as much as ten guineas was charged for two or three days. Were you in any way cognizant of the arrangements that were made in that respect?—No; I had not the least knowledge of them.

71,979. A very large sum is put down in your account under the head of printing, advertising, and stationary, 320*l.* Was your observation directed to the fact that very large amounts were being incurred at the time?—I cannot say that I observed anything that appeared to me excessive in that respect; there was a good deal of printing going on; but I cannot say that it appeared to me that there was more than might be fairly termed necessary; how much there was I had not the means of seeing, I could not tell; it appeared to me afterwards, I admit, upon looking at those bills, that they were large and excessive.

71,980. I will put the question another way: when the accounts were furnished to you, did they appear to be larger than you anticipated?—Certainly.

71,981. Allow me to ask to what extent?—I really can hardly say to what extent. I confess I was very much surprised at having to pay so much.

71,982. What in your view would be a legitimate sum?—I am really hardly a judge of that, from never having had any experience of a Hull contest at any time except upon that occasion; because something must depend, and in fact much depends, upon the circumstances of the borough, the extent, and means of communication, and so on; therefore I could hardly form a judgment. I think I have seen it stated here by two gentlemen, I think Mr. Alderman Gresham one, and Mr. Bright another, that 400*l.* would be about as much as was necessary for a perfectly pure election; and I have no reason to doubt it.

71,983. Mr. Bright said that the whole difference between the 400*l.* and the 1,828*l.* which you paid was excessive?—I dare say he is right.

71,984. And Mr. Blundell said that he paid the expenses of Mr. Hill's election when elected, and they did not exceed 400*l.*?—I dare say he is right.

71,985. You had never been in Parliament before?—No. I had never been a candidate for any place before.

71,986. Had you formed in your own mind any idea of what the expenses would come to?—No, I cannot say that I had. I saw, at the time of the election, a good deal of this printing, and a great number of cabs employed. I know that I had myself been at Hedon, and that there must be some committee rooms and all that; but my notion I assure you was extremely vague as to the probable amount of the expenses. I cannot say that I had formed in my mind anything like a probable estimate of what the amount would be.

71,987. I mean at the time when the contest became quite inevitable?—I perfectly understand the question.

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71,988. Did you form any judgment as to whether the number of persons whom you saw at the doors where your flags were out, was greater than it ought to be?—No; but as I stated before, I really did not go to any of the rooms, unless they were rooms where I had occasion to address the electors, and there I could not distinguish between the persons there employed or professing to be employed, and other persons, bystanders.

71,989. Had you means of determining, or coming to any opinion, as to the number of messengers that were actually employed?—Not the least.

71,990. Since, of course, it appears by the accounts?—Yes.

71,991. If that be so, it seems to render it unnecessary to put to you the question whether you knew that they were freemen or not?—I have not the least notion whether they were or not, or who they were.

71,992. Did you hear during the course of the contest that a considerable number of freemen were messengers engaged on your behalf?—Certainly not.

71,993. Or voters at all?—Certainly not.

71,994. I have no occasion to be quite so long with you as with gentlemen not so familiar with the law, therefore I put the question to you at once: can you afford us any information at all upon the subject of our inquiry?—I wish I could. I have not the least doubt, as the result of my connexion with Hull, that a large portion of the constituency here is as pure and as honourable as any constituency in the world, but they have the misfortune to be mixed up with an element of a very different character; there are persons, I believe, who, quite irrespective of anything like political principle, are anxious to get up a contest for the sake of the emolument it might bring. I found that on the occasion when I came down upon the second election, the only other election I went through. You are aware that in the beginning of 1849 I had the honour to be appointed by Government to my present office, and it became necessary that I should go through another election, and certainly I believe the leaders of all parties in the town refused to have anything to do with any opposition to me; they stated upon the whole that they were satisfied with my conduct in Parliament, and they thought that I ought to be in Parliament, and I assure you I escaped a contest then by a miracle. I believed down to the very last that a contest would take place in 1849, and I believe a man never had the misfortune to become more unpopular than I did upon that occasion, because nobody could be got to oppose me, and the result of what I saw then and what I had seen before was, I may say, to speak strongly, but not more strongly than I felt, that no earthly consideration would ever induce me to offer myself again as a candidate for the honour of representing the constituency of Hull; and a year before the last general election, and when no prospect had opened of my going anywhere else, I declared my intention of not offering myself again for Hull. I did not receive the invitation from the present constituency whom I represent until ten months after I had declined.

71,995. How soon was it known then that you would not offer yourself again?—It was not publicly known till a year or a year and a half before the general election. I did not immediately after the election of 1849 say that I should not come again, but several of my friends understood that that was my purpose, and undoubtedly it was my settled purpose from the time of that second election.

71,996. Should you now, from the present knowledge that you have of Hull, consider that it would be the duty of anybody bringing forward a fresh candidate to enter unreservedly into the state of the constituency of the borough?—Do you mean to disclose it to him.

71,997. Supposing you were about to introduce a successor, a friend or political adherent, should you consider that it was the duty of a person undertaking such a responsible situation as that of introducing a man to a contest, to make him thoroughly acquainted with all the circumstances?—Surely I should consider it my bounden duty, if I knew that anybody intended to offer himself as a candidate for Hull, to tell him. I think any person coming as a candidate ought undoubtedly to be informed by the person bringing him, if that person has the means of knowledge of the actual state of affairs in Hull, and it would be exceedingly unfair to introduce him without that knowledge.

71,998. Did you happen to hear, during the course of the contest, of a person of the name of William Henry Nicholson?—Never. I do not think I have.

71,999. Did you hear, upon the election day, that there were through the town "lots of voters," are the words, waiting to be bought?—I heard of that fact from Mr. Brown when he came to my committee room, I should say at about two o'clock on the afternoon of that day; and this gives me an opportunity of stating that my recollection of the conversation that took place then differs in one point from that of Mr. Bright. The difference I account for in this way. I need not state to gentlemen of the profession to which I have the honour of belonging, that evidence of conversations six years ago is very apt to be differently recollected and differently represented by the gentlemen who were both present; and then again it may be that I heard a portion of that which Mr. Bright did not hear. I have a distinct recollection that when Mr. Brown came to my committee room between one and two or two and three o'clock in the afternoon, he said this: "I have come to tell you that I am not going to keep this up any longer; but let me tell you that there are a number of fellows," I think that was the expression that was used, "hanging about my committee room ready to be bought if I would only pay them." I said to Mr. Brown that I thought that he had acted very handsomely in coming to apprise

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me at the earliest time of his intention to resign the contest, and that was all that passed between us. I had no previous acquaintance with Mr. Brown—none.

72,000. In what respect do you think that that substantially differs from Mr. Bright's statement?—In this way. I have read a report of Mr. Bright's evidence, and I understand that Mr. Bright says that he does not recollect anything being said by Mr. Brown about there being people hanging about ready to be bought. I believe you will find that Mr. Bright did say that; now I have a distinct recollection of it, and I mentioned it several times since, as a proof of things that did go on at Hull elections.

72,001. Did Mr. Brown mention Nicholson?—No; I never heard that name. He mentioned no name at all.

72,002. Did you, before the contest terminated, hear the name of Nicholson?—I have no recollection of ever hearing the name.

72,003. He is a sailmaker, and a farmer of votes in this town?—I have not the honour of his acquaintance, nor ever heard of him.

72,004. Is it to that you attribute Mr. Brown's resignation, the circumstance that he would not be a party to such a transaction?—I understood Mr. Brown at that time to say that he would not buy people who were there ready to be bought. That I understood distinctly from Mr. Brown in the course of that day, and I may mention that I had applications made to me from innumerable quarters to coalesce with one or other of the candidates.

72,005. How did you deal with such applications?—I uniformly declined to listen to them. I had come forward upon perfectly independent grounds, and whether the consequence was to be that I was to win or lose my election,—and the loss seemed probable at one time,—I was perfectly determined to maintain that ground throughout, and I did.

72,006. Can you in any way account for the remarkable circumstance that, considering that you were at the head of the poll in the early part of the day, that nevertheless you polled fewer than even Mr. Brown did after his resignation at the close of the day?—So I understood. I understand now that I had a very narrow escape.

72,007. Of being beaten by Mr. Brown, after all?—Yes.

72,008. He actually polled more in a single hour?—Yes; I have read that in the course of the evidence given before the Commissioners, and I dare say it was so. I presume that those were gentlemen who considered they had only an inchoate right up to the time of the voting to be paid by Mr. Brown, and endeavoured to make it somewhat more certain, by giving their vote. That is my impression.

72,009. It has been intimated that part of the reason, either of Mr. Brown's personal visit to your committee room upon the polling day, or the visit made by some one else which has been intimated, that one object of such a visit was, to make a proposal to you or your committee, that this number of persons, who you properly represented were hanging about, should be bought at the joint expense of the two parties;—did you never hear of such a proposition?—No person ever ventured to make such a proposition in my hearing, or to mention it to me, and I was not aware that any such proposition had been made.

72,010. You made no personal canvass?—No, not at all.

72,011. Nor attended any committee rooms?—Certainly not.

72,012. And Mr. Bright has stated, which probably you have in substance stated, that your instructions were very precise, that you placed yourself entirely in his hands, with a strong injunction that no money should be paid for bribery or treating?—Certainly.

72,013. You recollect some such intimation as that?—Yes; permit me to say I do not recollect the precise words, whether bribery or treating, or any other corrupt practices. I meant to assure Mr. Bright that the only principle upon which I would stand would be one of purity of election; that is to say, that I would be no party whatever to any illegal or improper practice.

72,014. I was only putting that with a view of founding another question upon it; having stated something of that kind in substance to Mr. Bright, and Mr. Bright having then asked as to the payment of runners, were you or not aware that among the freemen of Hull there was something in the nature of a customary payment of any kind existing?—I think I had heard that at that election, to which you made a reference just now, Mr. Wilberforce's, that there had been some evidence of that kind, I dare say a good deal of evidence of that kind given. I had heard of that, and it was with reference to what I had heard of corrupt practices formerly prevailing in Hull, that I was particularly anxious to impress upon Mr. Bright my strong wish and determination to have nothing whatever to do with any practice which was not strictly correct and legal.

72,015. You would probably be aware, from the profession to which you allude, and to which we all belong, that in many cases this kind of customary payment is considered almost a legal right?—It is a melancholy fact, no doubt.

72,016. Have you any knowledge of such a claim as a customary payment in Hull; do you remember if you particularly expressed yourself with reference to that to Mr. Bright?—I do not think I did; I believe my injunctions to Mr. Bright were of a general character, and intended to apply to every kind of corrupt practice.

72,017. Mr. Bright says: "I think Mr. Baines' impression was, that money was paid per head in Hull, and he refused to do it; I collected that from him during the contest.

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I said it was customary to pay the voters about 2*l.*, and he said he would be no party to that" ?—I do not remember Mr. Bright mentioning to me any such specific sum as 2*l.*; and all I can say of what I said to Mr. Bright is, that I gave him a very distinct notice, a maybe somewhat general declaration of my own feelings upon the subject intended to apply to every species of corruption, be it what it might.

72,018. I think you have stated that your remittances were from time to time ?—Yes; I think I made four altogether.

72,019. Were they some of them during the contest ?—No.

72,020. None until afterwards ?—No; when I went away from Hull after the contest I said to Mr. Bright: "I suppose you have laid out some money, if you will let me know what it is, I will remit it to you immediately;" and I think within a short time, I forget how long afterwards, Mr. Bright sent to tell me that I had better send 500*l.*, and I sent 500*l.*

72,021. I believe the examination and settlement of the account was later ?—Yes; did not receive the accounts till February 1848, the election having been in July 1847; and in the meantime all the payments had been made.

72,022. The accounts were not finally settled until the following year ?—No; I received them from Mr. Bright, and he stated that they had been in the hands of accountants, who had delayed them; he regretted their delay, and it was not until February I received them.

72,023. He informed us that he had occasion to employ an accountant in the matter ?—I believe so.

72,024. When the contest became imminent and certain, as we have heard there was a great deal of necessary activity and so on, and money must have been necessary too,—while it was going on, do you remember during the three days when the contest was so pressing and imminent, whether during that time Mr. Bright made any representation to you of the disbursements that he was necessarily making ?—No; he did not. I think he stated generally what was self-evident, that it would now cost more, and a good deal more, than had been anticipated. I was told that it would be necessary to engage a number of cabs, and the polling booths, and so on, and such expenses as we had never dreamt of.

72,025. He did not draw your attention to any particular heads ?—Certainly not.

72,026. For instance, the nature of the customary payment to runners ?—No.

72,027. Mr. Bright says: "It was immediately upon Mr. Brown's coming, when I said it would cost him more, that a conversation arose as to the practice at Hull elections"?—I do not remember its being mentioned at that time; you mean about the payment of head money ?

72,028. He rather drew the inference from your language than from anything you said, that you were under the impression that there was a customary payment of that sort; he mentioned 2*l.* as a kind of guess of his ?—I do not think it was mentioned; but I should not like to speak positively to that.

72,029. My note that I took with regard to that was, that Mr. Bright said that he had an impression that you were aware that something in the nature of head money was paid ?—I had no other impression than that I derived from hearing of the former election that I spoke of.

72,030. You would be aware probably, not now, but at the time you made the payments and went through the accounts, that there was a charge of 119*l.* for these runners or messengers ?—I believe for runners or messengers there is.

72,031. But during the contest, I understand you to say that your attention was not drawn in any way particularly either to the number of them or the character of the payments ?—Not in the least.

72,032. I will put one question to you as I put it to Mr. Moore. I will put it in the same form to you. Supposing that an item was to be found in your account to this effect, that a number of voters had been paid a day's wages merely for their labour in going up to the poll, would you have considered that contrary to your instructions that there should be no corrupt bribery ?—Undoubtedly.

72,033. You have been asked about colourable employment, but there has been another part of the custom that has been spoken to, which is for the necessary employment of the election, yet that the voters apply for that employment upon the understanding that if they are employed and paid, they are to vote for the persons employing them. Did you hear of that ?—Certainly not; and I should have entirely disapproved of it; that is buying the vote in another way.

72,034. Then Mr. Bright has told us, from the conversation and intercourse that he had with you, he thought himself entitled to spend the difference between 400*l.* and 1,800*l.*, except in the way of paying head money. Do you agree or deny that that was the import of the conversation ?—I left Mr. Bright a discretion which my experience tells me it is a wise thing to do when you have an agent upon whom you can rely. I told Mr. Bright distinctly that I would be no party to any illegal or improper practice, and with that general injunction I left Mr. Bright, who understood the matter a great deal better than I did, to make the payments which appeared to him to be necessary. When Mr. Bright's accounts came in, I never taxed them; I had not the least doubt that he had done his best, and I paid every farthing that he demanded from me; and I do believe

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now, although there was much of hurry and confusion at the time, and although some things may have been done, by those who did me the honour to act as my agents, indiscreetly, I am perfectly convinced that Mr. Bright never intended to lend himself to any corrupt practices at all; and I have sufficient confidence in him to say that he never did so.

72,035. Do I understand you to say that it was not until after the election that you had any idea of what the expenditure was?—Certainly not; in fact I was not aware of it until I made the last of those payments, which was about Christmas.

72,036. In October before the account was rendered to you?—I knew I paid all four.

72,037. You paid more than you were required?—Yes; I know I had some returned to me. I paid 1,900*l.*, three 500*l.* and one 400*l.*

72,038. Tell me in which class of the voters you found a strong desire for a contest, independent of the political motives?—I hardly know how to designate that class of voters.

72,039. Was it confined to the freemen, or was it the smaller class of 10*l.* householders?—I have no means of judging; it was not from coming into personal contact with them, it was from the way that I was met when I came forward, partly by freemen and partly by those who sympathised with the freemen, who might not be electors themselves; but undoubtedly it was the most unpopular thing that a man could do here, to come and find nobody to fight him.

72,040. You cannot say whether that was confined to the freemen?—I cannot say.

72,041. Or whether the more respectable part of the voters took part in that desire?—I do not think that.

William Norton.

WILLIAM NORTON sworn, and examined.

72,042. Where do you live?—In Carr Lane.

72,043. What is your business?—A livery stable keeper.

72,044. What rent do you pay for a house or premises?—I am assessed at 38*l.*

72,045. Are you a freeman?—No.

72,046. How long have you been entitled to vote?—Ever since the Reform Bill.

72,047. Who did you vote for in the year 1841?—I always voted for the blue party.

72,048. Did you vote for James and Hanmer?—Yes.

72,049. Did you get any money on that occasion or afterwards?—No.

72,050. Neither before nor after?—No.

72,051. Did you vote in 1847?—Yes.

72,052. Who for?—It was for the blue party.

72,053. There was no blue?—Then I voted for Mr. Baines only.

72,054. Did you get any money then?—No.

72,055. Were you a runner or messenger?—No.

72,056. A member of any committee?—No.

72,057. Were you in any way engaged in the election except in voting?—No, never.

72,058. Who did you vote for on the last occasion?—Moore and Butler.

72,059. This time your name appears to have been set down at Lowgate committee room for Moore and Butler; is that so?—No; it was in Chariot Street, where I voted this last time.

72,060. But where your name was set down?—I do not know, I am sure; my voting paper is in Chariot Street.

72,061. Did you vote at that election at all?—Yes.

72,062. Before the election day came on, was your name set down at the committee room?—No; I never was applied to for my vote by any person that I know of.

72,063. Were you not canvassed by the blue party?—I do not remember being canvassed at all.

72,064. Not by either orange or blue?—No; there might be some people called, but they were young men, and I took no notice of them. I was not much at home.

72,065. The question is, whether you had your name set down as a runner for pay?—No.

72,066. Did you receive any money at the election?—No.

72,067. Neither before nor after?—No; nor never paid any.

72,068. Not in any way?—No; I never had any money at all.

W. Pounsbury.

WILLIAM POUNSBURY sworn, and examined.

72,069. Where do you live?—In High Street.

72,070. What business are you?—A sailmaker.

72,071. What is your rent?—About 5*l.*

72,072. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

72,073. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1830.

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72,074. In 1841 who did you vote for?—I always voted on the orange side before the last election.
72,075. Did you vote for Clay and Thompson?—Yes.
72,076. Were you paid anything at all?—No; nothing at all.
72,077. Were you paid any money that election?—No; nothing at all.
72,078. Not any money coming from the candidates or their committee?—Nothing at all.
72,079. In 1847 who did you vote for?—No person.
72,080. Why not?—I was busy; I had not time to attend upon them.
72,081. Were you paid any money?—No.
72,082. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
72,083. Were you paid for that?—I was paid a sovereign.
72,084. Was that before or after you voted?—After.
72,085. Who by?—By Mr. Charles Wells, in George Yard.
72,086. Was that all?—That is all I received.

JOSEPH POWDRELL sworn, and examined.

Joseph Powdrell.

72,087. Where do you live?—At Wilmington, in the parish of Sutton.
72,088. What is your business?—I am in the buying line for Sheffield shanks and those things.
72,089. What rent do you pay?—£10.
72,090. Are you a freeman?—No.
72,091. How long have you been entitled to vote?—I have voted at two elections.
72,092. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I gave each party one.
72,093. Who do you call the parties?—I do not know them.
72,094. Baines, Brown, or Clay?—I think it was Baines; but I am sure I do not know.
72,095. And Brown?—And the orange, one to each party.
72,096. Were you paid anything for it?—No.
72,097. Did you get any money that election?—No.
72,098. On any account?—Not on any account.
72,099. After the election?—No.
72,100. At the last election who did you vote for?—I voted for the two blues.
72,101. That is Moore and Butler?—Yes.
72,102. Were you paid for that?—Three weeks after that, I received 10*s.*, when I was in the Market, of Samuel Stephenson.
72,103. Was that all you received?—That was all I received from any party.
72,104. Had you had your name set down at the committee room?—No; I am not aware that I had.
72,105. Had you had your name set down as a runner in the Holderness committee room?—No; nothing more than that.
72,106. What did they pay you for?—I do not know; they did not tell me what they paid me for.
72,107. You knew it was on account of the election?—Yes; I dare say. I did not object to it.

WILLIAM JOHN PRANCE sworn, and examined.

W. J. Prance.

72,108. Where do you live?—No. 10, Francis Street, West.
72,109. What is your business?—I have been a druggist, but I am not in business at present.
72,110. What rent do you pay?—£11.
72,111. Are you a freeman?—No; I vote as a householder.
72,112. How long have you been entitled to vote?—Ever since 1832.
72,113. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
72,114. Were you paid for it?—No.
72,115. Nothing that election?—No.
72,116. Not from the candidates or any party?—No; not from the candidates or any party belonging to the candidates.
72,117. Not on any account?—No.
72,118. After the election?—No.
72,119. Six months after?—No.
72,120. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I did not vote at all.
72,121. Why not?—It was Brown, Clay, and Baines, and I did not vote.
72,122. Why not?—I was out of town. It was half-past three when I got home, and when I found Mr. Brown losing his election, I found it was no use.
72,123. Were you paid any money?—No.
72,124. Was your name set down?—No.

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72,125. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
72,126. Were you paid for that?—Yes.
72,127. How much?—Half a guinea, and then a sovereign. That is 1*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* I received.
72,128. When were you paid the first?—On the Saturday of the week previous to the election.
72,129. Where?—At the committee room in Saville Street.
72,130. By whom?—By Mr. George Craven the first payment.
72,131. And the second where paid?—At the same committee, on the Saturday after the election.
72,132. You are not in such good circumstances as you used to be?—No, not exactly.

Anthony Priestley.

ANTHONY PRIESTLEY sworn, and examined.

72,133. Where do you live?—In Liddell Street.
72,134. What rent do you pay?—£15.
72,135. What is your business?—I am a seafaring man.
72,136. Are you a freeman?—No; I am a ratepayer.
72,137. How long have you been entitled to vote?—This is the first time.
72,138. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
72,139. Were you paid for it?—No; I do not know that I was. I got a sovereign for minding the committee room.
72,140. Was that all you got?—Yes.
72,141. Before or after you voted?—I was paid after.
72,142. Who paid you?—Mr. Cattley.
72,143. Did you ask them for employment?—No; they employed me.
72,144. Did you ask them for it?—No.
72,145. How came they to employ you?—They wanted some one to take care of the committee room.
72,146. Did they come to you?—Yes, they did.
72,147 What did he say to you?—He wanted a man to mind the committee room, and to run errands.
72,148. Did he ask you for your vote?—No.
72,149. Who asked for the vote?—Nobody.
72,150. Never at all?—No; they know I am a blue.
72,151. You did not promise?—Not until the last day.
72,152. When they undertook to give you employment, and pay you, you knew they expected you to vote for them?—I do not know for that.
72,153. Do you think they would have employed you, and paid you, if they thought you were going to vote for the orange party?—No; I should think not.
72,154. Did you think they would have paid you if you had voted orange?—I do not know.
72,155. Never mind what you know, what do you think about it?—Yes.
72,156. Have you any doubt that they would not have paid you if you voted orange?—No; I do not think they would have paid me.

John Ranson.

JOHN RANSON sworn, and examined.

72,157. Where do you live?—Lime Street, Groves.
72,158. What is your business?—Shipwright by trade.
72,159. What rent do you pay?—£5.
72,160. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
72,161. How long?—Since 1826, I believe.
72,162. In 1841 did you vote for Hanmer and James?—Yes.
72,163. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
72,164. How much?—I got 10*s.*
72,165. Was that before or after you voted?—After I voted.
72,166. Who by?—I cannot positively say, but I think Mr. Charles Hammond.
72,167. Where?—In Blue Bell Inn, Witham.
72,168. Was that all you got?—I got a sovereign for being poll clerk.
72,169. For being check clerk?—Yes.
72,170. Was that all you got?—Yes.
72,171. In 1847 who did you poll for?—Brown.
72,172. Were you paid for that?—I got a sovereign from Doctor Twining.
72,173. Was that all you got?—That was all I got.
72,174. Was that paid before or after you voted?—Before I voted.
72,175. Where?—At Noah's Ark, in Witham.
72,176. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Goderich.
72,177. Were you paid for your vote for the blues?—No; I was not paid from any party.

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72,178. Did you get no money at all?—Not a farthing.
72,179. Not before, or after, or during the election?—No.
72,180. Did you get 10*s.*?—No.
72,181. I see your name down with half a sovereign opposite to it?—I did not get it.
72,182. Your name is set down in Holderness?—It is unknown to me: I never received anything.
72,183. Do you know Mr. Bamford; your name is down in his list?—I never received anything.
72,184. Was your name set down?—Not to my knowledge.
72,185. Did you ever ask for anything?—No; and I never promised any one.

JOHN ROWCLIFFE sworn, and examined.

John Rowcliffe.

72,186. Where do you live?—Moxon Street.
72,187. What business are you?—I work at making carpets now; a tailor by trade.
72,188. What rent do you pay?—£5 a year.
72,189. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
72,190. How long have you been a freeman?—I am sure I cannot tell. The first time I voted was in Stanniforth's election.
72,191. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
72,192. Were you paid for it?—Yes; I think I got 10*s.*
72,193. Was that before or after you voted?—After I voted.
72,194. Where?—At the committee room. I cannot tell where the committee room was, but at some committee room.
72,195. Who paid it, do you know?—I think Mr. Bannister.
72,196. Was that all you got?—Yes, I think so. I do not remember getting any more.
72,197. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.
72,198. Were you paid for that?—Yes.
72,199. How much?—A sovereign.
72,200. Was that before or after you voted?—After I voted.
72,201. Where?—At Mr. Bannister's office.
72,202. At the Blue Bell?—No.
72,203. Was that all you got?—Yes.
72,204. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
72,205. Were you paid for that?—Yes.
72,206. How much?—I got 10*s.* the first time. I was set down for five days.
72,207. How much did you get altogether?—I think about 16*s.* I do not know to a shilling or two; my memory is bad.
72,208. Were you paid before or after you voted?—After I voted.
72,209. Who by?—By Mr. Bannister's brother, at his office.
72,210. Do you know his brother?—His brother-in-law.
72,211. What is his name?—I do not know his name.
72,212. Was it at Mr. Legitt's room?—No; at Mr. Bannister's office.
72,213. How long after the election?—The Saturday night after the election.
72,214. Were there other people paid beside you?—Yes
72,215. How many did you see there?—I did not see anything paid. We went in one by one.
72,216. You do know others were paid?—Yes; because they told me after they came out.
72,217. Did you see them come out?—Yes.
72,218. How many did you see come out?—Two or three. I might have seen more.
72,219. Did you see any waiting about to go in?—Yes.
72,220. How many?—I could not see. I did not take notice.
72,221. About how many did you take notice of?—I took no notice. As soon as I got my turn served away I went.
72,222. Were you waiting for your turn to go in?—Yes; I was waiting till I was called in.
72,223. Was there a doorkeeper?—Yes.
72,224. And you were called in your turn?—Yes.

THOMAS REED sworn, and examined.

Thomas Reed.

72,225. Where do you live?—Prior Street, Drypool.
72,226. What business are you?—I am a coal porter at present.
72,227. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
72,228. What rent do you pay?—£7 10*s.*
72,229. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1832.
72,230. In 1841 did you vote?—Yes.
72,231. Who for?—Hanmer and James.

Thomas Reed.

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72,232. Were you paid for it?—No.
72,233. Were you paid any money?—Not any.
72,234. Did you have no money that election on any account?—No.
72 235. Nor after the election?—No.
72,236. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Baines and Clay, I think.
72,237. Were you paid for that?—No.
72,238. Did you get any money?—No.
72,239. Neither before nor after the election?—Neither before nor after the election.
72,240. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
72,241. Were you paid for it?—I got half a sovereign.
72,242. Before or after you voted?—Some weeks after.
72,243. Who paid you?—Mr. Walker, the druggist, in Drypool.
72,244. Mr. Henry Whytal Walker?—Yes.
72,245. Had you had your name set down?—No.
72,246. Was that all you got?—All I got.

T. J. Reynards.

THOMAS JACKSON REYNARDS sworn, and examined.

72,247. Where do you live?—Cotton Mill Street.
72,248. What business are you?—A distiller.
72,249. What rent do you pay?—None.
72,250. What are you rated at?—The house is my own property.
72,251. Are you in partnership?—Yes.
72,252. The whole house is rated; you know what at?—I think about 8*l.*
72,253. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
72,254. How long have you been a freeman?—I became a freeman in November, 1846.
72,255. Did you vote in 1847?—No.
72,256. The last election was the first at which you voted?—Yes.
72,257. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
72,258. Were you paid for it?—I was not. I received 1*l.* some short time after, but I do not know who it was from. It was left at our house.
72,259. What was it for?—I do not know. I understood it was for voting.
72,260. And you took it?—I was out at work.
72,261. When you came home you took it?—I did not know who sent it.
72,262. You did not send it back?—Of course not.
72,263. You did not take much trouble to find out?—Not any.
72,264. I suppose you spent it?—I do not know what I did with it.

J. A. Ridley.

JAMES ATKIN RIDLEY sworn, and examined.

72,265. Where do you live?—Prospect Street.
72,266. What business do you carry on?—A currier.
72,267. What rent do you pay?—£12.
72,268. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
72,269. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1838.
72,270. In 1841 who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.
72,271. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
72,272. How much?—£1, after the election.
72,273. From whom?—I believe at Binks's, the painter, in High Street.
72,274. Through a window?—Yes.
72,275. Is that all you received?—That is all I received.
72,276. Did you know who paid that money at Binks's?—I am sure I did not.
72,277. Did you never hear?—No, I never heard.
72,278. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Clay and Brown.
72,279. Were you paid for that?—Yes.
72,280. How much?—£2.
72,281. Before or after you voted?—After.
72,282. Where?—I believe in the Pottery, at the Baltic.
72,283. You were one of Nicholson's lot?—I do not know; my name was put down, and I was sent there to receive it, and I received it there.
72,284. You were one of Hall, the landlord's, lot?—I cannot tell whose lot I was.
72,285. Was that all you got?—That was all I got.
72,286. Did you get 2*l.* entire, or 1*l.* 18*s.*, or 1*l.* 19*s.*?—It may be 1*l.* 19*s.*
72,287. Hall kept a shilling from you?—I cannot tell who kept the shilling back.
72,288. You do not think it was the man who sold you?—I do not know what you mean. My name was set down. I was not aware of it until I was sent to receive 2*l.*
72,289. What time were you set down?—I cannot tell that.
72,290. Was it the day before?—I do not know.

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72,291. You did not know you were sold like sheep in the market?—I was not aware I was set down until the night before the election.
72,292. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
72,293. Were you paid for that?—Yes.
72,294. How much?—30*s.*
72,295. Before or after you voted?—After I voted.
72,296. Who by?—Mr. Aitkin.
72,297. Where?—In Mytongate.
72,298. Is that all you got?—That is all.
72,299. Did you belong to any party this time?—No.
72,300. Did you see Mr. Nicholson this last time?—No.
72,301. Were you at the Pilot Boy?—No, I had nothing at all to do with him, except going down and receiving the money.

C. Robinson.

Christopher Robinson sworn, and examined.

72,302. Where do you live?—Silvester Square, Silvester Street.
72,303. What is your business?—I am a labourer.
72,304. What rent do you pay?—£6.
72,305. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
72,306. How long have you been free?—Since 1839.
72,307. In 1841 who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.
72,308. Was your freedom paid for by the party?—Yes.
72,309. Which party?—The blue party.
72,310. Was it in consequence of that that you voted for them in 1841?—No, I do not think it was.
72,311. When they took up your freedom and paid for it, did you not understand they would expect you to vote for them?—They did not ask.
72,312. Did you not understand when they paid for your freedom that they would expect you to vote for them in return?—Yes.
72,313. In 1841 you did vote for them?—Yes.
72,314. And you kept your bargain, did you not?—Just so.
72,315. Were you paid for your vote as well?—No.
72,316. Did you get any money?—No.
72,317. No money from the candidates or their party at that election?—No.
72,318. Or after it?—No.
72,319. At the next election who did you vote for?—Mr. Baines.
72,320. Only?—No.
72,321. Who else?—Baines and Brown I voted for.
72,322. Were you paid for that?—No.
72,323. You got no money that election?—Nothing.
72,324. Nor after it?—No.
72,325. Not any amount?—No.
72,326. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
72,327. Were you paid for that?—Yes.
72,328. How much?—10*s.*
72,329. Before or after you voted?—After I voted.
72,330. Who by?—I do not know; it was brought to my house.
72,331. Where paid?—At my own house.
72,332. You do not know who paid?—No.
72,333. Was that all?—Yes.

W. Robinson.

William Robinson sworn, and examined.

72,334. Where do you live?—Upper Union Street.
72,335. What business are you?—A seaman.
72,336. What rent do you pay?—£4 10*s.*
72,337. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
72,338. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1821.
72,339. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes.
72,340. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
72,341. Who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
72,342. How much were you paid?—I got 5*l.* 10*s.* I was stopped, in consequence of stopping home from a voyage.
72,343. They asked you to stop at home and vote for them, and they paid you what you lost by it?—Yes.
72,344. And a little more?—No, I got nothing but that. I only got 4*l.* 10*s.* for the voyage, and a sovereign after, I got.
72,345. It was a little more than you lost?—No, I believe I lost a little myself.

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72,346. At the next election of 1847, who did you vote for?—Brown and Baines.
72,347. Were you paid for it?—Yes, I got 10*s.* from Brown.
72,348. Was that before or after you voted?—I got 5*s.* before, and 5*s.* after.
72,349. Who paid you for it?—I am sure I do not know. I was in that committee room in the market. I did not know the gentlemen sitting there.
72,350. Was that all you got?—That was all I got.
72,351. Did you not get anything for Baines?—No.
72,352. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
72,353. Were you paid for that?—Yes.
72,354. How much?—32*s.*
72,355. Were you set down as a runner?—I was set down as a messenger.
72,356. Were you paid before or after you voted?—Part before, and part after.
72,357. Who paid you, do you know?—I think they call him Mr. Elride.
72,358. Where was it paid?—At Minerva Terrace.
72,359. Are you blind?—Yes.
72,360. Have you been unfortunately blind for some time?—No; my eyesight has got worse within the last twelve months.
72,361. Could you see then?—Yes.
72,362. And they employed you as a messenger?—Yes, I did what I could. I used to mind the room, or go out anywhere, and do anything they askedme.

Henry Robinson.

HENRY ROBINSON sworn, and examined.

72,363. Where do you live?—Cogan Street.
72,364. What is your business?—Boat builder.
72,365. What rent do you pay?—£60.
72,366. Are you a freeman?—No.
72,367. How long have you been entitled to vote?—I think from about 1841; I cannot say exactly.
72,368. Did you vote in 1841?—No, I think not.
72,369. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines, I believe
72,370. Were you paid for it?—No.
72,371. Did you get any money that election?—No.
72,372. Not on any account?—No.
72,373. No bill for making flag-poles, or anything?—Nothing at all.
72,374. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
72,375. Were you paid for it this time?—No.
72,376. You got no money?—Not any.
72,377. Was your name set down anywhere?—Not that I know of. I never gave any consent to any such thing.
72,378. Did you go to Legitt's room at all, in Minerva Terrace?—No.
72,379. Did you see him at all?—Yes.
72,380. And talk to him about the election?—Yes.
72,381. What did he say?—He came soliciting to our place for our votes; that is all.
72,382. What did you say?—I told him I thought I should vote for them.
72,383. Did you tell him you were not quite certain?—Yes.
72,384. Did he say anything to you about setting your name down?—No; I did not give any promise to any party.
72,385. I ask whether anything was said to you about putting your name down, in order that you might be employed, and be payed?—No; never such a thing.
72,386. Or in order that you might be paid without being employed?—No
72,387. Did you ask for any money?—No.
72,388. At any time?—Not at any time.
72,389. You say he came to your place to canvass?—Yes.
72,390. Did he canvass only you?—He canvassed only what freemen and electors there were about the place.
72,391. Your workmen?—Yes.
72,392. How many of them?—There were only two, I think, at that time.
72,393. What were their names?—One was George Owbridge, and the other Joseph Drury.
72,394. Did you hear that they were paid for their votes?—I do not know, I am sure; I cannot say; I think there was one of them; as to the other I cannot say.
72,395. Which of them?—Drewey.
72,396. Where does he live?—I do not know where he lives; he has been up. The other, I think, polled for orange.
72,397. Will you undertake to swear you had no money?—Yes.
72,398. Or any expectation of money?—Yes, I will.
72,399. They did not have any rooms of you?—No; I never had any such thing hinted to me at all.

JAMES ERATT sworn, and examined.

James Eratt.

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72,400. Are you an almsman in the Kingston almshouses ?—Yes.
72,401. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.
72,402. How long have you been a freeman ?—35 years.
72,403. At the election in 1841 who did you vote for ?—James and Hanmer.
72,404. Were you paid any money ?—No.
72,405. Not on any account ?—No.
72,406. By the candidates, or by their committee or party ?—By none.
72,407. In 1847 ?—I was at sea at that time.
72,408. At the last election who did you vote for ?—Moore and Butler.
72,409. Were you paid any money for that ?—None.
72,410. Were you paid any money at all ?—None whatever.
72,411. Are there any other voters in the Kingston almshouses that you know of ?—Yes, there are several present.
72,412. Are you sure you did not get any money after the election was quite over ?—Quite sure.
72,413. Nor in 1841 ?—No.
72,414. Who canvassed you for your vote ?—Moore and Butler.
72,415. Did any persons belonging to your almshouses canvass you ?—None.
72,416. None of the persons in superior offices ?—No ; I gave my vote deliberately to them.
72,417. I ask you if they canvassed you at all ; any of the officers of the establishment ?—No ; we gave our votes to whom we thought proper.

THOMAS HESELTINE sworn, and examined.

Thomas Heseltine.

72,418. Are you in the Kingston almshouses ?—Yes.
72,419. Is that one branch of the Trinity House corporation ?—Yes.
72,420. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.
72,421. How long have you been a freeman ?—About fifty years.
72,422. In 1841 did you vote ?—Yes.
72,423. Who did you vote for ?—Hanmer and James.
72,424. Did you get any money ?—I think I got ten shillings brought to me ; I never solicited it.
72,425. After the election ?—After the election, by the clerk of Mr. Gleadow ; my memory is so bad.
72,426. Mr. Callum ?—Yes, that is his name.
72,427. Was that all you got ?—That is all I got.
72,428. In the election of 1847 who did you vote for ?—Baines and Brown.
72,429. Were you paid for that ?—I think I got 6*s.* ; it was presented to me sometime after. They said, "Here is 6*s.* for you, if you choose to accept it." I did not ask for it.
72,430. Did you accept it ?—I did.
72,431. At the last election who did you vote for ?—Moore and Butler.
72,432. First of all, let me ask you, had you had your name set down ?—No ; nowhere.
72,433. In 1847 ?—No.
72,434. Do you know whether that 6*s.* came from Mr. Baines or Mr. Brown ?—I do not know. I dare say it was from Mr. Brown ; it was not from Mr. Baines.
72,435. I find your name set down in a book of Mr. Baines' ?—I got no money there. I never inquired for any. It was a man they called Collison paid me.
72,436. In that book of Mr. Baines' is your name set down as an applicant ?—I never inquired ; I met them in a carriage, and I went to vote for them. I never was applied to at all.
72,437. You were never applied to by Mr. Baines ?—No.
72,438. By any of his committee ?—No.
72,439. By any of his canvassers ?—No.
72,440. Can you undertake to say you were not set down at his committee room as a messenger ?—I never was at his committee room.
72,441. Or as a runner ?—No, I think not ; I am not sure.
72,442. By any of his canvassers ?—I think not.
72,443. How do you account for his having your name in his book as a runner ?—I was no runner ; I could not run.
72,444. But you might have your name set down ?—I never put my name down as a runner in any place ; never in my life.
72,445. In 1852 you voted for the blues ?—Yes.
72,446. Were you paid for that ?—No ; I do not recollect that. I got my pay for Moore and Butler.
72,447. The last election ? Yes, the last election.

Thomas Heseltine.

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72,448. You got nothing?—I think I got nothing; I am not sure, my memory is so bad. If I did, it was only 5*s*. I do not know whether I got anything or not. I do not think I did.

72,449. Who were you canvassed by?—Moore and Butler, they called themselves.

72,450. That is the mere formal part of it; who canvassed you?—No one.

72,451. We are told that all the people belonging to the Trinity House always vote blue?—I always did all my lifetime, a long time before I was in the Trinity House.

72,452. The officers of the establishment do not canvass you?—No, they never canvass. We were at liberty to vote for who we liked; they would not canvass any of us.

72,453. They said so?—I did not hear them say so. I heard say we were all at liberty to have our own votes as we liked.

72,454. Was there an understanding in the ward, or whatever you call your house, that the parties were to vote whichever way they liked?—There was no understanding that they were to vote for anybody,—they said not a word about it.

72,455. I thought you said you understood they would not canvass you?—I always understood so, but they always said "Vote for who you like."

Samuel Mason.

SAMUEL MASON sworn, and examined.

72,456. Are you an almsman in the Trinity almshouses?—Yes.

72,457. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

72,458. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1818.

72,459. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.

72,460. Were you paid for it?—No. I have voted since 1818 and never received a halfpenny yet.

72,461. Are you quite sure of that?—Quite sure.

72,462. Have you always voted blue?—Always voted blue.

72,463. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I think I did not vote at all that year.

72,464. Why not?—There was not much opposition; there was only Baines and Clay likely to get in.

72,465. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

72,466. And you never got anything?—Not a farthing.

72,467. Did you get anything after the election was over?—No.

72,468. Was there no money brought to you?—No.

Robert Dring.

ROBERT DRING sworn, and examined.

72,469. Are you an almsman in the almshouses?—Yes.

72,470. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

72,471. How long?—Since 1805.

72,472. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Nobody.

72,473. Why not?—I was not here.

72,474. Were you at sea?—Yes.

72,475. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I will not be certain whether I voted for Mr. Baines.

72,476. Do you think you voted for Mr. Brown?—No; I did not vote for Mr. Brown.

72,477. For Mr. Clay?—It must have been Baines and Clay; but I will not be certain.

72,478. Were you paid anything?—I never received a farthing for forty years from any one, but I have been out of pocket.

72,479. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

72,480. You voted for Clay before, why did you not vote for him again?—I cannot tell you that.

72,481. Did you change your mind?—I do not know that I voted for Clay; you must look and see.

72,482. You are quite certain you never had any of the candidates' money at any time?—Not one farthing; but I have been out of pocket.

72,483. Do you swear you have paid other people?—No. I have been voting as a householder, and they have been charging me so much a year for taxes.

72,484. Did you want them to pay back some of your taxes?—No.

JAMES CREIGHTON sworn, and examined.

James Creighton.

72,485. Are you an almsman?—Yes.

72,486. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

72,487. How long have you been a freeman?—Forty years.

James Creighton.

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72,488. Have you ever had any money from any of the candidates?—I have had no money.
72,489. Never?—No. I have followed very few elections.
72,490. Did you poll in 1841?—No; I was at sea in Davis' Straits.
72,491. In 1847 who did you vote for?—In 1847 I polled for Mr. Brown.
72,492. Did you get any money?—No, not a farthing.
72,493. Neither before nor after the election?—No, nor since.
72,494. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
72,495. Did you get any money this time?—No, not a copper.

MATTHEW GRISEWOOD sworn, and examined.

M. Grisewood.

72,496. Where do you live?—In the almshouses.
72,497. Are you an almsman?—Yes.
72,498. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
72,499. How long have you been a freeman?—From 1820.
72,500. Did you vote in 1847 for Hanmer and James?—No. I was at Archangel that time.
72,501. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I think I did not vote then either.
72,502. Where do you think you were then?—I cannot say whether I was here or in the country.
72,503. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.
72,504. Who for?—For the two Liverpool men.
72,505. Was that Moore and Butler?—I suppose so.
72,506. Did you get any money?—Not I.
72,507. None at all?—Not anything.
72,508. Do you know a man of the name of Thomas Lindsey?—I cannot say that I do.
72,509. Is he not a neighbour of yours?—I do not know that name.
72,510. Did you hear Mr. Moore or Mr. Butler canvassing anybody?—No; I cannot say that I did.
72,511. Did you hear them ask anybody how much they wanted?—No.
72,512. You are quite sure of that?—Yes, I am quite sure.
72,513. Have you ever said you did hear that?—I never was asked that question before.
72,514. Did you ever say you had heard them canvassing a man and ask him how much he wanted?—No; I never did.
72,515. Did you ever live in Humber Dock Street?—Yes.
72,516. How long ago?—Eighteen months since.

JOHN GELL sworn, and examined.

John Gell.

72,517. Are you an almsman?—Yes.
72,518. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
72,519. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1818.
72,520. In 1841 who did you vote for?—I was at sea.
72,521. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I did not vote at all.
72,522. Why not?—I was not here.
72,523. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
72,524. Did you get any money?—None whatever.
72,525. None at all?—No.
72,526 Neither before nor after the election?—Not at any time.
72,527. You are quite sure of that?—Quite.

WILLIAM DAWSON sworn, and examined.

William Dawson.

72,528. Are you an almsman?—Yes; I live in the Trinity Almshouses.
72,529. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
72,530. How long have you been a freeman?—Ever since Mr. Stainforth first came.
72,531. Did you vote for Hanmer and James in 1841?—No.
72,532. Who did you vote for at that election?—I never voted for any but the blues but once since I was a freeman, and I have been a freeman ever since Stainforth's time.
72,533. Did you get any money in 1841?—I cannot tell the time. I have not had a farthing ever since the last three elections.
72,534. Did you get any money at the last election?—Not a farthing.
72,535. Did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

Thomas Lenham.

THOMAS LENHAM sworn, and examined.

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72,536. Are you an almsman in Ferries' Almshouses?—Yes.
72,537. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
72,538. How long have you been a freeman?—I believe in 1818.
72,539. At the election of 1841 who did you vote for, Hanmer and James?—Of course I would vote for the blues; I always did.
72,540. Did you get any money for it?—I do not know; upon my oath I do not know
72,541. You will not say you did not?—I am sure I did not. I suppose it was got for me, if there was anything to be given; they would look out for me.
72,542. Who would get it for you?—I suppose my wife, or some of them. I know I did not. I believe I did not that election.
72,543. Do you think your wife did?—I think my wife did not, during that election.
72,544. There was money going about?—I heard of it, and she would look out for that.
72,545. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
72,546. You were paid some money that time?—Yes, I got some money that time.
72,547. How much?—I do not know; I got half a sovereign.
72,548. Was that after you voted?—After I voted. I never got any before I voted.
72,549. Do you know who paid you?—Yes; Mr. Collison.
72,550. Did Mr. Mitchell pay you any money?—Never. I never had any.
72,551. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
72,552. Were you paid anything for Mr. Baines, in 1847?—A long time after the election I got 5*s.* I think, I understood for Mr. Baines, from Mr. Sidebottom.
72,553. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
72,554. Were you paid for that?—No.
72,555. Did you get any money?—No.
72,556. You were set down as a runner, were you not?—No.
72,557. There were some other voters in the hospital where you are?—Yes.
72,558. They voted blue?—Yes; four of us went in a carriage together; two of them are dead, and one is dying.
72,559. Were they not down as runners?—No, I do not think they were. I do not know.
72,560. Were they paid any money, do you think?—I do not. I did not trouble my head about it. I do not know that they were.
72,561. You never heard that they were paid any?—I have heard so; but I do not know. I cannot tell the particulars.
72,562. Did you hear it from them?—No; I never heard anything of the kind.
72,563. Are you quite sure you got nothing yourself?—I am quite sure, and I am sensible of it.
72,564. And you were not set down on a list to get something?—No, on no list.

John Boyden.

JOHN BOYDEN sworn, and examined.

72,565. Are you an almsman?—Yes.
72,566. In the Merchant's Seaman Almshouses?—Yes.
72,567. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
72,568. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1806.
72,569. Who did you vote for in 1841?—I am sure I forget.
72,570. Hanmer and James, or Clay and Thompson?—I have been for the blues ever since I polled.
72,571. Can you recollect?—My memory is gone entirely.
72,572. Can you say whether you were paid any money in 1841?—Yes, I was.
72,573. How much?—£3.
72,574. Were you employed?—No.
72,575. What were you paid the 3*l.* for?—For voting I expect.
75,576. Do you know who paid you?—No; that I am sure I do not, nor I did not trouble myself.
72,577. Why not?—Because I did not receive the money.
72,578. Who did?—My wife.
72,579. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I think it was Mr. Brown. I cannot say exactly.
72,580. Were you paid for that?—No, not a farthing.
72,581. You did not get anything?—Not a doight.
72,582. Did you ask for anything?—No.
72,583. Did you go and look for anything?—No.
72,584. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore.
75,585. Only?—Only.

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72,586. Did you get anything for that?—I got a sovereign.
72,587. Who paid you?—That I will not tell you.
72,588. But you must?—I cannot, because I did not see the man's face that paid me.
72,589. Why did you not see his face?—I did not know the man, and as long as I got the money it made very little odds to me.
72,590. Where did he pay you?—At the Shakspeare Tavern.
72,591. Was that after you voted?—After I voted. I cannot say how long.

JOHN HUNTER sworn, and examined.

John Hunter.

72,592. Are you in the almshouses?—I am.
72,593. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1813.
72,594. In 1841 who did you vote for?—I did not vote for any one.
72,595. Why not?—To the best of my recollection I was not on the register.
72,596. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I then did not vote at all.
72,597. Why not?—I was not on the register.
72,598. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
72,599. Were you paid any money?—Not a farthing.
72,600. Did you go to look for anything?—No, never.
72,601. Was nothing said to you about getting any money?—No; there was nothing said to me. I never had any information that I should get any money, therefore I gave it up.
72,602. Was not any brought to you at the almshouses?—No.

JOHN FREAR sworn, and examined.

John Frear.

72,603. Are you an almsman in the Victoria Almshouses?—Yes; in the Trinity Almshouses.
72,604. How long have you been a freeman?—About fifty-nine years.
72,605. In 1841, who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
72,606. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
72,607. How much?—I got a sovereign.
72,608. When did you get it?—I was sent to a paint shop, and I gave a man a card and he put it in a hole, and they took the card, and put a sovereign into his hand, and the man pulled his hand out, and said, "There is a sovereign for you."
72,609. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
72,610. Did you get anything for that?—I got half a sovereign.
72,611. Where was that paid?—At the Black Horse, in Waterhouse Lane.
72,612. Did you get anything for Mr. Brown?—I believe it was Mr. Brown paid it. It was Mr. Brown's committee.
72,613. Was that all you got?—That was all I got, every farthing.
72,614. At the last election who did you vote for?—Bramley Moore and Butler, and I never got a farthing.
72,615. How came that?—They did not like to pay it, I suppose.
72,616. Your name was set down for money, but you had it not?—No; it was not. I was not set down for any money.
72,617. Did you go and look for some money?—Yes; I must go and look for some.
72,618. Where did you go and look for the money?—Where I could catch it.
72,619. Did you go to a committee room?—No; I never went to a committee room. I went in as I was coming past one at Dock Side, and they said my name was not down, or else I may have got some money if I had my name down, but I had no name set down.
72,620. Was it after you polled?—Yes; it was after I polled a good while.
72,621. Are you sure your name was not set down somewhere; did you not hear they had put your name down?—No; they had not set me down.
72,622. Did you hear they had, and therefore you went to look for some money?—No; I never heard it; I was very ill, and therefore I could not get out.

JOHN HILL sworn, and examined.

John Hill.

72,623. Do you live in the almshouses?—Yes.
72,624. How long have you been a freeman?—Fifty-three years last July.
72,625. In 1841 did you vote for Hanmer and James?—No.
72,626. Who for?—I polled for Thompson.
72,627. Thompson only?—Thompson himself.
72,628. Did you get any money?—No.
72,629. Did you get no money at that election?—I got no money for Thompson.
72,630. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I do not know who I polled for in 1847.

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72,631. Mr. Brown?—I do not know. I cannot recollect. I received 10*s.* that election, but I cannot say who for. I cannot recollect it.

72,632. You did vote for somebody?—Yes; I polled in 1847.

72,633. John Hill, the elder, of Grotto Square, is that you?—Yes.

72,634. You polled for Clay only?—Yes.

72,635. And you got 10*s.*, where did you get it?—In St. John Street, against the stonemason's yard there.

72,636. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

72,637. Did you get anything for that?—I got a sovereign.

72,638. Was that before or after you voted?—After I polled.

72,639. Who paid it?—I do not know the gentleman. I got it in George Yard.

John Meek.

JOHN MEEK sworn, and examined.

72,640. Do you live in the almshouses?—Yes.

72,641. How long have you been a freeman?—Fifty-one years.

72,642. In the election of 1841 who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.

72,643. Were you paid for it?—I believe I received something, but I do not recollect what it was; my memory is so bad

72,644. Would it be as much as a sovereign?—I think it was more than that; I think so, but I cannot say exactly.

72,645. Was it paid before or after you voted for them?—After.

72,646. Do you know who paid you?—I do not recollect who it was, I am sure, now.

72,647. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.

72,648. Did you get any money for that?—Nothing at all.

72,649. Did not Mr. Mitchell pay you something?—No.

72,650. Did you get some money from Mr. Mitchell?—No; I did not get any.

72,651. Are you quite sure of that; we find your name down in his book?—Very likely, but I did not receive any. There is another John Meek besides me.

72,652. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

72,653. Were you paid for that?—Not anything.

72,654. Had you your name set down at all for any money?—No; I had not.

Charles Robinson.

CHARLES ROBINSON sworn, and examined.

72,655. Do you live in the Carr Lane Hospital?—Yes.

72,656 How long have you been a freeman?—About sixty years.

72,657. Who did you vote for in 1841?—Hanmer and James.

72,658. Were you paid for it?—Yes.

72,659. How much?—One sovereign, I think.

72,660. Do you know who paid you?—No; I do not.

72,661. Did you vote in 1847?—Yes.

72,662. Who for?—Baines and Brown.

72,663. Were you paid anything for that?—Yes.

72,664. How much?—Five shillings a day; 10*s.* for two days.

72,665. Were you paid for Mr. Baines by a man of the name of Goldsmid?—I am sure I quite forget; I do not know.

72,666. Were you paid after you voted?—Yes.

72,667. Did you have a ticket given you to get the money?—No.

72,668. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

72,669. Did you get anything for that?—No.

72,670. No money at all this time?—Not one stitch.

Edward Sutton.

EDWARD SUTTON sworn, and examined.

72,671. Do you live in the almshouses?—Yes.

72,672. How long have you been a freeman?—Fifty years.

72,673. Who did you vote for in 1847?—I cannot recollect that; my recollection leaves me very much.

72,674. Do you recollect whether you got any money?—I never got any money then. I have not got any money for a very long time.

72,675. That is thirteen years ago; did you get any then?—Yes; but I cannot recollect their names then.

72,676. James and Hanmer; you are down in the book for 1841, is that right?—That will be right then.

72,677 Did you get any money for that?—I never got any money then.

72,678 You are quite sure of that?—Yes.

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72,679. Did you get any money after that?—I cannot recollect; my recollection leaves me altogether.

72,680. At the next election in 1847 did you vote for Mr. Brown?—I cannot recollect.

72,681. Your name is down for Mr. Brown in 1847; is that right; they say you got some money from Mr. Stephenson in Bishop Lane?—I think not.

72,682. Will you say you did not?—I cannot recollect.

72,683. You must try and recollect. Your name is down in Mr. Stephenson's list as paid in 1847 in Bishop Lane. Do you know where Bishop Lane is?—When Mr. Stanniforth was there?

72,684. Did you get any money at the last election?—No.

72,685. Who did you vote for?—For the blues.

72,686. Are you sure you did not get anything of them before?—No.

Thomas Savage.

THOMAS SAVAGE sworn, and examined.

72,687. Do you live in the almshouses?—Yes.

72,688. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

72,689. How long have you been a freeman?—About sixty years.

72,690. Do you recollect voting in 1841?—No; I was away at sea then.

72,691. Did you not vote for Baines?—I do not know but what I did.

72,692. Did you vote in 1847?—I was at sea then.

72,693. Did you not vote for Baines?—I do not know but what I did. I have forgotten now. I have no memory.

72,694. They say you voted for Baines, and got some money for it?—I got 10*s.* maybe. I have no recollection now.

72,695. That is what they say you did get, 10*s.*?—I do not know indeed whether I did get it or not. I cannot tell.

72,696. What do you think about it; do you not think they gave you 10*s.*?—I really cannot say.

72,697. What did you mean when you said 10*s.* just now, unless you got it?—I do not know, I am sure.

72,698. You just said maybe you got 10*s.*?—I said perhaps I might, but I do not know whether I did or not.

72,699. What made you think of 10*s.* more than any other sum; that is the very thing that happens to be opposite to your name. It seems to be right. Do you say that?—I do not deny it, but I do not know whether I did or not.

72,700. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

72,701. Did you get any money for that?—No; not a copper.

72,702. That you are quite sure about?—I am sure of that.

Stephen Pratt.

STEPHEN PRATT sworn, and examined.

72,703. Where do you live?—Cobden Place, West Sculcoates.

72,704. What rent do you pay?—£6 10*s.*

62,705. What business are you?—A shipwright.

72,706. How long have you been a freeman?—In 1825 I took it up.

72,707. In 1841, who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.

72,708. Were you paid for it?—Yes.

72,709. How much?—A sovereign.

72,710. Before or after you voted?—After, for my labour.

72,711. Who by?—I cannot tell you.

72,712. Why not?—You put a stumbling-block before me, and I cannot jump over it.

72,713. Why not?—I never saw the man who paid it.

72,714. Where was it paid?—In Witham.

72,715. At a blacksmith's shop?—Something like the place. I only saw a hand.

72,716. In 1847 who did you vote for?—A plumper for Brown.

72,717. How much did you get?—A sovereign, for my labour.

72,718. Who paid it you?—I was paid at David Ledger's, the Sculcoates Tavern, at Scott Street end.

72,719. After you voted?—Yes; for my labour.

72,720. You asked them to employ you?—I told them to set my name down, because I always voted for that party; and wherever I make a promise I always support.

72,721. You told them to set your name down as a messenger?—Yes; and so I assisted, and did what I could.

72,722. When you asked them to employ you and pay you, you knew they would expect you to vote for them?—Certainly; and so it was my intention.

72,723. And you knew if you did not vote for them they would not have paid you?—Certainly, I would not go and ask them for it.

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72,724. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
72,725. Were you paid for that?—Yes; I was a messenger before that election.
72,726. How much were you paid altogether?—Thirty shillings; 10*s.* before the election, and a sovereign after.
72,727. In the same way you asked them to employ you?—I went up to the committee.
72,728. Did you ask them to employ you?—I went up to the committee. They wanted some messengers; they asked me if I had any objection to be set down. I said no; they said, "You are a useful man to us."
72,729. They knew whenever you voted you liked to have a little employment and a little money?—Yes; I was out of employment, and I have to labour for my bread, and their labour is as good as any other to me.

John Roe.

JOHN ROE sworn, and examined.

72,730. Where do you live?—Michael Street, in the Pottery.
72,731. What is your business?—A shipwright.
72,732. What rent do you pay?—£7.
72,733. How long have you been a freeman?—I am not a freeman. I lived in Grimston Street when I voted.
72,734. Were you qualified as a 10*l.* householder?—I paid 15*l.*
72,735. How long have you been entitled to vote?—At the last election.
72,736. Was that the only time?—Yes.
72,737. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
72,738. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
72,739. How much?—A sovereign.
72,740. Who paid you?—Mr. Steeple.
72,741. Were you paid after you voted?—After I voted; the Saturday night after.
72,742. Were you set down in three different places?—No; I never was set down at all, that I know of.
72,743. Did you never go to Legitt's?—No.

Thomas Rogerson.

THOMAS ROGERSON sworn, and examined.

72,744. Where do you live?—Union Square.
72,745. What business are you?—A stower.
72,746. What rent do you pay?—I live in a house of my own.
72,747. How much are you rated at?—£6.
72,748. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
72,749. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1839.
72,750. Was your freedom paid for for you?—Yes.
72,751. By which party?—The blue, I believe.
72,752. Did you vote for them in consequence in 1841?—Yes.
72,753. For Hanmer and James?—Yes.
72,754. Were you paid for it besides?—Yes.
72,755. How much?—A sovereign.
72,756. Before or after you voted?—After.
72,757. Who by?—I do not know, it was sent to our house when I was out.
72,758. Was that all you got?—Yes.
72,759. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.
72,760. And Baines?—Yes.
72,761. Were you paid for that?—I only got half a sovereign.
72,762. Who paid you?—Mr. Mitchell, I think.
72,763. Was that all you got?—I believe it was. I do not know whether there was 5*s.* more or not; whether I got 5*s.* of Mr. Wells or not.
72,764. Or Mr. Sidebottom?—No; it was from Mr. Wells I got it; I got nothing from Mr. Sidebottom.
72,765. Did you not get 5*s.* after the election some time from Mr. Sidebottom?—No, from Mr. Wells I got it.
72,766. Where?—In the Market Place.
72,767. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
72,768. Were you paid for that?—Yes.
72,769. How much?—I got 7*s.* 6*d.*, and 16*s.* 6*d.*
72,770. That was at Legitt's, at the Minerva Terrace?—Yes; I did not get it all there, I got 16*s.* 6*d.* at Mr. Bannister's office.
72,771. Next door to his office?—No, at his office.
72,772. How long after the election?—About three or four days.
72,773. Who paid you?—His brother-in-law, I believe he is.
72,774. What is his name?—I do not know.

72,775. Do you know whether his name is Wride?—I do not know his name.
72,776. That was for the blues?—Yes.
72,777. Did you get anything for the orange?—No.

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CHARLES ROSE sworn, and examined.

Charles Rose.

72,778. Where do you live?—No. 21, Burton Street.
72,779. What business are you?—A pipe maker.
72,780. What rent do you pay?—Twelve guineas for a house and shop.
72,781. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
72,782. How long have you been free?—Since 1840.
72,783. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes.
72,784. Was your freedom taken up for you?—No, I took it up myself.
72,785. Who did you vote for in 1841?—James and Hanmer.
72,786. Were you paid for it?—I believe there was a sovereign sometime after the election.
72,787. Left at your house?—There was a ticket came.
72,788. And where did you go?—St. James's Street.
72,789. Who paid you?—I cannot tell you that.
72,790. Why not?—It was a round corner job.
72,791. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
72,792. Were you paid for that?—No, not a farthing.
72,793. Nothing that time?—Not a farthing.
72,794. No bill with them at all?—No, nor anything.
72,795. You never saw anything of their money?—No.
72,796. Did they not take your room?—No.
72,797. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
72,798. Did you get anything this time?—£1 10*s*.
72,799. Where?—At the Waverley Street committee room.
72,800. Before or after you voted?—It was after the election was over.
72,801. Had you been set down as a runner?—I should suppose so, if you have it down.

JOSIAH ROSS sworn, and examined.

Josiah Ross.

72,802. Where do you live?—In Pease Street.
72,803. What business are you?—Seafaring business; a master mariner.
72,804. What rent do you pay?—£7 10*s*.
72,805. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
72,806. How long have you been a freeman?—Since the year 1823.
72,807. In 1841 who did you vote for?—I was at sea.
72,808. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.
72,809. Were you paid for it?—Yes, I got a sovereign.
72,810. Who paid you?—Mr. Collison, I believe, at the Black Horse in Carr Lane.
72,811. Was that before or after you voted?—After I voted.
72,812. Was that all you got?—That is all I got.
72,813. At the last election, who for?—Moore and Butler.
72,814. Were you paid for that?—Yes.
72,815. How much?—I was set down as a runner, and got altogether about 2*l*. 7*s*.; I got a sovereign after the election.
72,816. Who from?—Mr. Croft, at the South Myton ward committee.
72,817. Who paid you before the election?—At Mr. Croft's
72,818. Always paid at Croft's?—Yes.
72,819. Were you a runner at the South Myton committee room?—Yes.
72,820. Did you apply to be set down?—They came to solicit my vote; I had nothing to do, so I asked them.

JOHN ROWNTREE sworn, and examined.

John Rowntree.

72,821. Where do you live?—Garden Place, Sykes Street.
72,822. What rent do you pay?—£5.
72,823. What business are you?—A coal merchant.
72,824. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
72,825. How long have you been a freeman?—Twenty-five years.
72,826. Who did you vote for in 1841?—Clay and Thompson.
72,827. Were you paid for it?—No.
72,828. Did you get any money at all that election?—No.
72,829. Or after it?—No.

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72,830. Not on any account?—No.
72,831. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.
72,832. Were you paid for it?—No.
72,833. Did you get any money that election?—No.
72,834. Not on any account?—No.
72,835. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
72,836. Blue this time?—Yes.
72,837. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
72,838. How much?—27*s.* for five days.
72,839. Where, in Worship Street?—Yes.
72,840. Who paid you?—Mr. Purdon.
72,841. Had you been set down as a runner?—Yes; I attended five days.

B. Shepherd.

BENJAMIN SHEPHERD sworn, and examined.

72,842. Where do you live?—Daltry's Entry, Mytongate.
72,843. What is your business?—Ferryman.
72,844. What rent do you pay?—Four guineas.
72,845. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1812.
72,846. In 1841 who did you vote for?—I voted for Hanmer and James.
72,847. Were you paid for it?—Yes; I got something, but I am sure I cannot tell what.
72,848. Was it a sovereign?—I am sure I cannot say.
72,849. Was it 10*s.*; as much as that?—I got someting, but I cannot tell you how much.
72,850. More than 10*s.*?—Yes; I should think, maybe, it might be 1*l.*
72,851. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.
72,852. How much did you get?—Nothing.
72,853. Were you paid any money?—No; I do not remember getting anything.
72,854. Not for coming from the ferry?—No.
72,855. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
72,856. You got something this time?—Yes.
72,857. How much?—I think about 24*s.* or 25*s.*; I am not sure what.
72,858. Was that at Legitt's room, in Minerva Terrace?—Yes.
72,859. You were one of his party?—Yes.

W. Silverwood.

WILLIAM SILVERWOOD sworn, and examined.

72,860. Where do you live?—Engine Street.
72,861. What is your business?—Eating house keeper.
72,862. What rent do you pay?—£11.
72,863. Are you a freeman?—No.
72,864. How long have you been entitled to vote?—I think, twice.
72,865. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I did not vote at all.
72,866. Why not?—I think the reason was, I had promised Mr. Brown, and when went up to vote he had given up.
72,867. So you did not vote at all?—I did not vote at all.
72,868. 10*s.* you had before that?—Never in my life, not from them nor from any party belonging to them.
72,869. Did you get any money that election?—No.
72,870. At the last election who did you vote for?—Mr. Butler and Mr. Moore.
72,871. Were you paid by them?—No.
72,872. Did you get no money at all?—No; I never asked them for any money.
72,873. They say your name is set down in West Sculcoates ward as a runner?—No.
72,874. How is that, was anything said to you about it?—No.
72,875. Who canvassed you?—I do not know; there were two or three of them. I went up and voted by myself.
72,876. What did you say to them when they canvassed for the blues?—Both parties canvassed me.
72,877. What did you say?—I said I should go up when I had time and should give my vote.
72,878. You would not promise them?—Yes, I did promise.
72,879. Did you promise the blues?—Yes.
72,880. And did you tell the orange that you would not vote for them?—Yes.
72,881. And you got no money?—And no money; I did not expect to have any.
72,882. Did you not understand you were to have your day's loss of time?—I never got anything from them.
72,883. Did you not understand you were to have it, because your name is set down among those that were to be paid?—No; I never expected anything of the sort; I never asked for such a thing.

THOMAS SIMPSON sworn, and examined. *Thomas Simpson.*

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72,884. Where do you live?—No. 2, Salthouse Lane.
72,885. What business are you?—A grocer.
72,886. What rent do you pay?—12 guineas.
72,887. Are you a freeman?—No.
72,888. How long have you been entitled to vote?—The last election only.
72,889. Who for?—Moore and Butler.
72,890. Were you paid for it?—No.
72,891. Did you get any money?—No.
72,892. No money from the candidates or the committee at all?—No.
72,893. Or their party?—No.
72,894. Was your name set down?—Not that I know of.
72,895. Do you know Mr. Bamford?—No.
72,896. Did you never see him?—Not to know him.
72,897. Your name is set down in Lowgate ward; how is that?—I never told any one to set my name down.
72,898. What did you say to them when they canvassed you?—I do not remember seeing anything of them.
72,899. Do you not recollect being canvassed at all?—Yes; several canvassed, but I was not at home.
72,900. Were you on any committee yourself?—No.
72,901. Did you canvass for them?—No.
72,902. You had nothing to do with the election but voting?—That is all.

ISAAC SISSONS sworn, and examined. *Isaac Sissons.*

72,903. Where do you live?—Scale Lane.
72,904. What business are you?—A cabinet maker.
72,905. What rent do you pay?—I am not a householder; I live with a son of mine.
72,906. Are you a lodger?—Yes.
72,907. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
72,908. How long have you been free?—Forty years.
72,909. In 1841 who did you vote for?—I did not vote; I was not within the limits of the borough at that time.
72,910. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I was not here then, neither.
72,911. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
72,912. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
72,813. How much?—£2.
72,814. Where?—At the Shakespeare Tavern.
72,815. After you voted, or before?—£1 before, and 1*l.* after, in three different payments; two Saturday nights before the election, and one afterwards.
72,816. Were you set down as a runner?—Yes.
72,817. Was that all you got?—Yes.

JACOB SISSONS sworn, and examined. *Jacob Sissons.*

72,918. Where do you live?—Mytongate.
72,919. What rent do you pay?—£5.
72,920. What business are you?—A tailor by trade.
72,921. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
72,922. How long have you been a freeman?—A number of years; I cannot say exactly.
72,923. Thirty years?—Yes.
72,924. In 1841, who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.
72,925. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
72,926. How much were you paid?—I am sure I cannot say.
72,927. Was it as much as 20*s.*?—Yes.
72,928. Do you recollect where it was paid?—I do not.
72,929. Who was it paid by?—I am sure I do not.
72,930. In 1841 were you paid on the polling day?—I do not know.
72,931. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.
72,932. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
72,933. How much?—15*s.*
72,934. Who paid you?—I am sure I do not know.
72,935. Where were you paid?—The Market Place.
72,936. Before or after the election?—Long after.
72,937. Was that all?—Yes.

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72,938. At the last election who did you vote for?—Mr. Moore.
72,939. And Mr. Butler?—No; Mr. Moore, I think.
72,940. Were you paid?—Yes.
72,941. How much were you paid?—I cannot say; I was a runner.
72,942. How long?—About three weeks.
72,943. Was it all at the same committee room, or different committee rooms?—Only one.
72,944. Which committee room was it?—The Shakespeare.
72,945. Were you paid every Saturday night?—No, we were not, every Saturday night.
72,946. Were you paid something after the election?—Afterwards.
72,947. How much after the election?—I am sure I do not know exactly.
72,948. 10*s.*, was not it?—Thereabouts.

Francis Smith.

FRANCIS SMITH sworn, and examined.

72,949. Where do you live?—I live in Thornton Street.
72,950. What rent do you pay?—£5 10*s.*
72,951. What is your business?—I have not any; I have been commissioned off from the Government.
72,952. In 1841 who did you vote for?—I was not a freeman in 1841.
72,953. How long have you been a freeman?—I only voted last election; but I was a freeman in 1818, when I polled for Stanniforth.
72,954. Were you on the register of voters?—Oh yes, of course, as long as I held a commission under Government.
72,955. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
72,956. Were you paid for it?—I was going past the committee room, and there were eight of them going up to get the money, so I went up, and amongst the rest I got a sovereign. I never spoke, nor promised my vote, nor did anything else.
72,957. You got the money?—I got a sovereign after, but I accidentally got it.
72,958. Who paid you?—I am sure I cannot say who it was now. It was there; but it was all accidental, for I did not promise any one who I should vote for.
72,959. Did you tell them your name?—Of course.
72,960. And then they looked which way you had voted?—Of course they would.

George Smith.

GEORGE SMITH sworn, and examined.

72,961. Where do you live?—Osborne Street, Chapel Court.
72,962. What rent do you pay?—£5 10*s.*
72,963. What business are you?—A mariner.
72,964. How long have you been a freeman?—Ever since 1814.
72,965. Who did you vote for in 1841?—Hanmer and James.
72,966. Were you paid for it?—No.
72,967. You were paid no money?—No.
72,968. You had nothing from the candidates or their party at that election?—No.
72,969. After the election?—No.
72,970. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.
72,971. Did anybody get any money for you in 1841?—No.
72,972. You voted for Clay and Baines?—Yes.
72,973. Did you get any money for your vote?—No,
72,974. Did you get no money that election?—Not a farthing.
72,975. Or after it?—No.
72,976. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
72,977. Did you get any money that time?—Yes.
72,978. How much?—I got seven or eight days' pay.
72,979. At how much a day?—3*s.* 6*d.*. I believe.
72,980. Did you get as much as 27*s.*?—Somewhere thereabouts.
72,981. At Lidgard's?—Yes.
72,982. You were set down at his room?—Yes.

George Smith.

GEORGE SMITH sworn, and examined.

72,983. Where do you live?—Drypool, Medley Square, No. 2.
72,984. What is your business?—A fisherman.
72,985. What rent do you pay?—£5.
72,986. How long have you been a freeman?—I voted the last three elections. I cannot tell you how long it is, exactly.
72,987. Was your freedom taken up for you?—Yes.

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72,988. It was about 1839 I suppose?—I voted at three elections.

72,989. Was it after you voted your freedom was taken up?—I am sure I cannot exactly say when it was taken up; but Mr. Pochin, of Grantham, was the name of the gentleman; a clergyman.

72,990. Who did you vote for in 1841?—I cannot tell you the names of the gentlemen; it was for the blues.

72,991. Hanmer and James?—Yes, I believe they were the names.

72,992. Did you get any money for it?—I think 2*l.*

72,993. Where were you paid?—It was at a committee room in High Street. I am sure I cannot tell who it was. It was, I believe, Mr. Freebody that paid the money.

72,994. Was it before or after you voted?—I am sure I cannot tell exactly; I believe it was after.

72,995. Did you get any money on the polling day?—That I am sure I cannot tell you, if I was to speak the truth.

72,996. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Brown and Baines, I believe.

72,997. Were you paid for it?—I got a sovereign, I believe.

72,998. Was it for Brown?—It was from both. I only got one sovereign.

72,999. Who paid you?—Down Salthouse Lane, some place. I cannot tell you who gave me the money.

73,000. Was that all you got?—Yes.

73,001. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

73,002. Were you paid for it?—Yes.

73,003. How much?—I am sure I cannot tell you exactly; perhaps from a sovereign to 25*s.*

73,004. Was that at Lidgard's?—Yes. There is one thing I should like to mention: A gentleman came and told you, me and my brother received a sovereign each.

73,005. What is your brother's name?—Thomas Smith.

73,006. Was it at the last election?—Yes.

73,007. Who said you were paid a sovereign?—Mr. West, Mr. Harrison's clerk or something of that—his head book-keeper. He promised me and my brother a sovereign for the detainment of our vessels and our men. He pledged his word and honour that he would give it, if we would do the same. I said, "If I say a thing I will do it, as far as I can." When the election was over he said he would give it, but he never has done so.

73,008. He never did?—No.

73,009. Perhaps he gave it your brother?—No; neither me nor my brother.

73,010. You were to get a sovereign besides the 27*s.*?—Yes; for the detainment of my boat and my men.

73,011. You say that Mr. West promised your brother Thomas and you?—Yes.

73,012. What day was he examined?—I am sure I cannot tell that; I believe about a fortnight or three weeks back.

73,013. What Mr. West was it?—Mr. West, one of Mr. Harrison's clerks or head book-keeper; on the Humber Side.

73,014. Stephen West?—I do not know whether it is Stephen.

73,015. He has been examined here?—Yes. I accused him of it myself, because I thought it wrong for any gentleman to come and say so.

John Smith.

JOHN SMITH sworn, and examined.

73,016. Where do you live?—Trippett Street.

73,017. What is your business?—A seaman.

73,018. What rent do you pay?—I am a burgess.

73,019. Are you a lodger?—Yes.

73,020. How long have you been a burgess?—

73,021. In 1841 who did you vote for?—I have not polled since 1818; Stanniforth and Graham's election.

73,022. Why not?—I was at sea.

73,023. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

73,024. Who for?—Moore and Butler.

73,025. Were you paid for it?—I got a sovereign.

73,026. Where were you paid?—At the committee room in Lowgate.

73,027. Was it after or before the election?—After the election.

73,028. Who paid you?—I am sure I do not know.

73,029. Was that all you got?—Yes.

73,030. Are you quite sure you did not vote in 1847?—Oh yes; I was in China in 1847, and I could not vote, cleverly.

Adjourned to to-morrow, at ten o'clock.

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Mr. WILLIAM CROFT sworn, and examined.

73,031. Where do you live?—Bank House.

73,032. What rent do you pay?—£40.

73,033. What business or occupation do you carry on?—I am a merchant.

73,034. Are you also a freeman?—No.

73,035. How long have you been qualified to vote?—I think eleven or twelve years, but I am not certain as to the time.

73,036. Were you qualified to vote in 1841?—No, I was not, in 1841.

73,037. Did you take any part in the election of 1841?—None whatever.

73,038. Who did you vote for in the year 1847?—Baines and Brown.

73,039. Did you take any share in the election of 1847, beyond voting?—None.

73,040. Had you nothing to do with the financial arrangements at that time?—Nothing at all. I never was in a committee room, that I am aware of.

73,041. Were you upon a committee?—No. I think I was never in a committee room.

73,042. I thought you might be upon a committee without being in it?—I am not aware that I was in a single committee room.

73,043. You might have canvassed out of doors?—No; I never canvassed.

73,044. Now, in 1842, did you vote for Moore and Butler?—I did.

73,045. You took an active interest in their success?—Yes.

73,046. A list of names that you paid has been handed in to us. Can you recollect what money you paid to any of the voters? Tell us, in your own way, the share that you have had in these transactions?—All the monies that were paid in my committee room went through my hands.

73,047. Which committee was that?—It was called the South Myton Pottery district.

73,048. Were you the chairman?—No; the deputy chairman.

73,049. How much money did pass through your hands?—I cannot tell exactly. I can only tell at a guess, because I kept no account whatever. I think, as near as I can recollect, perhaps 150*l.* passed through my hands altogether.

73,050. Were there many persons set down, as it is called, at that district committee?—Towards the latter end of the election there were; not previously.

73,051. How many, according to your recollection?—Well, I am sure I cannot tell to a dozen.

73,052. It has been stated to be about a hundred; do you agree to that?—No; not a hundred; perhaps sixty. I cannot tell I am sure.

73,053. Were books or pay sheets kept at the time of the payments made?—No; there were no books kept of the payments whatever. The accounts were made out in this way: On the Saturday night the clerk made out the accounts, and I took those accounts on to the central committee, got the money, and came back, and paid the money across the table.

73,054. What you call the pay sheets?—Yes; what we call the pay sheets.

74,055. What became of those pay sheets after the election was over?—I believe they were destroyed every Saturday night, after the accounts were paid, to the best of my recollection, when we had done with them. I never saw them again.

73,056. Did the number of persons to be paid increase considerably as the contest proceeded?—In the last week.

73,057. Before then?—No, I think not; not before.

73,058. It increased to some extent, no doubt?—It might, as far as four or five men may go; I cannot say exactly. Some times we put them on for a few days, and took them off again.

73,059. That is what I am coming to. You changed about your men, in order to give employment to a greater number?—We did not change them. Now and then we put on some. I had a regular set of men all the election time.

73,060. In order to distribute your money among a greater number, did you not change your men about?—I cannot say that I did.

73,061. It was done at your committee?—No; I did not say it was done at our committee.

73,062 I understood you to say so?—What I meant to say was this, when extra work was required to be done I put on extra men to do it, but I did not keep those extra men on after the work was done.

73,063. It has been stated to us very often,—perhaps you may have collected it from the evidence,—that it was made a practice to change the men in order to spread the money over a greater number?—I do not recollect that.

73,064. Do you doubt it?—I doubt that I did it.

73,065. Do you doubt that it was done at your committee?—Yes; I do doubt that it was done in my committee. There might be a few cases.

73,066. Just recollect yourself?—I did not make a practice of doing it; that is what I meant to say.

73,067. You mean to say it was done in some instances, but it was not the universal practice?—That is what I mean.

73,068. And was not that in effect in order to spread the money over a greater number of persons?—Many men might grumble that they were not put upon employment, and it might be done to please them.

73,069. It was done in order to satisfy them, to put an end to that grumbling, so as to give a greater number of men a share of the money?—It was done to a very limited extent at my committee room.

73,070. Was it not, as you state there was grumbling among the men, for the purpose of dividing the money among a greater number of men?—There is no doubt that would be the object of it, if it was done. I beg to say I did not make it a practice of doing it. During the whole of the election I do not think there would be half a dozen changes for that purpose.

73,071. When it was done it was done with that object?—There is no doubt about it.

73,072. Was it not feared that the men would take their votes and their employment elsewhere?—I had no fear of anything of the sort.

73,073. I do not suppose you had; but was not that the fear; did it not influence some of your proceedings; that was the object with which it was done, was it not?—It was to keep them together.

73,074. It was to keep them together on your side?—Of course it was.

73,075. Was it not done lest they should take themselves off to the orange side?—That is a natural conclusion to come to.

73,076. How many men altogether got a share of the money, do you think, at your district?—Do you mean voters?

73,077. Yes?—That I am sure I cannot tell, except at a rough guess.

73,078. What is your rough guess, to the best of your recollection? It is some time ago, and of course we do not tie you down to very narrow hints?—Well, from sixty to seventy. I have no doubt there was that number. I cannot tell, I am sure, to a dozen.

73,079. Do you know a person of the name of Ralph Parker?—No.

73,080. Do you know a person who was a negotiator for votes in rather a wholesale manner; for the men, I mean?—I never heard of such a man.

73,081. Nicholson you heard of?—Yes.

73,082. It was a man of the same description as him?—I know Nicholson; but I do not know this Ralph Parker; I never heard of such a man.

73,083. When did you first hear of Nicholson, during the last election?—I accidentally called at his house among the other freemen and voters; he was in my district; I called at his house to canvass him.

73,084. I dare say you knew that he was a person that negotiated the sale of eighty votes in 1847?—No; I did not know anything of the sort. I never heard of it, except in this Court, that there was such a negotiation.

73,085. You did not hear of it till after the election?—No, I am not aware that I did; I think not.

73,086. You called on Nicholson? What did he say the first time you called?—When I called at his house he was not in. I left word with his wife, that I had come to solicit his vote and interest, and then he called on me at the committee room a day or two afterwards.

73,087. In the Pottery district?—Yes.

73,088. What did you say to him?—I asked him if he would allow me to set his name down as a runner, and if he would have any employment, and he said, no, he would not.

73,089. What further took place on that occasion?—I do not recollect anything further taking place on that occasion.

73,090. Did you learn that he was engaged in rather a wholesale way in selling votes?—No; I did not know that he was a man of that class at all, on that occasion.

73,091. On that day?—No.

73,092. Did you make that proposition, and did he refuse it?—Yes; that is all that took place then.

73,093. Did he mention to you the Pilot Boy?—No; he never mentioned it at all.

73,094. Did he mention John Carter's name?—No, he did not.

73,095. How long do you think this was before the election?—Perhaps three weeks, as near as I can tell.

73,096. How soon did you hear of him again?—I think he called again perhaps a week before the election, as near as I can tell you.

73,097. Had you heard from him in the meantime?—No.

73,098. Did he call at the committee room?—He did call at the committee room.

73,099. And you saw him there?—Yes.

73,100. What took place then?—He intimated that if we wanted any voters that he could procure some.

73,101. You had no doubt, then, who he was?—Yes, of course; then I knew what he was.

73,102. It was to sell a lot wholesale?—Yes, it was.

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73,103. That if you wanted a lot of votes he could get them supplied?—I did not say supplied.

73,104. You understood in plain English that he had got a lot to sell?—No. He begged the question. He put it in this sort of way, that if we wanted any he could get them.

73,105. It was tolerably plain language?—You can put that construction upon it, of course.

73,106. You could put no other construction, that I see?—No; I did not put any construction upon it.

73,107. What did you say to him?—I believe I asked him then what they would cost, to the best of my recollection. I cannot state the fact, but I should probably ask him that question.

73,108. And what did he say?—I think he said they would cost about 5*l.* apiece. I will not be certain as to the sum. I think, to the best of my recollection, they might cost about 5*l.* apiece.

73,109. Did he tell you how many he had to dispose of in that way?—I think he said he could procure perhaps 150.

73,110. And what did you say to the proposition?—I said that I would not have them.

73,111. That you would not have them at that price?—Exactly; they were very dear at that price.

73,112. Did you add that?—No, I did not.

73,113. You gave him to understand that the figure was too high?—Yes.

73,114. Just tell us all that took place? Is that all that then took place?—That is all that then took place. I never was with him above a minute or two minutes at a time.

73,115. How soon did you hear from him again?—I think I saw him again the day before the election, I think it was.

73,116. Had you heard from him in the meantime?—No, I think not; not at that time. I do not recollect hearing from him.

73,117. Where did you see him the next time?—He called at the committee room.

73,118. When he came to the committee room the third time, was he alone?—Yes.

73,119. What took place then? Did he see you alone?—Yes.

73,120. At the committee room?—Yes.

73,121. Just state your own recollection of what passed?—He repeated something that he had stated before. He wanted me, in fact, to make him an offer. He wanted to know what I would give. That was the purport of his visit; and I did not make any offer at all. I did not feel justified in doing it.

73,122. What did he or you say?—He asked me what I would give, or what I could give for them, if he would procure them.

73,123. And what answer did you make?—And I told him I could not make him any offer at all; and I did not make him any offer at all.

73,124. Tell us the whole of what passed?—That is, I believe, the whole of the conversation: I do not think I was a minute with him.

73,125. How much did you bid, if anything?—I never bid anything.

73,126. Why did you not make him any offer? Was it because the price was still kept too high a figure?—I did not make an offer, because I did not feel justified.

73,127. You did not feel justified in giving so much money; was not that the reason?—The reason was, that I did not know whether the central committee would have furnished me with funds to have purchased them.

73,128. Was it not in point of fact this: that you considered the price was too high, and you doubted whether you would be supplied with so much money?—Yes; I did consider them too high.

73,129. Did you communicate that to Mr. Barkworth or Mr. Bamford?—To Mr. Bamford.

73,130. How soon had you any further communication? On the same evening, I believe, again?—With Nicholson?

73,131. Yes?—When I communicated this circumstance to Mr. Bamford, I pressed Mr. Charles Bamford to come down to the committee room, and to speak to the man himself.

73,132. What then took place?—Mr. Charles Bamford then came down in a coach; perhaps about ten o'clock in the evening before the election.

73,133. Where to?—To the committee room.

73,134. Where was it?—It was in Waverley Street.

73,135. What then took place?—Nicholson repeated to Mr. Bamford, that he could procure about 150 votes, as I understood, or 200; I will not be certain as to the number; perhaps it was 150. He said that he could procure them if Mr. Bamford would buy them.

73,136. Tell us all that took place between them?—Mr. Bamford asked Nicholson what they wanted apiece,—the men; and I think he said that they would take 3*l.*, to the best of my recollection, upon condition.

73,137. Was it 3*l.* or 4*l.* he said first?—I think not 4*l.*; I think he said 3*l.*

73,138. You do not recollect an intermediate bid of 4*l.*?—No, I think not; I think it was 3*l.*

73,139. What was the condition?—Nicholson wanted the money to be paid down there and then; I believe that was it, and on that Mr. Bamford said he would have nothing to do with it, and he walked out of the room, and left him. I do not believe they were a minute together. I believe I have now told you everything as to that. There was a coach waiting at the door for Mr. Bamford, and he went away.

73,140. Have you any further communication to make upon that part?—No. He went away, as I thought, very much displeased at the attempt to negotiate having failed.

73,141. Mr. Bamford thought the price considerably too high, did he not?—I considered it very high, certainly.

73,142. And he did as well?—The result showed, I think, that he did, when he turned on his heel and walked away.

73,143. Do you remember writing a letter to Nicholson, or to one of the party, in the course of the night?—No. I never wrote a letter at all.

73,144. Did you make an offer at all?—No, not at all.

73,145. Not at that time?—Nor at any time.

73,146. When did you first go to the Pilot Boy?—I took the committee room there about a week or ten days before the election.

73,147. You had taken the committee room at the Pilot Boy at that time?—Yes.

73,148. But no committee of yours ever met at the Pilot Boy? You never sanctioned the meetings that did take place there? You have heard what they were? Those meetings that took place at the Pilot Boy were without your sanction?—I never knew there were any meetings there. There were no meetings, except at my own committee room.

73,149. We have heard that there were meetings there. There were no meetings sanctioned by you at the Pilot Boy?—None whatever; I never sent any one there except my own runners.

73,150. Was that the object of taking the Pilot Boy, as an extra place to employ runners at, merely to extend the staff?—Well, I did think of having a committee room there, because it was the outskirts of the town; there were a great many freemen in that neighbourhood; but I had reason afterwards not to make use of the room so often as I otherwise should have done.

73,151. What was the reason?—The reason was, I expected the landlord was nothing else but a spy.

73,152. Was not the object of taking the room from John Carter, for the purpose of enlisting him on your side; that was the object of it?—Not when I originally took the committee room; but I expected he would vote for us if I did take the committee room. I do not think I made it a sine quâ non at all.

73,153. You knew that his predilections were rather orange than blue?—Well, I soon found it out.

73,154. He enjoyed the reputation rather of being disposed in favour of the orange party than the blue?—The reason I suspected him was, that he was negotiating with the orange party, even after he had let me the room, to see if he could make more of them.

73,155. And before it too?—And before as well.

73,156. Did you consider that contrary to the agreement with you?—Yes.

73,157. He told us himself, that if you had not taken his room he would have voted for the orange?—There is no doubt he would, I should say.

73,158. You had not been very long in his company before you found that out?—I did not keep his company at all.

73,159. You did, at the time you took the room?—When I took the room, I was not aware so much then that he had a strong predilection for the orange party, or else I would not have had anything to do with him.

73,160. He had some predilection that way?—I did not get much into conversatiou with him. I cannot say that I got particularly into conversation with him upon politics, prior to taking his room.

73,161. Then, suspecting him to be orange, you sent no committee there?—I did not; not regularly sitting there. I used to go there occasionally.

73,162. That was rather to keep a look-out on Mr. Carter's goings-on than anything else; was it not so?—It was certainly to look out; I soon found out that there were more orangemen went there than blues.

73,163. It was to keep a sharp look-out as to what was going on there; you did not go to it as a committee room, but to keep a watch on the enemy? Was not that the object with which you went, to keep a sharp look-out upon them?—Well, it might be so.

73,164. How soon did you see Nicholson there?—I never saw him there but once.

73,165. That was on the polling day?—It was.

73,166. Before I come to that, you had had some communication with him since the meeting that you have spoken of? You went and met him at the Pilot Boy, in consequence of a communication you received?—Not to meet him. I did not know who was there.

73,167. You knew there was somebody there?—About 11 o'clock on the morning of

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the polling day, this Carter sent me word by one of my messengers, that I was wanted at the Pilot Boy; that there were a great many voters there.

73,168. Are you sure that you had had no communication with Nicholson or any of his party in the meantime?—No; not from the evening before; I had not seen Nicholson.

73,169. You had no communication or message from him?—I had no communication or message in any way, either direct or indirect.

73,170. He sent you no message, and you sent him none?—No.

73,171. I believe you went there shortly afterwards, on receiving this message?—I did not hurry myself; it might have been an hour afterwards; I expected it was all nothing.

73,172. Do you think it was as much as an hour?—I will not be sure; it might be half an hour; I am sure it was half an hour, if not longer.

73,173. They mustered pretty strong there?—Yes; at least I was told so. I saw that the citadel was taken by the orange party; there was a coach waiting there, and they were treating the voters.

73,174. You saw some of the orange party there?—Yes. In fact I should not have gone, but I saw the coach go past my committee room, and they told me it was going to the Pilot Boy, and as it was my own committee room, I followed them, as I thought they were going to take it by storm.

73,175. Tell us the names of any of the party you saw there?—Of the orange party?

73,176. Yes?—I only know one of them; they called him Edward Best, a ship chandler.

73,177. Did you recognize him as a well know adherent of the orange party?—I knew that he was on the orange side, but I was not aware that he was a violent partizan at all.

73,178. At the time you believed he was orange?—When I saw him there I had no doubt about it. I had doubts before, on canvassing him; but I thought he would have voted the other way, or have been neutral; either one or the other.

73,179. How many did you hear were there?—That I never heard; I have no idea.

73,180. Did you not hear that the number was sixty?—No; I never heard it, except what has transpired in this Court. I see some one has said so; that I believe is the only information I have.

73,181. Did you order the parties some beer?—No, not a drop.

73,182. You paid for some?—Yes; I paid for some, but very much against my own inclination. I think it was some 10*s.* or 15*s.* It was the only tavern bill during the whole election that I paid.

73,183. Mr. Carter has said it was 15*s.*?—Very likely it was; he is more likely to be correct than I am. If he says so it is no doubt correct; but I never ordered it. I knew nothing about it till he came with his bill. I only knew of it after the election.

73,184. You knew that you had ordered some beer?—No, not a drop.

73,185. Do you mean to say that you did not order any beer?—I never ordered a pint of beer or a glass of anything in the house. I knew nothing of it till he brought in his account. I objected to pay it, and he kicked up a row in the office, and to get rid of him I paid it.

73,186. After the election?—Yes; two days after the election, I think; it was on the Saturday. If you will allow me to add, that 15*s.* was the whole that was expended either in eating or drinking, through the whole of the election, for five weeks, in my committee room, and we had 700 and odd voters in my district; that is the whole amount the central committee were charged with, that 15*s.*

73,187. Carter's statement is, that it was beer ordered twice round; that you paid for one, and not for the other; and that that was what the dispute was about, the second?—I never ordered anything. I know nothing about the rounds. In fact I did not know it was for beer. He said it was drink, in the account. I never ordered it, and I knew nothing about it.

73,188. You feel quite confident of that?—As certain as that I am standing here.

73,189. What did take place when you got there; did you see Nicholson?—Yes; he came up stairs into my committee room.

73,190. You went up stairs into the committee room first?—Yes; I went into our committee room.

73,191. Were there any people in the room?—No; no one but myself.

73,192. What then took place?—Nicholson stated that there were a great many voters in the house, and he asked me if I could do anything with them, I think.

73,193. Was the price named then?—No; no price was named. I told him that he had already got his answer from Mr. Bamford, and I would not have anything to do with them.

73,194. Did you see a great many persons there?—No; I did not see them. He did ask me if I would go down, and speak to the men; and I said no, I would not speak to them; I would not ask them for their votes.

73,195. He asked you to go down and see them, and you refused?—Yes.

73,196. Is that all that took place then?—That was all that took place.

73,197. How long did you remain there?—I might be there ten minutes altogether in the room, as near as I can guess.

73,198. When you refused, what did Nicholson say?—He went down stairs out of the room, and spoke to the men, and I did not see him again.

73,199. Did he not come in to you a second time?—No.

73,200. He went down, and said he would speak to the men? What sum did he ask you?—He never named the sum.

73,201. Did you offer him any sum?—No, I did not.

73,202. He went down whilst you waited?—I should not have been there so long as that,—I should not have been there above two minutes, but for the circumstance of the coach being there. I thought I would see the orange gentlemen out of the house.

73,203. You had not bought the whole of the house?—No.

73,204. Then why should not the orange party meet in the same house? I do not understand why both parties could not have rooms next to one another in the same house?—I think it would be very objectionable.

73,205. Why so?—Because the one party would be quarrelling with the other.

73,206. You cannot trust one another; is that it?—There is generally a little bit of feeling shown at elections.

73,207. I do not see why they should not meet at the same public house?—I never heard of such a thing as two committees, blue and orange, meeting in the same house, in my life.

73,208. You did not say that there was an orange committee room there?—No, I did not say so.

73,209. I do not understand why two committees could not meet in the same house, if things were meant to be be conducted fairly?—Such a thing is possible, but it is not very probable, I think. I do not say but what it might be the case; but it is a very unlikely thing; that is all I can say.

73,210. You wanted to see the orange folks out of the house?—Yes.

73,211. Why did you wish to see the orange people out of the house? Did you not want to see this, whether Nicholson carried over his men to the orange party?—I thought I would watch their movements; that is the only reason.

73,212. To watch the movements of this party of Nicholson's, was it not?—Yes.

73,213. And then you went away?—Yes.

73,214. Is that all that you know about that?—That is all I know about the Pilot Boy, that there has been so much talk about.

73,215. Did you wait till they all went away?—No; I only waited till Best, and another person who was with him, left the public house.

73,216. Do you now recollect any other name? If it occurs to you at any moment, and you recollect the name, perhaps you will oblige us by mentioning it?—I will. I believe that Best was giving them something to drink.

73,217. Did he appear to be an active man among them?—He was sent there by his committee.

73,218. Did you collect from Nicholson, during that interview, that he had got an orange ambassador to treat with?—He might have told me that Best was there with the men in the taproom drinking.

73,219. Did he use that as a kind of threat?—I saw that, without his telling me that Best was there.

73,220. Where does this Edward Best live?—He lived in Waverley Street at the time of the election; but whether he lives there now or not I cannot state for a fact.

73,221. Did you understand from Nicholson that there were orange parties there, and did he hold that out as a kind of threat to induce you to come to terms?—No, he did not; he did not press me to come to terms at all, because he had already got his answer from Mr. Bamford.

73,222. The object with which he sent for you was to make another effort?—I do not know that he did send for me.

73,223. You went there under that belief?—I was not sent for by him; I did not know he was there, and I was surprised when he did come into the room.

73,224. When he did come into the room, did you not collect from him that it was at his instance you had been sent for?—I concluded it was at his instance; but I never asked that particular question.

73,225. You collected from the circumstance of his coming into the room; that he was the person who sent for you?—No, I did not.

73,226. Did you think that the meeting was accidental?—The meeting with Nicholson I did. I was not aware, and had no idea that he was there.

73,227. When you got there, did you not believe that this very interview with Nicholson was a plant,—a scheme?—If you understand me, I say that I did not know that any one connected with Nicholson was there when I was sent for.

73,228. When you got there, and found Nicholson there, did you not collect that the message had come from him?—No, I did not.

73,229. We have heard that this man Nicholson was a person who got up lists of people, and sold them as voters; what is called a farmer of votes; you have found that out?—Yes; I found that out.

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73,230. Did you not find out, in the course of your interviews at the Pilot Boy, that Nicholson was endeavouring to make a bargain either with you or the other side for whichever would give the most money?—No, I did not.

73,231. Did you not gather that from him?—No.

73,232. Did you not gather from him that he was endeavouring to treat with Best as well as yourself?—No, I did not.

73,233. That is what I meant when I asked you whether he held it out as a threat. Now, besides that, do you know of another party called Warham's lot?—Yes; by name I know them.

73,234. When did you first hear of that party?—There was a man there called George Brown, and another called Henry Skow; the two together. I have only gathered these names from the evidence. They called on me about ten days before the election, as near as I can recollect; it might be a week or ten days before the election.

72,235, They called on you at the committee room in the Pottery?—Yes; they called on me at my committee room.

73,236. Did you see them?—Yes. They stated that there were twenty-eight of them at Warham's public house, and would I go down and see them.

73,237. Is that all that took place?—I said that I could not go down then, but I think I appointed to go down on the following evening, either at nine or ten o'clock; I forget the exact time.

73,238. Brown was the spokesman?—Yes.

73,239. Did you learn from them what the figure was?—Yes; 10*l.* they asked.

73,240. £10 a head?—Yes.

73,241. Did you say that you could not go till the next evening?—Yes. He did not tell me what the price was when he came.

73,242. You knew very well that he was a man that made no secret of it?—No; he was straightforward.

73,243. He wanted to sell the lot?—Yes.

73,244. But he did not then say the price?—He did not.

73,245. Then did you go there the next evening?—Yes.

73,246. About what o'clock do you remember it was?—I think it would be perhaps nine o'clock. I will not be sure.

73,247. Who did you then see?—I saw the same two individuals in the taproom; Brown and Skow, and I think the landlord.

73,248. Warham?—Yes.

73,249. Which was spokesman of the three?—Brown was the only one I had any conversation with.

73,250. How was the conversation begun?—I am sure I do not know who began first; but I asked him what he wanted? how many voters there were, and what they wanted for their votes; and he said they wanted 10*l.* a piece for them; that there were twenty-eight of them; and I said I thought they were very cheap if they could get somebody to buy them. He said they had had very near the amount offered by one of the orange committee; that he had not been gone ten minutes; and I said I recommend you to stand out stiff for the 10*l.*

73,251. How long did the conversation last?—I do not think I was two minutes in the room altogether. I was so surprised at the price they asked me, that I was very soon off.

73,252. When did you hear of them again?—I do not think that I ever heard of them again.

73,253. Did you write a letter to them?—No.

73,254. Had you a letter from them?—No.

73,255. They did not like writing?—I had neither a letter from them nor did I write them one.

73,256. Did you never go there again?—No.

73,257. Did you never have any other communication with them at all?—None whatever, to the best of my recollection.

73,258. You are sure that they did not write to you?—Yes; I am certain that I never had a line from them.

73,259. Are you sure they did not send you a letter?—I am sure that they never wrote to me a line, and I am sure I never wrote them a line.

73,260. Did you hear there was any letter written on behalf of your party?—I believe it is stated in evidence; some one has stated that he had heard it. I should like to learn from Brown if such a communication took place.

73,261. He has so stated?—I do not think so.

73,262. In point of fact, it is not true?—It was stated that I wrote a letter to Warham's party.

73,263. Yes?—I deny it in toto. I never did anything of the sort.

73,264. If it has been stated by anybody, it is right you should have an opportunity of denying it?—It is a gratuitous falsehood, like many others that have been stated.

73,265. Anything of that kind that you have read as part of the evidence we shall be glad if you will give us any explanation about it?—I have a long list of things stated against me, and there is not a word of truth in any one of them

73,266. We shall be happy to hear the explanation of any particular fact that you complain of?—There is one gentleman that I intend to refer to at the end of my evidence.

73,267. You had no further communication with them, either verbally or by letter?—No, I had not.

73,268. I may take that down as a summary of your statement?—Yes; I think I may go further, and say that I never saw the men afterwards, either Skow or Brown. I have no recollection of ever seeing them again after that evening.

73,269. And this, I think, you mentioned, was about a week before the election?—Yes; I think it would be about a week. I cannot tell to a few days.

73,270. Did you ever go to Warham's again?—No.

73,271. For any purpose?—None whatever. I was at Warham's one day prior to that, in the course of my canvass, to solicit his vote, but nothing more.

73,272. At the time you canvassed first, did you hear anything about his being the head of a party?—No; I had no more idea of it than the man in the moon.

73,273. The whole of your knowledge of Warham's lot is derived from those two interviews?—Yes; entirely. There is one question I wish you would ask me; that is, if I treated those men.

73,274. I was coming to that. I asked you that question for the express purpose. There was a suggestion of that kind?—I can safely say the men never asked me for anything, nor did I give them anythimg. It has been stated that I gave them some bread, cheese, and beer, or the money to get it with, 3*s.* or 4*s.*; and they said that I was a shabby fellow. I can safely say that they never asked me, nor did I give them a penny piece. A great deal of this will suggest itself, as we go on.

73,275. You did not treat them, nor did they ask you?—No, they did not. I only saw Brown, Skow, and the landlord. The other men were in the house drinking. They asked me if I would go in and see them, and I would not.

73,276. Did any other party, besides the two I have mentioned, have any communication with you on the subject, as I will call it, of the purchase?—No; no one else whatever. I never saw any other agent.

73,277. No other person attempted to treat with you, nor did you with any one else?—No; no one else.

73,278. You say you canvassed Warham; did you ever see either of those parties, Brown or Skow, except on that occasion?—No; only when I have canvassed, and on those two occasions.

73,279. Besides those two occasions, you canvassed them for their votes?—It is very probable I did, if they were in my district. I think I canvassed nearly every voter in the district, and if they were in it they would be sure to be canvassed by me; but I have no recollection of canvassing Brown, although it is very probable that I did.

73,280. Supposing that you did, did you make him any offer at all for his own individual vote?—No.

73,281. Nor Skow?—No; nor Skow neither, that I recollect of.

73,282. Do you remember the names of any of the people to whom you paid the money you spoke of, the 150*l.*?—I do not recollect them.

73,283. Did you pay any money after the election?—I paid, I think, the whole of my men on the Saturday after the election. I think it was on the Saturday. I know it was within a day or two after the election that I paid everything.

73,284. Would that be up to the Saturday, or would it conclude with the polling day?—No; we continued on to the end of the week.

73,285. Perhaps some of the men remained there?—Yes, they did, some of them.

73,286. How many do you think might remain after the election?—There would be the doorkeeper and some of the old runners.

73,287. Only a few?—Only a few; the doorkeeper and the old runners.

73,288. Do you know a man named Edward Sidebottom?—Yes.

73,289. Was he a runner?—No; he is a lawyer.

73,290. I do not mean him. Had you any runner of that name?—No; there is not a man, I think, of that name a runner.

73,291. A man of the name of Marshall Dunn?—No.

73,292. Was he one of your runners?—No, he was not; I do not know the man.

73,293. Do you remember saying to anybody that you were giving four days?—Oh, it is very possible. I do not know that I stated it to any particular individual.

73,294. You stated, in answer to a question put to you, that you had a regular set of messengers and runners throughout at your committee room?—What I meant by that was, that we had some, perhaps four or six men, I will not be certain as to the number, from the commencement to the end.

73,295. They were messengers and runners that you had on all the time?—Those were confidential men that we had always about us, and whom we did not change.

73,296. You paid them a weekly sum?—Yes.

73,297. How many were there?—There might be six of them.

73,298. Were those messengers or runners enough for the ordinary work of the committee room?—No. I do not exactly understand what you mean by the ordinary work of the committee room.

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73,299. Were they enough for what you usually had to do in the first instance at the committee room. Of course I do not mean clerks. I mean messengers or runners?—They were not sufficient; but when we had a great deal of work to do we engaged more. We had 600 or 700 circulars to send out in one day. They were not sufficient then; we put on extra men to carry those out.

73,300. The number of letters and issuing circulars would commence at the beginning, directly you began your active canvass?—Yes.

73,301. And with that view you would want the greater number of persons from the beginning?—Yes.

73,302. The work would diminish when you got your circulars out?—Yes; we wanted extra men on those occasions.

73,303. In the beginning, when you were issuing circulars, why did you not have above five or six? Why did you not have more at the beginning, if they were not enough?—We had extra men to carry out those circulars when we required them. It was perhaps only for a day or half a day. We did not call them runners or messengers, when we only took them on perhaps for a day.

72,304. You did that from the beginning?—Yes, occasionally, when we required them.

73,305. As you went on you made a great many additions to your messengers?—No; we did not do that.

73,306. To your runners, then? I do not know what you call them?—We did not make any decided increase till within a week of the election.

73,307. And the names were set down of a great number? A good many of them have told us this, that part of the money was paid to them before they voted; was that so?—That is not true, as far as I am concerned; I am not aware of it.

73,308. I understand you to say you are not aware of any instance in which part of the money was paid to a messenger or runner before he voted? I ask you whether you mean to say you are not aware of any instance in which money was paid to a messenger or runner, whose name was set down to vote for you before he voted? A great many people have told us that they got part before and part after. Tell me whether you are prepared to say you are not aware of any instance in which money was paid to a voter before he voted?—Not in my district, as far as I am concered. I can safely say that there would not be above three or four out of the whole 700 electors paid in that way you state. There might be a single case, or two cases, but not more.

73,309. As there are not in your recollection above one or two cases, perhaps you can mention whom they were?—I do not recollect the names; there was one man they called Wildridge, or some such name; I am not certain that is his name. There were two men I recollect got paid.

73,310. What did you pay them?—I did not pay them individually, although I consider it as bad as if I did. I gave the money to do it.

73,311. What was the complaint? Upon what ground did you pay them; that is what I want to know?—The probability is, that they would not vote without they got the money beforehand. I expect that was the case.

73,312. And upon that ground you paid them before they did vote?—No, I did not. It has been paid in this sort of way: there was a messenger sent with them to vote, and he has brought them back after they had voted, and then they got the money immediately afterwards. I think there are two cases of the sort.

73,313. I understood you, a long time ago, to say that you paid the money to the people?—I should perhaps give it to the clerk across the table, and he paid it. You may consider that I paid it.

73,314. You were present?—I was present.

73,315. Was all the money paid to any messenger or runner all paid in your presence?—Yes; it was all paid in my presence.

73,316. Do I understand you to say that in no instance was any money paid to a messenger or runner, either for three or four or any other number of days before he voted? I want you to give me an answer to that?—I think I have already answered that question.

73,317. Then be kind enough to answer it again?—I stated either in one or two cases it was done. Before he voted, you ask me?

73,318. I have said so several times before he voted?—I do not believe there was a single case; I do not recollect a case where a person was paid before he voted.

73,319. Or any part?—Nor any part. I have no recollection of its being paid beforehand.

73,320. You paid some every Saturday night; you told me so; and I am reminded that the number, as you said, had increased considerably?—Those were for their wages; that is a different thing entirely.

73,321. Will you be kind enough to tell me how many you paid on the Saturday night before the election, for their wages, to the best of your memory?—There might be perhaps eight; I cannot tell to one or two; I am speaking to the best of my recollection.

73,322. You paid them all, or they were paid in your presence?—Yes.

73,323. And then the next payment would not come till the following Saturday?—No.

73,324. Or the day after the election?—No.

73,325. Were some of the messengers or runners paid the day after the election?—It would be on the Saturday.

73,326. Not till the Saturday?—Not till the Saturday; I think not; I will not be sure upon that point, but I think not till the Saturday.

73,327. Were not any of them paid?—I will not be certain on that point. I think it would be on the Saturday they were paid.

73,328. You said that the number of messengers and runners increased considerably in the last week. I took down those as your words?—Yes.

73,329. Was that the week of the election?—Yes.

73,330. And none of them were paid anything till the Saturday?—They were none of them paid anything till the Saturday following, that I am aware of.

73,331. I do not know if the question has been put directly to you; but you are aware, I presume, that a good many persons made applications, and were set down as runners in your district; you are aware of that, I suppose?—Yes.

73,332. Fifty or sixty, I think you said?—Yes.

73,333. I understand you to say, with the exception of those whom you say were continuously employed, that none were paid until the Saturday after the election?—I think not, except the two cases I have mentioned.

73,334. And they were taken up to the poll, and brought back again and paid?—Yes; and paid there and then.

73,335. Did you pay then?—Not individually.

73,336. They were paid in your presence?—The probability is so. I cannot say they were paid in my presence; it is possible they were.

73,337. How much did they get?—I think they got 2*l.* each.

73,338. Surely you can remember the names of the two?—I think they called one Watson; I am not sure what they called the other man.

73,339. Was it Wildbore?—Wildridge, I think it was. I do not recollect. I think Watson was the other name. I believe those two.

73,340. I have one word to ask you with regard to Nicholson's lot?—Will you excuse me half a minute? These men had been put down in my books as runners,—this Wildridge and Watson,—and also in Mr. Yeall's book; but this man Wildridge denied in his evidence that he had ever been put down at all.

73,341. You thought he would run, and you sent somebody else up to the poll with him?—No; I did not think he would run.

73,342. When I say run, that he would run over to the other side?—No; he pressed me hard, and that was the reason I did it.

73,343. You sent somebody up with him to see him vote?—Yes.

73,344. And you paid him the money after?—Yes.

73,345. What sum were you prepared to give or to offer to Nicholson?—I was not prepared to offer anything.

73,346. What sum were you prepared to accept as their offer? You must have gone with some intention to accede to some sum? What sum were you prepared to receive as an offer for Nicholson's party? Suppose they had said, "We will take 10*s.* apiece," would you have closed with them?—I had no authority to do so. I do not know what I might have been tempted to do, undoubtedly.

73,347. When you went there, you must have had something in your mind?—I should have been glad to have got hold of the men.

73,348. Would you have gone as far as 1*l.* a head?—I do not know what I might have been tempted to do. I should have done nothing without consulting the chairman of the central committee, or some party connected with that committee.

73,349. If they had said some sum, you would have gone with that offer to the central committee? What did you think was an offer to take to the central? If they had said 10*s.* apiece, do you think that was an offer you would have carried there?—Yes.

73,350. Or supposing they said a pound?—Or a pound either.

73,351. That is the sum you think you might have carried to the central committee?—When I say the central I should not go and mention it to the gentlemen at the central. I should mention it to Mr. Bamford, confidentially, or to one of them.

73,352. I have the curiosity to know whom you would have selected?—I should have selected Mr. Charles Bamford.

73,353. From what you knew of him, did you not think he would have closed with the offer?—Yes, that he would.

73,354. Those people,—Nicholson's party,—did vote blue?—No; not one of them, in my opinion.

73,355. Nicholson stated that they did?—I do not know that they did.

73,356. My information is that they voted blue?—No; I do not know that.

73,357. Do you believe they did not?—I believe the bulk of the men were on Mr. Wilde's list.

73,358. Can you assist us to find that out; because he has lost all trace of them?—I have very little doubt the bulk of them were on Mr. Wilde's list. They did not vote blue. I think the fact is, they would have left Mr. Wilde if they could have made a better arrangement with the blue. I believe they were all men down on his list, with very few exceptions.

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73,359. They would have come away from him, and have come over to you, if they could have got better terms?—Perhaps on equal terms.

73,360. I have a word to ask you as to the other party, Warhams's. Did you offer a pound each for them?—No, I do not recollect that I did. I do not think I should do it.

73,361. Did you say that you thought a pound a head might be given for them, without making them a distinct offer?—Yes, I think I might.

72,362. That, of course, would be subject to the approval of Mr. Bamford, or somebody else?—Yes; that is merely my private opinion. I do not wish to implicate my party with my private opinion on the matter.

73,363. If there is anything that you wish to add we should be very glad to hear it. Whatever matter you may wish to state we will give you every opportunity of doing so. Is that paper you have in your hand a statement you have prepared?—No. I have been abroad, and this paper has been put into my hand since I returned.

73,364. Containing the allegations made behind your back; all that has been said against you?—Yes; and a pretty long list it is. There is one thing that I wish to name. You had a gentleman here, a young man they called Prissick, who, it appears, has been volunteering evidence of rather an extraordinary nature I suppose he has been employed by Mr. Galloway to get up this evidence against me, from what I have gathered.

73,365. Tell us what part yon wish to contradict?—I will tell you. It appears that he stated that a man called Watson Foster told him that I had made Warham's party an offer on the part of the blues; and that I had given them 3*s.* or 4*s.* for bread, cheese, and ale.

73,366. You cannot say that Foster did not tell him that?—And also that George Brown had received a letter from me, offering a certain sum.

73,367. I have asked you as to both of them?—I wish to know if this came from Mr. Prissick?

73,368. What Prissick said was that it came from Watson Foster?—Watson Foster did not so state here.

73,369. You mean to say that Watson Foster did not tell Prissick so?—I do not believe that he did.

73,370. We have nothing to do with that. Do you mean to swear that he did not? because Prissick has sworn that he did. That statement of Prissick was merely to lay the foundation for calling Foster?—Mr. Prissick also stated that Nicholson's party, as he calls them, had voted blue.

73,371. That is a thing which nobody can tell. Nobody knows who Nicholson's party were. If you can tell us who they were, we will soon find out which way they voted?—It appears from what I see of Mr. Prissick's evidence, it is rather of a vindictive nature, and personal to myself. As to the statement about Warhams's, I wish to deny that I ever bought one.

73,372. You tried all you could to buy them. Do you mean to say that you did not try to buy them?—I never made an offer for them. If I had tried all I could I should have bought them.

73,373. You were treating for them; you have told us so. Do you wish to swear that you did not try to buy Nicholson's lot?—That I, individually?

73,374. That you did not endeavour to buy Nicholson's lot?—I was merely the medium.

73,375. You did wish to secure their votes for money payments. It is impossible to say you did not mean that. Is there anything else that you wish to add?—Nothing else strikes me at present.

Joseph Spring.

JOSEPH SPRING sworn, and examined.

73,376. Do you live in the Victoria Almshouses?—Yes.

73,377. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

73,378. How long have you been free?—I was bound when I was eleven years old.

73,379. When did you take up your freedom?—In 1800.

73,380. Before the Reform Act you got, I suppose, your four guineas and two guineas for your vote?—No; never.

73,381. How much did you get?—Nothing.

73,382-3. Did you not vote then?—I never got anything.

73,384. Did you vote for Hanmer and James in 1841?—Yes.

73,385. And you got a sovereign for it, at the painter's shop?—Yes; at the painter's shop.

73,386. In 1847, did you vote?—Yes.

73,387. Who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.

73,388. Did you get any money then?—Not anything.

73,389. Not after the election was over, nor before it?—Yes; I got 10*s.* from Brown at the Black Horse.

73,390. After the polling day?—After the polling day.

73,391. Do you remember who paid it?—No; I am sure I do not know who he was.

73,392. In 1852, did you vote?—Yes.

73,393. Who for; Moore and Butler?—Yes.
73,394. Did you get anything then?—Nothing at all.
73,395. Neither before nor after the election?—Neither before nor after.

Joseph Spring.

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JAMES ANSDELL sworn, and examined.

James Ansdell.

73,396. Are you in the Beverley Road Hospital?—Yes.
73,397. Are you a freeman?—No.
73,398. Are you a voter?—Yes.
73,399. As a householder?—Yes; I was a householder.
73,400. How much rent used you to pay when you were a householder?—£20.
73,401. Where did you live then?—In Hanover Square, Lowgate.
73,402. When did you become entitled to vote; after the Reform Act?—Yes.
73,403. Did you vote in the year 1841?—Yes.
73,404. Who for?—Hanmer and James.
73,405. Did you get any money on that occasion?—No.
73,406. Not after the election?—No.
73,407. Nor before?—Nor before; nothing.
73,408. Did you vote in 1847?—Yes.
73,409. Who for?—It was for the blue party I know.
73,410. For Baines and Brown, or for both?—I think it was Baines and Brown.
73,411. Did you get any money on that occasion?—No.
73,412. Either before or after voting?—No.
73,413. Did you vote the last time, in 1852?—Yes.
73,414. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
73,415. Did you get any money the last time?—No.
73,416. Was your name set down in any list?—No; not that I know of.

ROBERT ACRID sworn, and examined.

Robert Acrid.

73,417. Where do you live?—No. 3, Robinson's Row.
73,418. What is your business?—Wine and spirit merchant.
73,419. What rent do you pay?—I live on my own property.
73,420. What are you rated at?—At about 40*l.* a year for the house and the premises adjoining.
73,421. Are you a freeman?—No.
73,422. At which election were you entitled to vote?—At the first election after the Reform Act.
73,423. Did you vote in 1841, when Clay and Thompson and Hanmer and James were the candidates?—I voted for Hanmer and James, I believe.
73,424. Did you receive any money then?—No.
73,425. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I voted for Baines and Brown, I believe.
73,426. Were you a runner for Mr. Baines?—No; not exactly. I cannot walk myself now.
73,427. Were you down on any list as a messenger?—I wonder you should ask me the question. I think my station in life would not warrant it.
73,428. I am obliged to put the question from the information I have?—I think it is a great insult to put the question to me.
73,429. I must put the questions; it is my duty. Were you a clerk then?—I never was in a committee room.
73,430. At that election?—At no election.
37,431. Were you a clerk at that election or not?—No.
73,432. In 1852, did you vote?—Yes.
73,433. Who did you vote for?—I voted for Moore and Butler.
73,434. I do not wish to offend you, but I must put the question; did you receive anything from them?—No; not at any time at all.
73,435. And was not upon any committee?—No.
73,436. You did not take any interest in it beyond that of voting?—I took an interest, certainly, for the party I voted for; but I did not interfere with the men who were in my employ. I thought if they had a right to vote they had a right to their own opinion.
73,437. Leaving out the persons that you employ, did you canvass for Moore and Butler?—No; not amongst other people; not at all.
72,438. I do not understand then how you showed your interest; in what way?—I was interested in my opinion for the party I voted for. I had no personal interest.
72,439. You felt an interest?—We all do that.
72,440. You did not act as a clerk at any committee room?—I never was in a committee room at any period.

William Barker.

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WILLIAM BARKER sworn, and examined.

72,441. Where do you live?—Spencer Street.
72,442. What is your business?—Mast and blockmaker.
72,443. What rent do you pay?—I am rated at 9*l.* a year; it is one of my own houses I live in.
72,444. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
72,445. When were you made a freeman?—I think about thirty years since.
72,446. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.
72,447. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Thompson.
72,448. Were you on any committee?—No.
72,449. Not as a messenger?—I was not a messenger
72,450. Did any money pass through your hands?—No.
72,451. Or come into them?—No.
72,452. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr Clay.
72,453. Only?—Only.
72,454. Did you act for him upon any committee?—No.
72,455. Did any money come into your hands or pass through them?—No; I did not want it.
72,456. At the election of 1852, who did you vote for?—I did not vote at all then.
72,457. At the last election?—Not at the last election.
73,458. Were you away?—No; I was in Hull.
74,459. You did not vote at all?—No.
73,460. I suppose that was merely from your own wish?—I should have voted, but I saw that Goderich and Clay were forward enough. I do not interfere with electioneering.

John D. Banks.

JOHN DIXON BINKS sworn, and examined.

73,461. Where do you live?—Pier Street.
73,462. Are you a painter?—Yes.
73,463. You are not the Binks, the painter, of whom we have heard so much?—No; not the same Binks.
73,464. What rent do you pay?—I pay 3*s.* a week.
73,465. Are you a lodger?—Yes.
73,466. When were you made a freeman?—In 1815, I think.
73,467. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—No.
73,468. You were a freeman then?—Yes.
73,469. Why did you not vote?—Because I lived at too great a distance. I was not in Hull at the time.
73,470. You were living away from Hull?—Yes.
73,471. Did you vote in 1847?—Yes.
73,472. Who for?—For Clay and Brown.
73,473. Did you reseive any money at that election?—Yes.
73,474. How much did you get?—Ten shillings.
73,475. Where were you paid it?—In Bishop Lane.
73,476. After you had voted?—No; the night before.
73,477. Is that all that you got?—Yes.
73,478. That would be for Brown, was it not?—For Brown.
72,479. Did you get anything from Mr. Clay?—I got my expenses from Sheffield and back.
73,480. How much?—Ten or twelve shillings.
73,481. Who did you vote for in 1852?—Clay and Goderich.
73,482. Did you receive any money for your vote then?—No.
73,483. No expenses?—No; but I expect some.
73,484. Did you receive nothing for loss of time?—I have received nothing.
73,485. Why do they not pay you?—I do not know.
73,486. Did you apply for it?—No; I never applied to any one; I did not know who to apply to.
73,487. You said you expected it. Who did you expect it from?—I cannot tell you that. I was told that I should have my expenses. That was for my time for coming over from New Holland. I lost my day, and they made me pay my packet too.
73,488. Did you not make any application?—No; I did not know where to apply to.
73,489. Had your name been put down?—No; not that I am aware of.
73,490. Did you live in New Holland?—No; I live in Hull; I work in New Holland; I am only here at night.
73,491. You work over at New Holland, and live here?—Yes.
73,492. What you expected was for your loss of time?—Yes.
73,493. They did not pay it?—No.

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73,494. Did anybody promise you payment? Who talked to you about it?—A man of the name of Clarke fetched me over; but he was not the party to pay me.

73,495. Will you tell me who was the party?—I do not know. He came over on the polling day at noon to fetch me to vote. I told him that I should expect to be paid for my loss of time in coming over, and he said no doubt I should be paid.

73,496. Did he say what committee he came from?—No; that is all he said to me.

73,497. Did he bring some others besides you?—Yes; he fetched another man.

73,498. Only one other?—Yes.

73,499. What is his name?—I cannot recollect his name; he is a cabinetmaker by trade.

73,500. Did you know this Clarke before?—He is a brother-in-law of mine.

73,501. Where does he live? What is his first name?—He is a cabinetmaker; John Clarke.

73,502. Where does he live?—At the Humber Dock Side.

73,503. Did he not tell you where you would get the money?—No.

73,504. Or where you were to apply for it?—No. I suppose he told me this merely for the sake of getting me to vote. I do not think he knew.

73,505. You have talked to your own brother-in-law about it since?—No.

73,506. Have you not?—No, I have not.

73,507. Did not Clarke say what committee room he had come from, or who sent him?—No; he never told me anything about a committee.

73,508. What time of the day was it?—It was noon.

73,509. How came you to rely on Clarke's promise?—I never relied on his promise.

73,510. I thought you came over, relying on his promise that you would be paid for your loss of time?—He desired me to come, and I told him I should expect to be paid for my loss of time. I should not have come over to vote without.

73,511. Did you come over, relying on Clarke's promise?—Yes. I understand you now.

73,512. Expecting from what he said that you would get paid?—Yes.

73,513. You did rely on his promise?—Of his paying me, do you mean?

73,514. You expected to be paid, from what Clarke said to you or promised you?—He said no doubt I should be paid my expenses and loss of time.

73,515. I want to know whether you relied on his promise that he would pay you?—No; I did not rely upon him.

73,516. Do you believe he was authorized to promise you?—No, I do not believe that he was.

73,517. Did he have any authority to promise?—No, I do not think he was authorized to promise any expenses. I took it in this way, that he wanted to have the gratification of having taken a vote, or brought a vote to the party.

William Boyd.

WILLIAM BOYD sworn, and examined.

73,518. Where do you live?—In Church Street, Drypool.

73,519. What is your business?—A millwright.

73,520. What rent do you pay?—£12.

73,521. Are you a freeman?—No.

73,522. At what election were you first entitled to vote?—My memory does not serve me in that respect.

73,523. In 1841 did you vote?—I most likely did; I cannot recollect who I polled for at the time.

73,524. Hanmer and James, was it?—I cannot say.

73,525. Do you remember whether you got anything for your vote?—Never a farthing.

73,526. At any time?—Not at any time.

73,527. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I voted first for Lord Goderich.

73,528. Who did you vote for in 1847?—I do not remember anything at all but the last election.

73,529. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

73,530. Were you on any committee?—No.

73,531. Did you pay any people?—No.

73,532. Did they take your room?—No.

73,533. You got no money?—No.

73,534. Were you employed in 1847 on the part of Brown?—No, not at all.

73,535. Or paid for him?—Not at all; I never had any money at all.

73,536. Were you never employed at all?—Not at all.

Joseph Brown.

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JOSEPH BROWN sworn, and examined.

73,537. Where do you live?—26, Paradise Place.
73,538. What is your business?—A pilot.
73,539. What rent do you pay for a house?—I do not pay any rent at all; it is my own.
73,540. At what are you rated?—£12.
73,541. Are you a freeman?—I am a freeman.
73,542. When were you made a freeman?—1822.
73,543. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—I did; I voted for Hanmer and James.
73,544. Were you on any committee?—No.
73,545. Did any money pass through your hands in any way?—Not a penny.
73,546. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I voted for Baines and Brown.
73,547. Were you a runner, or a messenger, or on a committee?—No; I had nothing to do with it.
73,548. Did any money pass through your hands?—Not a penny.
73,549. Did Mr. Collison ever pay you any money?—Not a penny.
73,550. Do you know Mr. Collison?—Yes, well.
73,551. He never gave you any money?—Not a farthing; I never asked for any.
73,552. But did he pay it to anybody else for you?—No.
73,553. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
73,554. Did you take any part beyond voting?—No.
73,555. Were you on any committee?—Not at all.
73,556. Or assist in canvassing?—No.
73,557. Did you get any expenses paid?—Not a farthing; I never asked for any.
73,558. No money passed through your hands?—Not a penny.

Thomas Brown.

THOMAS BROWN sworn, and examined.

73,559. Where do you live?—In Osborne Street.
73,560. What do you do?—I am a painter.
73,561. What rent do you pay?—About 6*l*. I am a freeman.
73,562. When were you made a freeman?—About 1825. I believe the first election I voted at was Sykes' and O'Neill's.
73,563. Who did you vote for in 1841?—Clay and Thompson.
73,564. Did you receive any money that election?—No.
73,565. Nothing?—No.
73,566. Your expenses?—No.
73,567. Loss of time?—Never anything.
73,568. At the next election, 1847?—I voted for Mr. Clay.
73,569. Only?—Only.
73,570. Did you receive any money then?—Nothing.
73,571. Neither before nor after the election?—No.
73,572. Are you sure you did not vote for Brown?—No.
73,273. Were you a runner for Baines?—No, never.
73,574. Were you a messenger?—No.
73,575. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
73,576. Did you take any part in the last election?—No.
73,577. Nothing but voting?—No.
73,578. Did you canvass?—No.
73,579. Had you any room engaged?—No.
73,580. You did not receive any money?—No, not a farthing.
73,581. Or pay any?—No, nothing.
73,582. Was your name set down?—No.

David Calvert.

DAVID CALVERT sworn, and examined.

73,583. Where do you live?—No. 3, Scale Lane.
73,584. What is your business?—A butcher.
73,585. What rent do you pay?—£11.
73,586. Are you a freeman?—No, I am not.
73,587. At which election were you entitled to vote first?—I think, 1847.
73,588. Who did you vote for?—Orange, I believe it was; I cannot say.
73,589. Which did you vote for?—I will not be sure.
73,590. The gentlemen in 1847 were Clay, Baines, and Brown?—I voted for orange.
73,591. You voted for Clay?—I think so; I will not say.
73,592. Were you a messenger for Brown?—No.
73,593. A runner?—I cannot walk, hardly.

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73,594. It is sometime ago; 1847. You could go better then?—Not a deal.

73,595. Did you receive any money?—Never in my life. I voted forty years, and never secured a farthing out of it, or a glass of grog, but at my own expense.

73,596. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Orange.

73,597. You got nothing?—No, never in my life; I never wanted anything.

73,598. Did you not vote for Clay and Brown in 1847?—I am not sure; I did not give it a thought.

73,599. I find your name is down as voting for Clay and Thompson, and you run for Brown?—I never was a runner in my life, but what was honest and right.

John Clark.

JOHN CLARK sworn, and examined.

73,600. Where do you live?—Hall Street.

73,601. What is your business?—A baker.

73,602. What rent do you pay?—£14.

73,603. Are you a freeman?—No.

73,604. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—The last election.

73,605. Did you not vote in 1847?—No.

73,606. Are you sure of that?—Yes.

73,607. Where did you live at that time?—Hall Street.

73,608. In 1847?—Yes.

73,609. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

73,610. Were you not entitled to vote in 1847?—No, I was not.

73,611. Did you get any money at the last election?—I got money for two days' running.

73,612. Who did you run for?—Moore and Butler.

73,613. Did you apply to get your name set down?—No.

73,614. Was it put down for you?—Well, I cannot say; I do not know.

73,615. You were paid for two days?—Yes.

73,616. How much did you get?—10*s.*

73,617. Who paid you?—Mr. George Steeples.

73,618. He came to your house, perhaps? Where did he pay you?—Paid it at his house.

73,619. After you voted?—Yes.

William Croft.

WILLIAM COOPER sworn, and examined.

73,620. Where do you live?—Air Street, when I voted.

73,621. What is your business; what do you do?—I am a labourer.

73,622. Do you pay rent?—Yes.

73,623. How much?—£4 12*s.* a year.

73,624. When were you made a freeman?—1818, the 2d of June.

73,625. At the election, of 1841 who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.

73,626. Did you receive any money for your vote?—I received 10*s.* a week beyond the election.

73,627. Who paid you?—I cannot tell you. I was fetched from Beverley.

73,628. Do you remember where you were paid?—I cannot remember. I think it was at Mr. Linwood's or Mr. West's.

73,629. You were fetched from Beverley?—Yes.

73,630. What was the 10*s.* for; loss of time?—The time I had to come back again to Beverley. I had a vessel there.

73,631. How did you come over?—I came over in a coach on Saturday night, and polled upon Monday.

73,632. Was it found to carry the voters over?—They were fetching them in; they brought them from Beverley.

73,633. You did not pay anything for the fare?—No.

73,634. At the next election, 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown. I received 10*s.* for Brown.

73,635. Who paid you?—David Key.

73,636. After you voted?—Yes; two days.

73,637. That was for Brown?—Yes.

73,638. Did you get anything for Baines?—Clay and Goderich.

73,639. How much did you get?—Nothing.

73,640. Nothing at all?—No.

73,641. At any time?—Not at any time

73,642. Was your name put down on any list?—It never was. I went into the town on the nomination day, and I had two polling cards.

73,643. You got no money?—No.

Thomas Croft.

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THOMAS CROFT sworn, and examined.

73,644. Where do you live?—Witham, Wellington Street.
73,645. What is your business?—A hay dealer.
73,646. What rent do you pay?—£20.
73,647. Are you also a freeman?—No.
73,648. When were you first entitled to vote?—I do not remember what year. I voted at three elections.
73,649. I will take you back to 1841; who did you vote for?—Clay and Hanmer, I believe; I am not quite certain.
73,650. That is splitting your vote?—I believe it was so.
73,651. Did you get any money?—No.
73,652. Did you not vote for James and Hanmer?—No.
73,653. Are you sure you voted in 1841?—Yes.
73,654. Who did you vote for in the next election, in 1847?—Clay and Baines.
73,655. Were you not a messenger for Baines?—No.
73,656. Were you a runner?—No.
73,657. Did you receive any money at that election?—No.
73,658. Neither before nor after?—No.
73,659. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
73,660. Did you receive any money?—No.
73,661. Not at all?—No.
73,662. Were you on any committee?—No.
73,663. Did you canvass for them?—No.
73,664. Did they take your room?—No.

Samuel Duncan.

SAMUEL DUNCAN sworn, and examined.

73,665. Where do you live?—Humber Street.
73,666. What is your business?—A draper's assistant.
73,667. What rent do you pay?—£20.
73,668. Are you also a freeman?—No.
73,669. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—The last one.
73,670. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
73,671. Were you not a runner for Brown at the former election?—No.
73,672. Were you a messenger?—No.
73,673. You might have been so, though not a voter?—No.
73,674. A clerk, or anything?—No.
73,675. At the last election when you voted, did you receive any money?—None.
73,676. Was your name put down anywhere?—No.
73,677. Were you a clerk?—No.
73,678. Had you any room engaged?—No.

Thomas Fenwick.

THOMAS FENWICK sworn, and examined.

73,679. Where do you live?—Paradise Place.
73,680. What is your business?—A pilot.
73,681. What rent do you pay?—I do not pay any.
73,682. Are you a lodger?—No; the house is my own.
73,683. What are you rated at?—£9.
73,684. Are you a freeman too?—Yes.
73,685. When were you made a freeman?—In 1814.
73,686. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.
73,687. Who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.
73,688. Did you receive any money that election?—Yes.
73,689. How much did you get?—A sovereign.
73,690. Who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
73,691. Who paid you?—I am sure I cannot recollect.
73,692. Where was it?—I am sure I cannot say where it was.
73,693. When was it?—It was after the election.
73,694. Was it in a public house, or at Lidgard's, or where?—It was not in a public house.
73,695. In any committee room?—I am sure I cannot say where it was exactly.
73,696. Was it paid in the street?—I cannot say where it was; whether in Bishop's Lane or Salthouse Lane; it was one of them.
73,697. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Brown.
73,698. Did you receive any money for it?—Yes.
73,699. How much?—10*s.*
73,700. Before or after the election?—After.

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73,701. Who paid you?—Mr. Collison.
73,702. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
73,703. Did you receive any money at that time?—No.
73,704. Nothing?—Nothing.
73,705. Did they promise you anything?—No.
73,706. Did they take your room?—No.
73,707. Did you get nothing after the election?—No.

JOHN FINLAY sworn, and examined.

John Finlay.

73,708. Where do you live?—Francis Street.
73,709. What is your business?—A cabinetmaker.
73,710. What rent do you pay?—I pay no rent.
73,711. Are you a lodger?—No; the house is my own.
73,712. What are you rated at?—£10.
73,713. Are you also a freeman?—Yes, I am a freeman.
73,714. When were you made a freeman?—I took up my freedom in 1815.
73,715. In 1841, who did you vote for?—I voted for Clay and Thompson.
73,716. Did you receive any money that election?—No; I did not receive anything at the time; but after the election,—about six months after,—Dr. Chalmers sent for me, and gave me 30*s.* as a present.
73,717. He was one of the party that was active at the election?—It was him that came to solicit me; and he asked me if I had got anything from the orange party, and he sent me down to the office in Bishop Lane. I never got anything, and so he sent it me.
73,718. When did he solicit you; before the election?—He came and solicited my vote.
73,719. Before the election?—Yes.
73,720. And paid you afterwards 30*s.*?—Yes, he did, about four months after the election.
73,721. As a present?—Yes.
73,722. Who did you vote for in 1847?—Brown.
73,723. Did you get any money then?—I got 5*s.*
73,724. Who paid you that?—I do not know; I was paid at the Market Place; at the committee room there.
73,725. When?—Just after the election.
73,726. The same day?—I do not know whether it was ten days or a fortnight; it might be, but I cannot say.
73,727. Do you remember who paid you?—I am sure I do not know,
73,728. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
73,729. Did you get any money then?—Yes. Mr. Cattley came, and wished me to solicit and get what votes I could. I did what I possibly could to get voters, and he sent me 2*l.* about a month after the election.
73,730. Who sent it to you?—Mr. Cattley.

EDWARD FORBES sworn, and examined.

Edward Forbes.

73,731. Where do you live?—No. 1, Smeaton Street.
73,732. What is your business?—I am a shipwright by trade, and I am keeping a shop as a grocer.
73,733. What rent do you pay?—There is a mortgage on the premises. I call the house my own, and there is a mortgage on the property, each side of the shop.
73,734. What are you rated at?—I am rated at 16*l.*
73,735. Are you also a freeman?—I am a freeman.
73,736. When were you made a freeman?—I took my freedom up in 1819, on the 12th of October.
73,737. In 1841, who did you vote for?—I was at sea in the Zephyr.
73,738. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I bulleted Mr. Brown.
73,739. What did you get for your vote?—I got never a penny given me. I always give my vote independent, as a man ought to do. I got the 10*s.*, but I considered it was for actual service. I got it before the election. I promised a bullet, and it was before I received any money. There was 10*s.* to be given; and I thought I might as well have it as the other people.
73,740. Did you apply to be set down as a runner?—I consider it was for running as a messenger; not for my vote, I assure you; that I can say conscientiously.
73,741. You told who you would poll for?—I promised before I knew there was any money, I assure you, to be given. I went the night before the election, and promised Brown a bullet. I did not know there was going to be any money in the way at all.
73,742. You received it as a sort of present?—I received 10*s.* the next day; it was on the polling day.

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73,743. After you had voted?—No; I got the money before I had given my vote; certainly I did. I consider it was for to make myself useful during the day; to do the best I could for them with regard to Mr. Brown getting the election.

73,744. And part of the best you could do was to go and vote for him?—Yes.

73,745. In 1852, who did you vote for?—I voted for Moore and Butler.

73,746. You said you were to do all you could for Brown; what else did you do?—I ran about, and endeavoured to get the election. I got nothing but the 10*s.* I did not get it for my vote; by no means. I promised him a bullet before I received any money.

73,747. You had promised him the night before?—I promised him the night before, and there was 10*s.* given the next day for them.

73,748. That liked to take it?—For them who rendered assistance. I may call myself a messenger. It was not for my vote, I can say that, if I am to be believed.

73,749. In 1852, what did you do?—I did nothing at all, and I got nothing.

73,750. Did you vote?—I voted. I gave Butler one and Moore the other.

73,751. That is doing something?—I got no money; I received none; I did not want any.

73,752. Are you sure you did not get a little?—I am confident I got no money. All I got is the 10*s.*; that is the money I received.

73,753. Did you get nothing in 1852?—I got nothing in 1852, I assure you. I never asked for any. I never made myself in any way useful in electioneering, because I had some other business to go to.

James Frith.

JAMES FRITH sworn, and examined.

73,754. Where do you live?—No. 23, Osborne Street.

73,755. What business are you?—A master coach painter.

73,756. What rent do you pay?—£20 a year.

73,757. Are you also a freeman?—Yes.

73,758. When were you made a freeman?—The first election I voted was when I voted for Mr. Sykes.

73,759. In 1841, did you vote?—I have voted at every election since.

73,760. Who did you vote for in 1841?—Hanmer and James.

73,761. Did you receive any money?—I do not recollect it. I perhaps might have done so, but I do not recollect the exact sum.

73,762. To the best of your recollection, how much will you say it was?—I do not recollect whether there was any money received or not.

73,763. They say you received 1*l.*?—I might have received it, or 10*s.*, or 12*s.* I know I have received money at different times.

73,764. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.

73,765. Did you get a little something then?—My name was put down; I saw it written; and when I went and applied for the 10*s.* there was no name down, they told me.

73,766. Perhaps they gave it you, notwithstanding?—No; I never received anything; not a farthing.

73,767. Neither for Baines or Brown?—No.

73,768. Who wrote it for you?—I believe Mr. Bannister was the chairman.

73,769. Your name was put down, you say?—I saw it written in their book. When I applied for the money, they said they had not my name at all.

73,770. It was put down for 10*s.*?—Yes.

73,771. You believed it was down?—Yes, I did.

73,772. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

73,773. You went over a little?—Quite a different party.

73,774. How much did you get?—Nothing at all.

73,775. Was your name set down this time?—No; I never received a farthing.

73,776. Was your name set down?—No; I never applied.

73,777. Were you on any committee?—No.

73,778. You did not canvass?—No.

73,779. Did you have any room taken?—No.

73,780. Why did you go over to the orange?—I consider I had changed my principles, that was the reason.

73,781. Was it because they had not paid you the 10*s.* in 1847?—Not a bit of it.

John Gill.

JOHN GILL sworn, and examined.

73,782. Where do you live?—Reed Street.

73,783. What is your business?—A shipping insurance broker.

73,784. What rent do you pay?—£18.

73,785. Are you also a freeman?—No.

73,786. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—At the last.

73,787. Who did you vote for?—I voted for Moore and Butler.

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73,788. Did you not assist in Baines's election?—No, nor any other.
73,789. Nor Brown's?—No; I never assisted at any.
73,790. Did you get any money at the last election?—Nothing at all.
73,791. Were you on any committee?—No.
73,792. Have you got a namesake?—I am not aware. There is a person of the same name in Bishop Lane, but I do not know his name.
73,793. You never received anything?—Oh no.

GEORGE GOULD sworn, and examined. *George Gould.*

73,794. Where do you live?—Kingston Gardens, Kingston Street.
73,795. What is your business?—A currier.
73,796. What rent do you pay?—Ten guineas.
73,797. Are you also a freeman?—Yes.
73,798. When were you made a freeman?—In 1828.
73,799. In 1841, who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.
73,800. Did you receive any money that election?—No.
73,801. Nothing at all?—No.
73,802. Nor afterwards?—No.
73,803. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
73,804. You were a runner for Baines, were you not?—No.
73,805. Were you a runner for either of them?—No.
73,806. Did you receive any money that election?—No.
73,807. Neither before nor after?—No.
73,808. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
73,809. Was your name set down?—No.
73,810. Did you receive any money?—Not a farthing.
73,811. Neither before nor after?—Neither before nor after.
73,812. Not for a room, or anything?—No.

MARSHALL EDMUND BLAKEY sworn, and examined. *M. E. Blakey.*

73,813. Where do you live?—Military Street, Hedon Road.
73,814. What is your business?—Steamboat steward.
73,815. What rent did you pay?—8*l.* 16*s.*
73,816. Are you also a freeman?—A freeman.
73,817. When were you made a freeman?—In 1841.
73,818. In 1839, perhaps?—1841.
73,819. Did you pay for it yourself?—No.
73,820. Who paid for it?—The orange party.
73,821. Were you entitled to vote for them at that election?—No.
73,822. Did you vote for the orange in 1847?—Yes.
73,823. Was it in consequence of assisting you with your freedom?—Certainly.
73,824. Did you vote for Mr. Clay?—Clay and Baines.
73,825. Did you receive any money?—Yes.
73,826. How much did you get then?—30*s.*
73,827. Who paid you?—I cannot say who the man was that paid me; a clerk in some office; the lawyer's office, I suppose it was.
73,828. Mr. Galloway's?—I do not know who it was.
73,829. Where were you paid?—At the Baltic Tavern.
73,830. After the election?—Before the election.
73,831. Eighty got paid?—I cannot say the number.
73,832. You were one of Hall's lot?—I was one of that lot.
73,833. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
73,834. Did you receive any money then?—Not at all.
73,835. Was your name set down?—Not that I am aware of.
73,836. Neither before nor after?—Neither before nor after.

JAMES BYCRAFT sworn, and examined. *James Bycraft.*

73,837. Where do you live?—Chapel Lane.
73,838. What is your business?—A licensed victualler and broker.
73,839. What rent do you pay?—£20.
73,840. Are you also a freeman?—No.
73,841. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—1852.
73,842. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
73,843. Do you keep the Edinburgh Packet?—Yes.
73,844. Was your room engaged?—Yes.
73,845. As a committee room?—Yes.

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73,846. Who engaged it?—I do not know who engaged it. My wife managed it.
73,847. She has told you?—No. I am not in the house. My business lies out of doors.
73,848. Have you heard since?—No; I do not know who paid her the money.
73,849. Cannot you tell us?—No.
73,850. How much was the money?—£2.
73,851. When was it paid?—It was after the election.
73,852. You keep books, do you not?—Yes; I keep my own books. I do not keep the house books.
73,853. Do you enter these payments in your books?—No.
73,854. Why not?—What was I to do that for?
73,855. Answer the question?—I do not enter such things as these in my book.
73,856. Why not enter a payment for 2*l.* in your book?—I do not think it was worth while.
73,857. Is that the reason?—Yes.
73,858. If you had had your room engaged for an ordinary purpose, and 1*l.* was paid, should you mention it in your book?—Yes, I should.
73,859. If your room is engaged for any time, at a certain time, do you enter it in your book?—No; I never did before.
73,860. If your room is engaged for any purpose, should you make an entry in your book of it as a matter of business?—I might do it after this. I never did so before.
72,861. Did you when the room was engaged at any time before?—It was engaged as a club-room, when I took to the house. They stopped a little while, and then left it.
73,862. What did they pay?—£1 a year.
73,963. Did you enter that payment in your book?—No.
73,864. Did you receive any money besides the 2*l.*?—No.
73,645. What committee met at the Edinburgh Packet?—I do not know; I did not see any that came in.

Thomas Dick.

THOMAS DICK sworn, and examined.

73,866. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes.
73,867. Who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
73,868. Did you receive any money?—10*s.*
73,869. Who did you vote for in 1847?—I have forgotten all about it. I never had anything to do with it. I polled for Hanmer and James, and I never got a farthing of money since. I never would have anything to do with the last two elections. They ran after me, but I never was in any committee room or public house.
73,870. What did you get when Sir John Hanmer was here?—I got 10*s.* when Hanmer was here, but I never received a halfpenny since. Moore and Butler came, and wanted to shake hands with me; but it is all nonsense. I had nothing to do with them.

[The witness, being totally deaf, was examined by written questions.]

Thomas Gilliatt.

THOMAS GILLIATT sworn, and examined.

73,871. Where do you live?—Spring Street.
73,872. What is your busness?—A grocer.
73,873. What rent do you pay?—I do not pay any rent; the place is my own.
73,874. What are you rated at?—£15 poor rates.
63,875. Are you a freeman?—Yes; the property makes me free.
73,876. Have you ever taken up your freedom?—No.
73,877. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—1847; for Clay and Baines.
73,878. Did you receive any money then?—No.
73,879. Before or after the election?—No.
73,880. At any time?—No.
73,881. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
73,882. Did you have a room then?—No.
73,883. Was there not a committee room in your house?—No.
73,884. Was there not a room that was used as a committee room?—A man brought some papers into the room; only one man brought them, and wanted the room for a committee; he left the papers and cards, but I would not let it.
73,885. You let them leave their papers there?—Yes; there were some papers and cards; perhaps half a dozen.
73,886. Did you get two guineas from Mr. Steeple?—£2; he brought it to the shop.
73,887. What was it for?—For the room, perhaps; it might be for the room; he brought me 2*l.*, however.
73,888. £1 19*s.* for your vote, and 1*s.* for the room?—There was only a man in it.
73,889. You got 2*l.* for it?—Yes.
73,890. And voted for the blues?—Yes, I did.
73,891. You kept the 2*l.*?—Of course; they brought it to me. However, if they had not I should not have gone to them for it.

STEPHEN SMITH sworn, and examined. *Stephen Smith.*

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73,892. Where do you live?—Porter Street.
73,893. What is your business?—A master pipe maker.
73,894. What rent do you pay?—£7 a year the shop. The house is my own.
73,895. When were you made a freeman?—In 1818.
73,896. In 1841, did you vote?—Yes.
73,897. Who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
73,898. Did you receive any money for your vote?—£1.
73,899. Who paid it?—I do not know. It was paid at a house in the Pottery.
73,900. After you had voted?—Yes; perhaps a week or two; I cannot say exactly.
73,901. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
73,902. You were a runner for Brown?—Yes; one day at 5*s*.
73,903. Where were you paid?—After the election, in the market.
73,904. Did you get any money for Baines?—No.
73,905. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
73,906. Did you get any money then?—Yes; I got a sovereign.
73,907. Who paid you?—I was paid at Mr. Wells's office. I cannot say whether he paid it or not.
73,908. Was it after the election?—About a fortnight after.

THOMAS SMITH sworn, and examined. *Thomas Smith.*

73,909. Where do you live?—Pier Street, St. George's Terrace.
73,910. What is your business?—A blacksmith.
73,911. What rent do you pay?—£20 18*s*.
73,912. Are you a freeman also?—Yes.
73,913. When were you made a freeman?—In 1847.
73,914. Did you vote at that election?—No; it was after the election when I took it up.
73,915. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Moore and Butler.
73,916. How much money did you get for your vote?—I can hardly tell you. I received somewhere about 30*s*.
73,917. When were you paid?—After the election.
73,918. Where was it?—At the committee room on Minerva Terrace.

JOHN STALPER sworn, and examined. *John Stalper.*

73,919. Where do you live?—No. 47, Osborne Street.
73,920. What business are you?—A bricklayer.
73,921. What rent do you pay?—£18 a year.
73,922. Are you also a freeman?—Yes.
73,923. When were you made a freeman?—I think, if I recollect right, about 1812.
73,924. In 1841, did you vote?—I did.
73,925. Who for?—I polled for James and Hanmer.
73,926. Did you receive any money?—Nothing.
73,927. Neither before nor after the election?—No.
73,928. At the next election, 1847, did you vote?—I polled then.
73,929. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.
73,930. Did you receive any money then?—Not one farthing.
73,931. I believe at the last election you voted for Moore and Butler?—I did.
73,932. Your name was put down at the Minerva?—Not to my knowledge.
73,933. At Lidgard's?—Not to my knowledge.
73,934. At Mr. Bannister's?—Not to my knowledge, I was not.
73,935. Do you know Mr. Bamford?—I know him by sight, but I had no connexion with him at the time.
73,936. Did you receive any money at the last election?—Not one farthing.
73,937. Neither after you voted nor before?—No.
73,938. Did you let a room?—Yes, I did let a room.
73,939. Who to?—Mr. Croft, if I recollect right. My missus got 2*l*. from Mr. Steeple.
73,940. How came you to go and get any money at all?—I was not asked a question about the room at the time.
73,941. You mean you never received the money?—I never received it, nor have I yet.
73,942. But your wife did?—Yes, I acknowledge that.
73,943. What committee met at your house?—I believe there were two gents. I never saw them. I was not at home. My business called me out of the way.
73,944. You meant to vote for them?—I was ready for them when they thought proper to come. When the two gents came, I did not know who they were.

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73,945. Who paid your wife?—It was George Steeple.
73,946. After the election?—I think more than five weeks after.
73,947. He came to your house and paid?—Yes.
73,948. Did you get any list given to you of the gentlemen whom you expected to come?—No
73,949. Was anybody's name at all told you?—No.

William Story.

WILLIAM STORY sworn, and examined.

73,950. Where do you live?—No. 2, James Street.
73,951. What business are you?—A pipe maker.
73,952. What rent do you pay?—None; I am a lodger.
73,953. When were you made a freeman?—1851.
73,954. Who paid for your freedom?—Myself.
73,955. Who did you vote for in 1852?—Moore and Butler.
73,956. Did you get some money?—Yes, I did.
73,957. How much did you get?—I was a messenger in South Myton district.
73,958. How much did you get?—47*s.*
73,959. Who paid you?—Mr. Croft.
73,960. Did he pay you any money before the election?—Yes.
73,961. Were you a regular messenger?—Yes.
73,962. How long were you on as a messenger?—I was on about thirteen days.
73,963. How much did you receive before the election?—10*s.*
73,964. Was it for the week before?—Part of the week before.
73,965. You were paid the rest on the following Saturday?—Yes.
73,966. How came they not to give you more than 10*s.* before?—I do not know. They only gave me 10*s.* on the Saturday before.
73,967. I suppose they kept a little back for fear you should go away; is that it?—I do not know.
73,968. Did you ask nothing?—No.
73,969. At the time this 10*s.* was paid there was more than that coming to you?—Yes; after it was all over. I expected it when we had finished our work.
73,970. Up to the time they paid you the 10*s.* they only paid you in part?—No.
73,971. Do you mean there was anything more coming, to your own knowledge?—There was.
73,972. Then they kept back part of it?—Yes.
73,973. Then do you understand now that they kept back part when they gave you the 10*s.*?—Yes.
73,974. How much do you think that you had earned that time?—When?
73,975. When you got the 10*s.*?—I had been up to the Saturday I was paid; that is from the Friday the week before.
73,976. The first payment was on the Saturday week?—Yes.
73,977. And they gave you 10*s.*?—Yes.

J. A. Thomas.

JONATHAN ASHTON THOMAS sworn, and examined.

73,978. Where do you live?—Drypool.
73,979. What is your business?—A shipwright.
73,980. What rent do you pay?—Half a crown a week.
73,981. Are you a lodger?—Yes.
73,982. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
73,983. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1826.
73,984. In 1841, who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
73,985. Were you paid for it?—Yes; 1*l.*
73,986. After you voted?—After I voted.
73,987. Who paid you?—I cannot recollect the gentleman's name.
73,988. Where were you paid?—Somewhere in Holderness ward.
73,989. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
73,990. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
73,991. How much were you paid?—A sovereign.
73,992. Where were you paid?—At a shop in Holderness ward.
73,993. Was it after you had voted?—Yes.
73,994. Who paid you?—I do not know who it was.
73,995. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
73,996. Was it for Brown you were paid in 1847?—Mr. Brown himself.
73,997. Were you paid at the last election?—Yes.
73,998. What were you paid?—£1.
73,999. Was it after you had voted?—Yes.
74,000. Where?—Holderness ward.
74,001. Who paid you?—I do not know who it was.

JAMES THOMPSON sworn, and examined. *James Thompson.*

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74,002. Where do you llve?—14, Great Passage Street.
74,003. What is your busiuess?—A blockmaker.
74,004. What rent do you pay?—I am a lodger.
74,005. When were you made a freeman?—In 1822.
74,006. In 1841, who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
74,007. Did you receive any money at that election?—A sovereign after the election.
74,008. Who paid you?—I was paid at the Saddlers. I do not know who paid me.
74,009. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.
74,010. Did you receive any money then?—Not a halfpenny.
74,011. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
74,012. I believe you were a South Myton runner?—I was not. I was set down for four days, and they only would pay me two.
74,013. How much?—10*s.*
74,014. Before or after?—A fortnight after.
74,015. Were you set down by Mr. Croft?—No; by Mr. Wells.
74,016. What Mr. Wells?—I do not know; he was chairman of the committee.
74,017. Where was his office?—I do not know; it was in Osborne Street. Mr. Charles Wells paid me the 10*s.*

WILLIAM THOMPSON sworn, and examined. *W. Thompson.*

74,018. Where do you live?—Walker Street.
74,019. What is your business?—A smith.
74,020. What rent do you pay?—Ten guineas.
74,021. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
74,022. When were you made a freeeman?—About three years back.
74,023. In 1841, did you vote?—Yes.
74,024. Who did you vote for?—I polled for the orange.
74,025. Clay and Thompson?—It might be; but I cannot say which, whether one or both.
74,026. Did you get any money?—Yes.
74,027. How much did you get?—I am sure I cannot tell. I was put on as a runner. I got so many days; but I cannot tell.
74,028. Before or after the election?—Six days.
74,029. How much did you get?—I cannot say at all.
74,030. Where were you paid?—I was paid in Parliament Street.
74,031. Thirty shillings, by Thistleton?—I think I might; I cannot say.
74,032. Thistleton paid you?—I am sure I cannot say; there were several gentlemen there.
74,033. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
74,034. Did you receive any money then?—I got four days' pay for Baines; half-a-crown a day; that was 10*s.*
74,035. And Brown?—Brown could not find my name. After, I got some little trifle at the Market Place.
74 036. Was it 5*s.*?—I cannot say.
74,037. 10*s.*?—I think not so much as that; I would not be certain.
74,038. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
74,039. I believe your name was put down at Minerva Terrace?—Yes.
74,040. How much money did you get?—I got 1*l.* 17*s.*
74,041. When were you paid?—10*s.* before the election came on, and I got the rest in Mr. Bannister's office.
74,042. Did you take your freedom up at your own expense?—Yes. It cost me 29*s.*

ROBERT THORLEY sworn, and examined. *Robert Thorley.*

74,043. Where do you live?—Church Lane.
74,044. What is your business?—A labourer.
74,045. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes; 5*l.*
74,046. When were you made a freeman?—In 1826.
74,047. At whose expense?—My own expense.
74,048. In 1841, did you vote?—Yes.
74,049. Who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.
74,050. Did you receive any money for your vote?—Yes; I believe I received a sovereign.
74,051. Who paid you?—I do not know who paid me; it was in a house in High Street.
74,052. When were you paid?—About a week after the election.
74,053. At the painter's shop?—Yes

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74,054. Through a window?—Yes.
74,055. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Moore.
74,056. How was that?—I was cut off for that time because I had had a little relief from the parish.
74,057. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
74,058. Did you receive any money for your vote?—Yes; I got 5*s.* on the Saturday night before the election.
74,059. Who paid you that?—It was paid at Minerva Terrace. I do not know who paid it.
74,060. Was it paid after the election?—I do not know who it was paid it.
74,061. Where was it?—It was at Leggit's.
74,062. How much were you paid?—I got 17*s.* 6*d.*
74,063. Are you the Robert Thorley who was a runner for Wilberforce and James in 1837? Your name was struck off at that time?—At that time it was.

Joseph Grasby.

JOSEPH GRASBY sworn, and examined.

74,064. Where do you live?—Caughey Street.
74,065. What business are you?—A joiner.
74,066. What rent do you pay?—I do not pay any rent.
74,067. Are you a lodger?—No.
74,068. Do you live in your own house?—Yes.
74,069. What are you rated at?—£9.
74,070. When were you made a freeman?—In 1838.
74,071. Or 1839?—I think it is 1838.
74,072. Was it at the expense of the blue or the orange?—No; by myself.
74,073. In 1841, who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.
74,074. Did you receive any money at that election?—None at all.
74,075. Neither before nor after?—No.
74,076. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay and Brown.
74,077. Did you receive any money at that election?—Yes.
74,078. How much did you get?—I was working at a place eighteen miles off, the other side of Hornsea, when a letter came to me to say that I should have my expenses paid. I voted for Clay and Brown, and went away again after I polled. My missus received the 10*s.* from Brown. I do not know who brought it.
74,079. Did you get anything for Clay?—Nothing.
74,080. How far did you come?—The other side of Hornsea.
74,081. How did you come; by coach?—Yes.
74,082. What did it cost?—It cost me 5*s.* 6*d.* coming from there.
74,083. Each way, or altogether?—5*s.* 6*d.* coming, and 5*s.* 6*d.* going back.
74,084. It cost you 11*s.*, and you only got 10*s.*?—I got 10*s.*, and a day lost.
74,085. You said your expenses were paid by both parties?—Yes.
74,086. How was it you did not get more?—I had no time to look after it. I did not care a deal about it.
74,087. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
74,088. Did you get any money then?—No.
74,089. Nothing?—No.
74,090. Nor had any promised you?—No.
74,091. Your name was not put down, was it?—Not if I knew it.
74,092. Did you have a room taken at your place?—No.

Thomas Todd.

THOMAS TODD sworn, and examined.

74,093. Where do you live?—Robinson Row.
74,094. What is your business?—A cooper.
74,095. What rent do you pay?—None.
74,096. Are you a lodger?—Yes.
74,097. When were you made a freeman?—About 1827.
74,098. At your own expense?—Yes.
74,099. In 1841, who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
74,100. Did you receive any money for your vote at that election?—Yes.
74,101. How much?—About 3*l.* altogether.
74,102. Who paid you?—I really cannot recollect.
74,103. When were you paid?—A little before and a little after the election.
74,104. Do you not remember either of the gentlemen who paid you?—No.
74,105. You got something on the polling day, did you not?—No.
74,106. Not on the polling day?—No.
74,107. Are you sure of that?—Yes.
74,108. You got some before and some after?—Yes.
74,109. How much before?—2*l.* I was down as a runner.

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74,110. How long before were you paid ?—A week before, I got the rest.
74,111. Do you remember where you were paid ?—At the committee room.
74,112. Where ?—Queen Street.
74,113. In 1847, who did you vote for ?—Baines and Brown.
74,114. Did you receive any money that time ?
74,115. For whom ?—Brown.
74,116. Was it paid before or after ?—After.
74,117. Where were you paid ?—The Market Place.
74,118. By whom ?—I do not remember the party's name.
74,119. At the same place ?—The committee room in Market Place.
74,120. At the last election who did you vote for ?—Moore and Butler.
74,121. Did you get any money for Baines ?—No.
74,122. In 1852, who did you vote for ?—Moore and Butler.
74,123. Was your name put down as a runner ?—Yes.
74,124. Where was it put down ?—The Shakespeare.
74,125. Leggit's ?—No ; the Shakespeare.
74,126. How much money did you get ?—Eight days from the Shakespeare.
74,127. How much money ?—3*s.* 6*d.* a day.
74,128. When were you paid ?—I got 10*s.* the first Saturday night, and the remainder the Tuesday following, at the Shakespeare.
74,129. Before the election ?—Yes, before the election.
74,130. Did you get any money after the election, on Saturday ?—Yes.
74,131. Tell us what it was ; how much did you get ?—17*s.* 6*d.*
74,132. Was that besides the 28*s.* ?—Yes.
74,133. Where were you paid ?—At Minerva Terrace.
74,134. At Leggit's ?—Yes.

Richard Trowell.

RICHARD TROWELL sworn, and examined.

74,135. Where do you live ?—High Street.
74,136. What business are you ?—A cabinet maker by trade, but I do not follow it at present.
74,137. What rent do you pay ?—About 3*l.* for a single room.
74,138. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.
74,139. When were you made a freeman ?—Between thirteen and fourteen years, I believe, as far as I can recollect.
74,140. At your own expense ?—No ; the blue party took it up.
74,141. Did you vote for them, in consequence of that, at the next election ?—Yes ; for Hanmer and James.
74,142. And that was because they took your freedom up for you ?—Yes.
74,143. Did you get any money besides ?—I got a sovereign about three months after the election.
74,144. Who paid you that ?—I do not know who paid it; it was paid in a dark place.
74,145. Where was the dark place ?—In Waterhouse Lane.
74,146. Was it in the middle of the night ?—It was towards the night.
74,147. Do you mean the whole place was dark, or merely the place that you went into ?—The place was dark that we went into.
74,148. In 1847, who did you vote for ?—Brown.
74,149. Alone ?—Yes.
74,150. How much did you get ?—10*s.* before the election and 10*s.* after.
74,151. Who paid you ?—I do not know ; I was paid in Bishop Lane.
74,152. It was not dark then ?—Yes ; it was dark, because the gas was lighted.
74,153. Who paid you afterwards ?—I was paid in the Market Place.
74,154. At the committee room ?—In Mr. Mitchell's shop, as near as I can tell. I think it was Mr. Mitchell's shop.
74,155. In 1852, who did you vote for ?—Moore and Butler.
74,156. Did you get your name set down as a runner ?—Yes.
74,157. In Holderness ?—No ; in Lowgate.
74,158. How much money did you get ?—15*s.* for three days.
74,159. When were you paid ?—The Saturday night after the election.
74,160. Who paid you ?—I do not know his name ; he was a lowish set man.
74,161. How long before the election was your name set down ?—Three days.

James Tulley.

JAMES TULLEY sworn, and examined.

74,162. Where do you live ?—Great Union Street, Drypool.
74,163. What business are you ?—A marine store dealer.
74,164. What rent do you pay ?—£16.
74,165. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

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74,166. When were you made a freeman?—In about 1815.

74,167. At your own expense, I presume?—The man I served my time with paid it, I believe.

74,168. At the election of 1841, did you vote?—Yes.

74,169. Who for?—Hanmer and James, I believe.

74,170. Were you on any committee?—No.

74,171. Did you receive any at that election?—I cannot say whether I did or not. I almost think I received a sovereign, but I will not be sure.

74,172. When were you paid?—I was paid after the election, if I did get it; but I cannot say whether I did or not.

74,173. Do you recollect where it was?—I do not.

74,174. How long after the election?—I cannot say.

74,175. Was it three months?—I cannot say whether it was or not, I am sure.

74,176. Was it one month or three?—I do not know whether I got anything or not.

74,177. You have been examined before?—No; a son of mine has, I believe. His name is James Tulley, likewise.

74,178. He got the money for you, perhaps?—No, he did not; he was a boy then.

74,179. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I polled for Clay and Baines.

74,180. Did you get any money that election?—I did.

74,181. How much?—10*s.*

74,182. Who for?—Mr. Clay.

74,183. When did you get it?—I got it after the election.

74,184. Where was it paid?—In Waterworks Street; somewhere against the new church.

74,185. How long after?—I cannot say; perhaps a month or two; but I cannot say.

74,186. Had your name been put upon a list as a runner?—I should think it would be; I do not know whether it was or not.

74,187. Did you run much?—No, I did not run at all.

74,188. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

74,189. You had rather changed sides then?—Yes.

74,190. Did you get your name set down?—I did.

74,191. How much money did you get?—About 23*s.*, I believe.

74,192. When was it paid?—After the election.

74,193. Who paid you?—I was paid at Mr. Bailey's; I do not know I am sure.

74,193a. At what place?—Mr. Bailey's in Witham; the public house.

William Hawksby.

WILLIAM HAWKSLEY sworn, and examined.

74,194. Where do you live?—In Humber Street.

74,195. What business are you?—A glass and china dealer.

74,196. What rent do you pay?—£8 now; 12*l.* at the time of the election.

74,197. Are you also a freeman?—Yes.

74,198. When were you made free?—In 1847.

74,199. Did you vote at the election in that year?—No.

74,200. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Moore and Butler.

74,201. Did you get your name put down in the Market Place?—No; in Humber Street.

74,202. Where?—At the Shakespeare.

74,203. Did you get any money?—Yes.

74,204. How much money did you get?—£1 10*s.*, the election day.

74,205. Was that before or after you voted?—After we had voted; about half an hour after.

74,206. Who paid you?—A person of the name of Ouston.

74,207. At what place?—At the Sir John Falstaff, opposite.

74,208. Did he pay a good many more?—There was a polling booth in the Humber Street ward; I polled in Bishop Lane.

74,209. Did he pay a good many more?—There were six of us altogether.

74,210. Did you all go together to be paid?—We all went in a cab together, and came back there to get paid.

74,211. In the cab?—We did not get paid in the cab.

74,211a. But did you go back in the cab to be paid?—Yes.

W. Wadsworth.

WILLIAM WADSWORTH sworn, and examined.

74,212. Where do you live?—Orchard Street, Groves.

74,213. What business are you?—A blockmaker.

74,214. What rent do you pay?—£5.

74,215. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

74,216. When were you made a freeman?—In 1810.

74,216a. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.

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74,217. Who for?—James and Hanmer.
74,218. Did you receive anything for your vote?—Yes.
74,219. How much?—A sovereign.
74,220. Who paid you?—I do not know.
74,221. Where were you paid?—At the Noah's Ark, over the North Br ge.
74,222. After you voted?—After the election.
74,223. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
74,224. Did you receive any money then for your vote?—10*s.*, after the election.
74,225. For whom?—Mr. Brown.
74,226. Who paid you for Mr. Brown?—I do not know.
75,227. That is all you got?—Yes.
74,228. In 1852, at the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
74,229. I believe you had your name put down for them?—Yes.
74,230. How much money did you get?—10*s.*
74,231. Who paid you?—I do not know.
74,232. Where were you paid?—Over the North Bridge.
74,232a. When were you paid?—After the election.

HUGH WARD sworn, and examined.

Hugh Ward.

74,233. Where do you live?—Witham Street.
74,234. What business are you?—A pilot.
74,235. What rent do you pay?—£12.
74,236. Are you a freeman?—No.
74,237. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—At the last election.
74,238. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
74,239. I believe you got your name set down in the Market Place, did you not?—In Humber Street.
74,240. As a runner?—Yes.
74,241. What money did you receive?—About 27*s.*
74,242. When were you paid?—I was paid 10*s.* before the election, and 7*s.* 6*d.* after the election.
74,242a. Who paid you?—Mr. Aitkin and Mr. Davis.

JAMES WARD sworn, and expended.

James Ward.

74,243. Where do you live?—Thornton Square, Postern Gate.
74,244. What business are you?—A stower at present.
74,245. What rent do you pay?—£11 4*s.*
74,246. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
74,247. When were you made a freeman?—In 1839.
74,248. Was your freedom taken up for you?—Yes.
74,249. By the blue or the orange party?—The blues.
74,250. Did you vote for them, in consequence, at the next election?—Yes.
74,251. Who for?—Hanmer and James.
74,252. Did you get some money for that?—I got a sovereign.
74,253. When was it paid?—After the election.
74,254. Where?—In High Street; in a dark place.
74,255. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
74,256. How much did you get for that?—10*s.*
74,257. For Mr. Brown?—Yes.
74,258. Where were you paid the 10*s.*?—In Bishop Lane.
74,259. By Mr. Stephenson?—I do not know what they call him; but it was in Bishop Lane.
74,260. Was that after you voted?—No; before.
74,261. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
74,262. And I believe you got your name set down at the Minerva Terrace?—Yes.
74,263. How much money did you get?—£1 4*s.* 6*d.*
74,264. Did Legitt pay you or Mr. Bannister?—Mr. Legitt.
74,264a. After you voted?—Part before and part after.

CHARLES WATSON sworn, and examined.

Charles Watson.

74,265. Where do you live?—Waterhouse Lane.
74,266. What business are you?—A baker.
74,267. What rent do you pay?—£20.
74,268. Are you also a freeman?—No.
74,269. Was the last election the first at which you were entitled to vote?—Yes.

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74,270. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
74,271. Did you let them a room?—Yes.
74,272. For a committee?—Yes.
74,273. Did any committee meet there?—No.
74,274. Did you have any list of any committee?—No.
74,275. Were you the chairman of the committee?—Yes.
74,276. And no one else was there?—No.
74,277. How much did you get?—30*s.*
74,278. Who paid you?—Mr. Wells, in George Yard.
74,279. When did he pay you?—Perhaps two months after the election; I do not know exactly.
74,279a. Did you get anything more than that?—No; and I had a deal of trouble to get that.

John G. Watson.

JOHN GREEN WATSON sworn, and examined.

74,280. Where do you live?—Hales Entry, Market Place.
74,281. What business are you?—A general fruit merchant.
74,282. What rent do you pay?—£16 6*s.*
74,283. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
74,284. When were you made a freeman?—In 1840, I believe.
74,285. At the expense of either of the parties?—No; my own.
74,286. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes.
74,287. Who for?—James and Hanmer.
74,288. Did you receive any money at that election for your vote?—Yes.
74,289. How much?—30*s.*
74,290. Before or after?—After.
74,291. Where paid?—Church Lane.
74,292. Who were you paid by?—Mr. King.
74,293. At the next election, in 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.
74,294. You gave him a bullet?—I did.
74,295. Did you receive any money for that vote?—No; not for my vote.
74,296. What then?—I received 10*s.* before.
74,297. How much after?—Nothing.
74,298. What did you do?—I did not do anything.
74,299. But you voted?—Yes; I gave Mr. Brown a bullet.
74,300. Where were you paid?—At Mr. Galloway's office.
74,301. You mean at Mr. Stephenson's, next door to Mr. Galloway's?—It was in Bishop Lane.
74,302. You did not get some money from Mr. Clay too?—I did not want anything.
74,303. I did not ask you if you wanted it; did you get it?—I did not get anything.
74,304. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
74,305. Did you get your name set down in the Market Place in Humber Street?—Yes.
74,306. At the Shakespeare?—Yes.
74,307. Did you get any money that time?—Yes; 30*s.*
74,308. Who paid you that?—Mr. Edwin Davis, I believe it was.
74,308a. Before or after?—After.

R. Weatherill.

ROBERT WEATHERILL sworn, and examined.

74,309. Where do you live?—No. 1, Station Place. 34, West Street, you will have it down.
74,310. What is your business?—A labourer.
74,311. What rent do you pay?—£5 12*s.*
74,312. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
74,313. When were you made a freeman?—In the year 1834.
74,314. At your own expense?—I did; and 28*s.* 6*d.* it cost me in the hall.
74,315. In 1841, who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.
74,316. Did you receive any money at that time for your vote?—Yes.
74,317. How much?—30*s.*
74,318. When did you get it?—After the election.
74,319. Who paid you?—Mr. Bannister.
74,320. All of it after?—All of it after.
74,321. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.
74,322. A bullet?—Yes.
74,323. Did you receive any money for that?—A pound.
74,324. When were you paid?—10*s.* before, and 10*s.* after.
74,325. At what place were you paid?—10*s.* in Bishop Lane, and 10*s.* in the street after the election.

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74,326. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
74,327. Did you get your name put down in the North Myton ward?—Yes.
74,328. As a runner?—Yes.
74,329. How much money did you get?—25*s.*
74,329a. When was that paid you?—5*s.* before, and 1*l.* afterwards.

CHARLES WEST sworn, and examined.

Charles West.

74,330. Where do you live?—Mary Jane's Place, Porter Street.
74,331. What is your business?—A seaman.
74,332. What rent do you pay?—Four guineas.
74,333. When were you made a freeman?—In 1839.
74,334. At the expense of the blue or the orange party?—The blues.
74,335. Did you vote for them, in consequence, in the year 1841?—Yes.
74,336. Did you get any money?—I got nothing for polling, but I got some money for stopping at home; I was stopped at home, and I got 4*l.* 10*s.* for my voyage.
74,337. What were you doing at the time?—I was a seaman.
74,338. When was your vessel going to leave?—She sailed a few days before the election; about a week.
74,339. Did you get a man to go instead of you?—No; I had nothing to do with getting a man to go for me.
74,340. Were you a common seaman?—Yes.
74,341. Were there hands enough without you, or what?—The owners got another man for the vessel.
74,342. Who paid you the 4*l.* 10*s.*?—Mr. Farthing.
74,343. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I was not here.
74,344. Were you at sea?—Yes.
74,345. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
74,346. Did you get your name put down at Legitt's, in the Minerva Terrace—Yes.
74,347. When did they put you down?—On the Friday. I was twelve days altogether. On the Friday week before the election took place.
74,348. How much money did you get?—About 2*l.* 8*s.* altogether.
74,349. When were you paid?—At different times. I got 10*s.* for the first week; Friday and Saturday.
74,349a. And the rest afterwards?—3*s.* 6*d.* a day for the week following, and four days.

JOHN WHIPP sworn, and examined.

John Whipp.

74,350. Where do you live?—Myton Street.
74,351. What is your business?—A butcher.
74,352. What rent do you pay?—£6 a year.
74,353. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
74,354. When were you made a freeman?—Really I hardly recollect; forty or fifty years ago.
74,355. In 1841, who did you vote for?—I voted for Mr. Clay and Mr. Brown once, and for the other times I polled for the blues.
74,356. Then, the first election in 1841, Mr. Clay was one of the candidates?—He was.
74,357. Did you vote a bullet for him?—No; James and Hanmer. The first election I polled was a bullet for Mr. Graham.
74,358. This election in 1841, when you voted for James and Hanmer, do you recollect if you got some money for your vote?—I got a pound from each party. I divided my voice, and got a pound from each party.
74,359. Were you paid afterwards?—After the election was over.
74,360. At the next election, who did you vote for?—Clay and Brown. Mr. Baines I did not poll for. I thought he had a good situation here, and he did not want it.
74,361. What did you get?—I got a pound from each party.
74,362. That time?—I believe I did.
74,363. Who paid you for Mr. Clay?—I believe there was a Mr. Savage, a tallow chandler, in St. John Street, I received the money from. He was upon the committee at the time. And Mr. Mitchell paid me for Mr. Brown.
74,364. The election in 1852 you voted for Moore and Butler?—I believe I did.
74,365. And you got your name put down at Mr. Bannister's?—I got my name put down in Osborne Street. I believe Mr. Wells was the chairman belonging to that committee in our ward at the time.
74,366. How much did you get?—I received 17*s.* 6*d.* for the last election.
74,367. When were you paid?—I was paid on the nomination day, as they call it. I got half a crown then of Mr. Wells, and George Steeple gave me on the polling day 5*s.*; and

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then after that I went to Mr. Bannister, and I received 10*s.*; that made 17*s.* 6*d.* I got altogether.

74,368. Your name had been set down at Mr. Bannister's as well as Osborne Street?—Yes. They said I was to go there, and I went from one place to another, by their order. I was as a servant running about for them.

E. Wilkinson.

EDWARD WILKINSON sworn, and examined.

74,369. Where do you live?—25, Dock Street.
74,370. What is your business?—A baker.
74,371. What rent do you pay?—£5 18*s.*
74,372. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
74,373. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1818.
74,374. In 1841, who did you vote for?—Clay and Thompson.
74,375. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
74,376. How much?—I did not get it till the election after, when I got 30*s.*; but I had to wait till the election after, for that.
74,377. How long before the next election was it that you got the 30*s.*?—It would be five or six years after.
74,378. Where was it you were paid?—At Mr. Galloway's office.
74,379. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I voted for Clay and Brown.
74,380. Were you paid for that?—Yes.
74,381. How much?—10*s.*
74,382. Where?—At Mr. Mitchell's office.
74,383. For Mr. Brown?—Yes.
74,384. And what for Mr. Clay?—I got 10*s.* about a week before the election; Mr. Clay's election.
74,385. In King Street?—Yes.
74,386. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
74,387. Were you paid for that?—Yes.
74,388. How much?—£1 13*s.* 4*d.* for work.
74,389. Where?—I got 13*s.* 4*d.* of Mr. Pulleyn in this street, at the rooms, and a pound Mr. Purdon paid me in Saville Street.
74,390. Part paid before, and part paid after you voted?—Yes.
74,391. You got 10*s.*, you say, from Mr. Clay?—Yes.
74,392. Was that just before the election?—About a week or ten days.
74,393. And you went straight away from Mr. Clay's to the blue committee with Mr. Clay's money in your pocket?—No; nothing of the kind. It was exactly a fortnight before the election.
74,394. I ask you whether you did not go straight away from the orange committee to the blue committee?—It was an old debt, and had nothing to do with them.
74,395. Answer my question?—I did not.
74,396. How long was it before you went to the blue committee?—I do not know.
74,397. Was it a day?—Yes; two or three days.
74,398. And three days after you got Mr. Clay's money; you went to Moore and Butler?—Very like; I had never promised. I never promised Mr. Clay's party at all, and never was asked.

W. C. Wilkinson.

WILLIAM CHALLANS WILKINSON sworn, and examined.

74,399. Where do you live?—Robinson's Row.
74,400. What business are you?—A cordwainer.
74,401. What rent do you pay?—I am a lodger at present.
74,402. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
72,403. How long have you been a freeman?—I took it up in 1851.
74,404. The last election was the first at which you voted?—Yes.
74,405. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
74,406. Were you paid for it?—Yes; for running.
74,407. How much?—£1 4*s.* 6*d.*
74,408. At which committee room?—In the Market Place ward.
74,409. Who paid you?—Mr. Jackson paid me, the day of the election.
74,410. After you voted?—After the election was over.
74,411. Is that all you got?—No. I was bill poster for them before that.
74,412. What did you get for that?—I cannot say. I had the money in different sums; bills of different sizes and different prices, of which I kept no account.
74,413. You do not know how much you were paid?—No.
74,414. You took all you could get?—Yes.

JOHN BROCKLEBANK WOOD sworn, and examined. *John B. Wood.*

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74,415. Where do you live?—King Square, Sykes Street.
74,416. What business are you?—A painter.
74,417. What rent do you pay?—I am a lodger.
74,418. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
74,419. How long have you been free?—Since 1839.
74,420. Which party paid for it?—I paid for it myself.
74,421. Was it ever repaid to you?—No.
74,422. In 1841, who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.
74,423. Were you paid for it?—I cannot remember; I think I did get something.
74,424. How much do you think you got?—Perhaps a sovereign. I cannot say exactly. I think I got something or another.
74,425. Do you think it was before or after you voted?—It was after I voted; some two months, I think.
74,426. And where do you think it was paid?—It was brought home to me. I never went anywhere for it.
74,427. And who do you think brought it?—I do not know. I was away. I never saw them.
74,428. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.
74,429. Were you paid for that?—Yes.
74,430. How much?—I cannot say exactly; I think 10*s.* the nomination night, and I think 10*s.* or something afterwards.
74,431. Where was it paid?—In Bishop Lane the 10*s.* the nomination night, and the other was brought home to our house where I lodge.
74,432. In 1852, who did you vote for?— I voted for Moore and Butler.
74,433. Were you paid for that?—Yes.
74,434. How much?—I cannot say; I think a pound I got.
74,435. Was that before or after?—After the election; the Sunday after.
74,436. Who paid it?—It was brought to our house. I do not know who brought it. I never went after it.
74,437. Was that all you got?—That was all I got.

THOMAS WOOD sworn, and examined. *Thomas Wood.*

74,438. Where do you live?—Windsor Street.
74,439. What business are you?—A reporter.
74,440. What rent do you pay?—Twelve guineas.
74,441. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
74,442. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1838.
74,443. In 1841, did you vote?—I think I did.
74,444. Who for?—Colonel Thompson.
74,445. Only?—I am not sure whether I gave Mr. Clay a vote or not.
74,446. Where did you live at that time?—In Catherine Square, Mason Street, I think.
74,447. Were you paid any money?—No.
74,448. Are you quite sure you had no money from the candidates, or the committee or their party?—Quite sure.
74,449. Not on any ground?— Not upon any ground whatever.
74,450. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Baines only.
74,451. Did you get anything at that time?—No.
74,452. Are you quite sure that you were not paid by Mr. Mitchell any money?—No; I never heard of such a thing. I did not vote for Mr. Brown.
74,453. And you got no money at that time from the candidates, or their committee, or their party?—None whatever.
74,454. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
74,455. Did you get anything of this kind?—No.
74,456. Nothing of any kind?—Nothing.

WILLIAM WOOD sworn, and examined. *William Wood.*

74,457. Where do you live?—Hall Street.
74,458. What business are you?—A corkcutter.
74,459. What rent do you pay?—Ten guineas.
74,460. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
74,461. How long have you been free?—Since 1826.
74,462. In 1841, who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.
74,463. Were you paid for that?—No.
74,464. Were you paid any money?—I received money for letting my room as a committee room at that time.

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74,465. Did a committee meet there?—Yes; they met there part of a day, I think, and then they removed, owing to its being too near Colonel Thompson's room. They still paid me for the room.

74,466. How much did they pay you altogether?—I think about 3*l.*; but I am not certain.

74,467. Who took the room?—Mr. Stark, I think, was the chairman.

74,468. Did you apply to have your room taken?—Yes; some time before that.

74,469. Were you canvassed for your vote?—I had been canvassed several times by all parties. I cannot say to a day or two, or to a month.

74,470. This is 1841 you are speaking of?—Yes; in 1841.

74,471. You were canvassed by both parties?—Yes.

74,472. What did you say to them?—I did not promise them.

74,473. Neither of them?—Neither of them.

74,474. You told them you had not made up your mind?—I told them I never did promise, and I never have yet.

74,475. When you offered the room, you knew when they took it they would expect you to vote?—I do not know whether they expected that or not.

74,476. You had no mind about that at the time?—Yes; I had made up my mind for whom I should vote long before then.

74,477. Did you tell them so?—No.

74,478. Why not?—They perhaps knew; they knew I always had voted that way.

74,479. Is that the reason that you told them you could not promise?—No.

74,480. Then why did you tell them that you would not promise?—Because I had not practised doing so.

74,481. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.

74,482. Were you paid for that?—No.

74,483. Did you get any money?—No.

74,484. You got no money from the candidates or their party at that election?—Not a halfpenny before or after, neither directly nor indirectly.

74,485. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

74,486. Were you paid for that?—I suppose I was, indirectly. About six or eight weeks after the election there was 1*l.* 1*s.* left at my house, but by whom I do not know, neither did I inquire.

74,487. You took the money?—I took the money.

74,488. You knew it was for the election?—I was told so.

74,489. And you had done nothing for it?—They said, when they left it, I understand, that it was for my services during the election.

74,490. And your services were voting for them?—My services were voting for them, and doing what I could towards getting votes.

74,491. Did you not have your name set down in West Sculcoates?—Not that I am aware of; I never applied to have it set down.

71,492. Did you tell them again that you would not promise when they canvassed you?—Yes; the same thing.

71,493. Why could you not promise, when you had made up your mind. It is only standing out for a higher price?—It is nothing of the kind. I do not approve of canvassing at all.

71,494. Is not the best way to avoid canvassing to say at once who you mean to vote for?—The best way to avoid it is not to tell anybody until you get to the poll. It is enough to say who you vote for when you come to poll.

Samuel Wray.

SAMUEL WRAY sworn, and examined.

74,495. Where do you live?—Garton's Entry, Market Place.

74,496. What business are you?—A general fruit dealer.

74,497. What rent do you pay?—Fourteen guineas.

74,498. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

74,499. When were you made a freeman?—In 1822.

74,500. In 1841, who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.

74,501. Were you paid for it?—Yes.

74,502. How much?—A pound.

74,503. Who by?—I cannot tell you. I was not at home. It was brought to my house.

74,504. Is that all you got?—That was all.

74,505. Was it after you voted?—After I voted.

74,506. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Brown.

74,507. Only?—Only.

74,508. Were you paid for that?—Yes.

74,509. How much?—One guinea.

74,510. Before or after?—After.

74,511. Who by?—At Bink's shop, in High Street.

74,512. Was that through a window?—Yes.

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74,513. Was that all you got?—Yes.
74,514. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
74,515. Were you paid for that?—Yes.
74,516. How much?—I was a messenger a fortnight previous to the election, and I was paid at the rate of 3*s.* 6*d.* a day.
74,517. How much altogether?—I think it would be somewhere about 3*l.* 3*s.*, or somewhere thereabouts; I cannot say exactly.
74,518. Was part paid after you voted?—Yes.
74,519. Who paid you?—Mr. Jackson.
74,520. Where?—At the Shakespeare.
74,521. You had your name set down?—Yes.
74,522. How much was paid after?—I got a soveregn after; that included part of the week.
74,523. Did they pay you your full week?—Yes; on the Saturday night.

THOMAS WRIGGLESWORTH sworn, and examined.

T. Wrigglesworth.

74,524. Where do you live?—Jennings Street.
74,525. What business are you?—A labourer.
74,526. What rent do you pay?—None.
74,527. Are you a lodger?—I live with my father.
74,528. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
74,529. How long?—Since 1851.
74,530. Was the last election the first at which you voted?—Yes.
74,531. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
74,532. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
74,533. How much?—I got 27*s.* 6*d.*
74,534. Where was it paid?—In Fish Street.
74,535. Who paid you?—Mr. Sylbon, part of it.
74,536. Who paid the other part?—Mr. Stephenson.
74,537. Part was paid before and part after you voted?—I received five days' pay as a messenger, and half a sovereign.
74,538? Was part before and part after you voted?—The whole of it was paid after the election.
74,539. And you had your name set down as a runner?—Yes.

WILLIAM WROOT sworn, and examined.

William Wroot.

74,540. Where do you live?—George Street.
74,541. What is your business?—A sailmaker.
74,542. What rent do you pay?—£25, my house and shop together.
74,543. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
74,544. How long have you been a freeman?—From 1818.
74,545. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes.
74,546. Who for?—James and Hanmer.
74,547. Were you paid any money?—Yes.
74,548. How much?—A pound.
74,549. Before or after the election?—After.
74,550. Was that all?—Yes.
74,551. Who paid it?—I cannot tell you; it was in St. James's Street, in the Pottery.
74,552. Do you mean it was paid you in a dark room, or something of that sort?—Yes.
74,553. That was after you voted?—Yes.
74,554. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
74,555. Were you paid for that?—10*s.*
74,556. Before or after?—After.
74,557. For Mr. Brown?—Yes.
74,558. Who paid it?—It was somewhere about the tobacconist's in the Market Place; I cannot say whether at his shop or not.
74,559. Was it Mr. Mitchell that paid you?—Yes.
74,560. Was that all you got?—That was all.
74,561. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
74,562. Were you paid for that?—Yes.
74,563. How much?—From 45*s.* to 50*s.*, I think.
74,564. Were you set down as a runner?—I was set down as a runner at the Minerva Terrace,
74,565. At Legitt's?—Yes.
74,566. Were you paid by Legitt?—Yes; he was there.
74,567. Was that before or after?—Part before and part after.

John H. Young.

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JOHN HOPPS YOUNG sworn, and examined.

74,568. Where do you live?—No. 7, Garden Square.
74,569. What business are you?—A shipwright.
74,570. What rent do you pay?—£8 10*s.*
74,571. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
74,572. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1839, I think.
74,573. Which party paid for it?—I paid for it myself.
74,574. And have not been repaid?—No; not been repaid.
74,575. In 1841, who did you vote for?—I do not know whether I was at sea that election or not. I think I was.
74,576. Hanmer and James's election?—I think I was at sea. I have been at sea two elections, and I will not be confident which they were.
74,577. In 1847, did you vote?—Yes.
74,578. Who for?—Brown and Baines.
74,579. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
74,580. How much?—I do not know whether I got more than 10*s.* or not; I think not.
74,581. Where were you paid?—At Mr. Mitchell's.
74,582. After you voted?—Yes.
74,583. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
74,584. Were you paid for that?—Yes.
74,585. How much?—I think not quite 30*s.*
74,586. Were you set down at Legitt's rooms?—No.
74,587. Were you paid at his rooms?—No.
74,588. Where were you paid?—I got paid in Worship Street a part, and Mr. Purdon's in Saville Street a part.
74,589. Who paid you?—Mr. Purdon one part, and Mr. Turnbull the other.
74,590. Both paid after you voted?—Both after.
74,591. Were you set down as a runner?—Yes.
74,592. Was that all you got?—That was all.

Samuel Lusby.

SAMUEL LUSBY sworn, and examined.

74,593. Where do you live?—Scott Street.
74,594. What business are you?—A shipwright.
74,595. What rent do you pay?—£4 12*s.*
74,596. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
74,597. How long have you been a freeman?—From 1839 or 1840; I do not know exactly.
74,598. Which party took up your freedom?—The blue party.
74,599. Did you vote for them in consequence, in 1841?—Yes.
74,600. For James and Hanmer?—Yes.
74,601. Were you paid besides?—I was a musician, and I received 3*l.* for playing.
74,602. Was Mr. Tadman your chief?—No; Mr. Martin was; but I think Mr. Tadman was in our band.
74,603. You were paid in full; he did not keep back a shilling from you?—Yes; I think Mr. Martin did. I think it was all one concern.
74,604. You think they kept back your shilling?—Yes; very likely they did. I had been in the habit of playing for Mr. Martin for years before that, and he always did so.
74,605. He said he paid the voters in full?—I cannot say. They always curtailed a shilling. I was at three elections at Grimsby before that.
74,606. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
74,607. Were you paid for that?—Yes.
74,608. How much?—30*s.*
74,609. Where?—Two half sovereigns from Mr. Mitchell, and 10*s.* from, I cannot tell the gentleman's name, at the George Inn, for Mr. Baines.
74,610. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
74,611. Were you paid for that?—Yes.
74,612. How much?—A sovereign, some weeks after; I forget exactly to a week.
74,613. Who paid you?—I cannot tell the person's name; they called on me and left it.
74,614. They left it at your house?—Yes.

Edward Bell.

EDWARD BELL sworn, and examined.

74,615. Where do you live?—High Street.
74,616. What is your business?—A cooper.
74,617. What rent do you pay?—£40.
74,618. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

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74,619. How long have you been a freeman?—Twelve years.
74,620. Which was the first election you voted at?—Clay and Baines.
74,621. You took up your own freedom?—Yes.
74,622. And you voted for Mr. Clay and Mr. Baines?—Yes.
74,623. Were you paid any money?—No.
74,624. You got nothing?—No.
74,625. You were not employed?—I was not employed.
74,626. Did you canvass for them?—No.
74,627. Did you take any part in the election but voting?—None whatever.
74,628. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
74,629. You were employed this time?—I was.
74,630. As a clerk?—Yes.
74,631. At the clearing house?—Yes.
74,632. How much were you paid for that?—10*s*.
74,633. When were you employed?—That was the day of polling.
74,634. Did you ask for employment?—No; I was solicited.
74,635. When?—The night before.
74,636. Who came to you?—A gentleman of the name of Bee
74,637. Had you promised your vote before that?—Yes.
74,638. You had been canvassed by the blues?—Moore and Butler called on me.
74,639. Did you promise them?—I had promised them at that time.
74,640. Had you been canvassed by the orange?—No, not at all.
74,641. What did they say to you when they asked you to act in the concern?—Who?
74,642. The people who came to ask you to be employed?—They were short of persons to take the management of the check sheets, and they were pressing for force.
74,643. They said so to you?—Yes.
74,644. And you said you would go and act for them?—Yes; I should have gone, independently of anything being allowed.

G. Hamilton.

George Hamilton sworn, and examined.

74,645. Where do you live?— Carlisle Street.
74,646. What business are you?—A druggist.
74,647. What rent do you pay?—£20.
74,648. Are you a freeman?—No.
74,649. How long have you been entitled to vote?—About four years.
74,650. The last election was the first at which you had a vote?—Yes.
74,651. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Moore.
74,652. Were you employed in this clearing house business?—I was.
74,653. When did they come to you, and ask you to take it?—In the afternoon of the day previous to the election.
74,654. Had you applied to be employed at all?—No.
74,655. What did they say to you when they came?—That they were short of hands, and I was pressed by a friend.
74,656. Had you been canvassed before?—I had, by both parties.
71,657. Had you promised?—I had promised neither party.
74,658. Did you get any money from the other party?—What party?
71,659. Mr. Clay's party.—None whatever.
74,660. All the money you got was for this?—Yes; for the seven days' work.
74,661. How much were you paid?—Half a sovereign.
74,662. This was by the blue party?—Yes.
74,663. Did they not expect you were going to give them both of your votes?—I do not know what they expected. I am sure I did not do so.
74,664. Perhaps you meant to give neither?—I meant to vote both ways, before I went.
74,665. Had you meant to split?—I had determined to split before I went to this place.
74,666. Can you tell me whether there was any ground but a political one for your splitting?—None whatever.
74,667. Which room were you at?—I was in the room where the bulk of the clerks were; where the whole of the clerks were, in fact.

D. Wilkinson.

David Wilkinson sworn, and examined.

74,668. Where do you live?—Dock Street.
74,669. What business are you?—A potato merchant.
74,670. What rent do you pay?—£14.
74,671. Are you a freeman?—No.
74,672. How long have you been entitled to vote?—I voted the last election for the first time.

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74,673. Who for?—Moore and Butler.
74,674. Were you paid for it?—No.
74,675. Did you get no money at all?—No; I do not want any.
74,676. Did they take your room?—No; I kept my room for myself.
74,677. Did you get no money from the candidates or their party?—No.
74,678. Not on any account?—No.

William Stalper.

WILLIAM STALPER sworn, and examined.

74,679. Where do you live?—At the Prince Blucher, Tinkle Street.
74,680. What business are you?—A builder and licensed victualler.
74,681. What rent do you pay?—£20.
74,682. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
74,683. How long have you been a freeman?—I took it up in 1846 or 1847; I would not be exact which.
74,684. Did you vote in 1847?—No.
74,685. The last election was the first at which you voted?—Yes.
74,686. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
74,687. Were you paid for it?—I got 17*s.* 6*d.* after the election.
74,688. Who paid you?—Mr. Sylbon.
74,689. What did you do for it?—I spent near a fortnight for it.
74,690. As a runner?—Yes.
74,691. You applied to be set down as a runner?—No, I did not.
74,692. Did they ask you to be set down?—Yes; of course they did. I went up to the committee room in Fish Street.
74,693. And they asked you to be set down?—Yes. They said there was work to do, and I might as well do it as anybody else.
74,694. And you stated you would?—Yes.
74,695. And you got 17*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.
74,696. Was that all you got?—Yes.
74,697. After you voted?—Yes.
74,698. You went to the committee room, you say?—Yes; I went with Mr. Sylbon.
74,699. Did you not say you wanted employment?—No. I did not want employment.

John Stalper, jun.

JOHN STALPER the younger sworn, and examined.

74,700. Where do you live?—No. 47, Osborne Street.
74,701. What business are you?—A bricklayer.
74,702. What rent do you pay?—Nothing.
74,703. Are you a lodger?—Yes.
74,704. Are you any relation of the last witness?—Yes.
74,705. What?—A brother.
74,706. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
74,707. How long have you been a freeman?—I took my freedom up in 1840.
74,708. Did you vote in 1847 for the first time?—Yes.
74,709. Who for?—Baines and Brown.
74,710. Were you paid for it?—No.
74,711. Were you paid any money?—Nothing at all.
74,712. You were not paid any money for the candidates?—No.
74,713. Or any other party at all?—No; nothing at all.
74,714. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
74,715. Were you paid for that?—Yes.
74,716. How much?—17*s.* 6*d.*
74,717. Where was that?—Mr. Sylbon paid me.
74,718. Were you set down as a runner?—Yes.

R. Wilkinson.

RICHARD WILKINSON sworn, and examined.

74,719. Where do you live?—Fish Street.
74,720. What business are you?—A chemist and druggist.
74,721. What rent do you pay?—£18.
74,722. Are you a freeman?—No.
74,723. How long have you been entitled to vote?—For the election before the last.
74,724. Did you vote in 1847?—I did not.
74,725. Why not?—Because some person personated me, and voted for me.
74,726. You tendered your vote, and it was rejected, in consequence of some person having voted in your name before?—Yes.
74,727. Were you employed as a runner or a messenger?—No.
74,728. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

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74,729. Were you paid for it?—I was.
74,730. How much?—Between 30*s.* and 2*l.*
74,731. Are you a runner?—Not exactly a runner, a messenger; one of the committee in Fish Street district.
74,732. Mr. Sylbon took you?—Yes.
74,733. Did he pay you?—He paid me part.
74,734. Who paid you the rest?—Young Ash. I was a clerk the polling day.
74,735. Were you paid part before and part after you voted?—Yes.

John Bulmer.

JOHN BULMER sworn, and examined.

74,736. Where do you live?—Portland Place, Prospect Street.
74,737. What business are you?—At present a schoolmaster.
74,738. What rent do you pay?—About 14*l.* altogether.
74,739. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
74,740. How long have you been a freeman?—Twenty-seven years.
74,741. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
74,742. Were you paid for it?—I was employed as a clerk at that time.
74,743. At which committee?—The South Myton division.
74,744. Had you applied for employment?—Yes; I generally have been at elections ever since I knew anything about them; employed as a clerk.
74,745. Who employed you on that occasion?—A man who is dead now, Mr. Day. I was his clerk at that time.
74,746. Were you clerk to the committee?—Clerk to the committee in South Myton.
74,747. How much a day did you get?—5*s.* a day.
74,748. For how long?—I think, at least between four and five weeks; not quite five weeks.
74,749. Were people paid at your room; runners?—Runners were paid at our room.
74,750. How many were paid at that room?—I think we kept six runners.
74,751. How many were paid during that election in that room?—I do not know; a person paid runners of his own; his name was Waine; he had six runners of his own; there were two that belonged to the chairman, that made eight; and those eight belonged to this place.
74,752. You know what setting down means?—Yes.
74,753. Were they not set down at your room?—Yes.
74,754. How many were set down at that district?—Eight, at that district.
74,755. How many altogether during that election for the district?—I cannot recollect that. I should say between thirty and forty.
74,756. Not more than that?—No.
74,757. Were they set down in order to secure the vote?—They came and got their names set down as runners at the same time that they gave their promise.
74,758. And were paid after the election?—In fact they were paid during the time that they were runners.
74,759. Who paid them?—Mr. Day and Mr. Waine.
74,760. Did you take part in it?—I checked the names off from the pay sheets.
74,761. Is that all you had to do with the election?—That is all I had to do, and making out the lists for the canvassing.
74,762. Have you any of the lists?—No, not any.
74,763. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I was away in America; in fact, I was here; but not on the register. I had only just come home.
74,764. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
74,765. Were you a clerk this time?—I was.
74,766. Had you applied for employment?—
74,767. Who employed you?—I was employed under Mr. Wells, the lawyer, at the central committee.
74,768. You were in the room with Mr. Wells as clerk?—No, I was not in his room at all; there were several clerks with us in the room by ourselves.
74,769. Was Rosindale there?—He frequently came down from up-stairs, bringing sheets to be put down.
74,770. You were a clerk in the room?—Yes.
74,771. And you had to make out the lists?—Yes; the canvassing books
74,772. How much did you get a week?—5*s.* a day.
74,773. Were you paid by the week or the day?—Paid up at the end of the week.

Thomas Jackson.

THOMAS JACKSON sworn, and examined.

74,774. Where do you live?—Excise Buildings.
74,775. What is your business?—A seaman.
74,776. What rent do you pay?—£3.
74,777. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

Thomas Jackson.

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74,778. How long have you been a freeman?—I took it up in 1842, when I was disabled from sea.

74,779. Did you pay for it yourself?—Yes.

74,780. In 1847 was it the first election at which you voted?—Yes.

74,781. Who did you vote for?—Mr. Baines.

74,782. Were you paid for it?—I was doorkeeper at the central committee five weeks and three days.

74,783. How much were you paid?—I received a guinea a week; 5*l.* 19*s.* altogether.

74,784. Five weeks and three days from Mr. Baines' committee?—Yes; I was there from the committee being formed. I was there after the election as well.

74,785. Did you apply to be employed?—Mr. Reed came for me; Mr. Sidebottom's clerk.

74,786. What made him come to you?—Being acquainted with me. I was along with Mr. Daniels, the sheriff's, officer at the time.

74,787. You were a runner for the sheriff's officer?—I was acting for him at the time.

74,788. At the last election who did you vote for?—For Moore and Butler. I was a doorkeeper at the central committee again, six weeks and three days.

74,789. How came you to be employed this time?—I applied to Mr. Wells, being acquainted with him, and I was employed from the meeting at the Shakespeare, the very night the committee was formed.

74,790. What colour did you take Mr. Baines to be in 1847?—I took him to be a middle way man.

74,791. Did you get the same pay?—No; the first nine days I only got 3*s.* 4*d.* a day, and then our runners were running away and I let Mr. Pease know at the bank, that we were losing the runners; that they were running from the several committee rooms, and he said the wages should be rose to a guinea, the same as the other party; and I received the guinea a week for four weeks, and on the polling day I received four days at 3*s.* 6*d.*, and three days at 5*s.*

74,792. Did you tell them if you were not raised you should run too?—No; we were losing our runners.

74,793. The runners were running from their several committee rooms?—Yes; from two or three; and several of ours had threatened Mr. Wells that if they had not the same wages as the other party they would leave.

74,794. You were a party who was going away?—No; I acquainted him that they were going away.

74,795. You gave the information?—Yes; to Mr. Pease, the banker.

W. Robinson.

WILLIAM ROBINSON sworn, and examined.

74,796. Where do you live?—Old Post Office Entry.

74,797. What business are you?—Foreman at a wharf.

74,798. What rent do you pay?—Six guineas.

74,799. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

74,800. How long have you been a freeman?—I believe I took it up in 1841.

74,801. Did you take it up yourself?—Yes.

74,802. Did you vote in 1841?—No. I think I have only voted at two elections.

74,803. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Clay, I believe.

74,804. Were you paid any money for it?—No.

74,805. Were you paid any money at all?—I was two days running, but I got nothing for it.

74,806. You had your name set down?—Yes; at the Land of Green Ginger.

74,807. Was that in order that you might be employed?—No; I had plenty of employment.

74,808. Was it in order to be paid?—It was because I wished to serve the party.

74,809. Did you not expect after the election you would get something?—Yes; I did expect to get something. I had a man employed at my wharf. I did not want to make anything out of it.

74,810. You had your name set down to have something?—I did not want to be on; it was the wish of some of the party that I should be on.

74,811. And you acceded to their wish?—Yes; I was of that side.

74,812. It was in order to have something for your loss of time?—I did not mean to be out of pocket by it.

74,813. You knew if you did not vote for them they would not pay you?—I did not care whether they paid me or not.

74,814. You would not have expected them to pay you if you voted the other way?—It was not the money I voted for.

74,815. If you had voted the other way you would not have expected them to pay you?—I should not have voted the other way.

74,816. Supposing you had voted the other way, you would not have expected them to pay you?—I certainly expected to be paid for my time when I was employing a man in my place.

W. Robinson.

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74,817. You would not expect them to pay a man who did not vote for them?—No; I should not have looked for it.

74,818. Where was it you were set down?—In the Land of Green Ginger; a room of Mr. Woolley's.

74,819. For Mr. Baines?—Yes; Mr. Bright was there.

74,820. At the last election who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich, in Humber Street.

74,821. Did you get any money?—No.

74,822. Was your name set down this time?—No.

74,823. Did you do any work for the blues?—No; neither party.

74,824. You did not post any bills for them?—No; I did nothing.

74,825. Did you get no money at all from either party?—No.

H. Richardson.

HENRY RICHARDSON sworn, and examined.

74,826. Where do you live?—In Cook's Buildings.

74,827. What business are you?—A tailor.

74,828. What rent do you pay?—£7.

74,829. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

74,830. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1837.

74,831. Did you pay for it yourself?—Yes.

74,832. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes; for Clay and Thompson.

74,833. Were you paid any money?—No.

74,834. Did you get no money that election?—No.

74,835. Not on any account?—No.

74,836. Nor after the election?—No.

74,837. At any time?—No.

74,838. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.

74,839. Did you get any money that time?—No.

74,840. Neither before nor after the election?—No.

74,841. Nor during the election?—No.

74,842. Did anybody get any money for you?—No.

74,843. Was any room of yours taken?—No.

74,844. Did you get no money from the candidates or their party?—No; I never got any money in my life.

74,845. Last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

74,846. Were you paid any money?—No.

74,847. Were you set down at all?—No

74,848. Are you quite sure you were not set down as a runner?—No.

74,849. Was any money left at your house?—No.

74,850. And were you not on any committee?—No.

John Caswell.

JOHN CASWELL sworn, and examined.

74,851. Where do you live?—No. 3, North Wall.

74,852. What business are you?—A coal merchant.

74,853. What rent do you pay?—£16.

74,854. Are you a freeman?—No.

74,855. How long have you been entitled to vote?—Perhaps twenty or twenty-five years.

74,856. Have you ever received any money at any election?—I have received money for services.

74,857. In 1841, who did you vote for?—I am not quite sure whether I voted. It was Hanmer and James, if I voted at all. I am not sure whether I voted.

74,858. Do you recollect whether you got money that election?—None.

74,859. Are you quite sure?—Quite sure.

74,860. On no account?—On no account.

74,861. In 1847, who did you vote for?—If I voted at all, it was for Mr. Brown.

74 862. Surely you recollect something?—I do not recollect.

74,863. Did you get any money?—Yes, I did.

74,864. Then I suppose you think you did vote?—No, I do not think I did.

74,865. What did you get your money for?—I was a clerk.

74,866. At which committee?—In Carr Lane.

74,867. Did you ask to be employed?—I might.

74,868. Did you ask to be set down for employment?—I applied, very likely, for employment.

74,869. You are not sure you voted?—I do not think I did.

74,870. Why not?—I do not think I was entitled to vote, on account of removal.

74,871. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

74,872. Were you employed by them?—Yes, as a clerk.

John Caswell.

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74,873. Did you apply for employment?—I did.
74,874. Generally, or as a clerk?—As a clerk.
74,875. What did you say when you went after employment?—I applied to Mr. Wells for employment as a clerk.
74,876. Had you known Mr. Wells before?—Yes, for years.
74,877. You had your own business to attend to, had you not?—Yes.
74,878. What did you want to be employed as a clerk of Mr. Wells for?—I could do my business and be employed as a clerk as well.
74,879. And get a little money besides?—Yes; to fill up the time.
74,880. How much did you get?—Five shillings a day.
74,881. For how long?—I think there was 1*l.* 10*s.* I received.
74,882. Altogether?—Altogether.
74,883. Was it paid before or after you voted?—After.
74,884. The whole of it after?—After.
74,885. You knew, when you went to ask for employment, that if they employed you they would expect you to vote?—I should have voted whether they employed me or not.
74,886. Attend to my question. You knew if you went and ask them to employ you, if they did employ you, that they would expect you to vote for them, whatever your principles were?—I promised my vote before they employed me.
74,887. How long?—Some days.
74,888. Who canvassed you?—I was canvassed by two or three. I think Moore and Butler.
74,889. Did you promise them at once?—Yes. I always voted that way, except once I voted for Matthew Davenport Hill.
74,890. Were you not neglecting your business that time?—No.
74,891. Were you canvassed by the orange?—No; I do not think I was.
74,892. Were you paid by the week?—I was paid afterwards. I received 1*l.* 10*s.* afterwards altogether.
74,893. Was it from the Monday before the election that you began to be employed?—Before that, I think, about six days, I was employed. I received it on the Saturday night.

C. Luccock.

CHRISTOPHER LUCCOCK sworn, and examined.

74,894. Where do you live?—No. 2, Church Street, Drypool.
74,895. What business are you?—An accountant.
74,896. What rent do you pay?—£ 10.
74,897. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
74,898. How long have you been a freeman?—I took it up in the year 1812.
74,899. In 1841, who did you vote for?—I did not live in this part then.
74,900. You were not on the register?—I was not here.
74,901. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I was still in another part of the country.
74,902. Had you ever voted here before 1841?—Yes; in the year 1812.
74,903. Were you paid for it on those occasions?—Yes; I believe I was, at those times.
74,904. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
74,905. Were you set down as a runner?—I was set down as a messenger.
74,906. Were you employed as a messenger?—Yes.
74,907. How long?—It would be something like nine days, I believe.
74,908. How much were you paid for it?—I believe 2*l.* 5*s.* I received.
74,909. Who paid you?—I was paid at the committee in Bowlalley Lane.
74,910. You were paid by Mr. Steeple, I suppose?—Yes.
74,911. Were you paid before or after you voted?—After.
74,912. All of it after?—The whole of it at one time, after.
74,913. Was that the place where your name was set down, in Bowlalley Lane?—Yes.
74,914. Do you believe they would have paid you if you had not voted for Moore and Butler?—Yes; I promised them long before that.
74,915. You had been paid for your vote in former days?—The fact is, I lived in the country, and 2*l.*, I think, was allowed for expenses.
74,916. How far did you live in the country?—Between forty and fifty miles from Hull.
74,917. It used to be called polling money in those days, was it not?—Yes.

Charles Brown.

CHARLES BROWN sworn, and examined.

74,918. Where do you live?—No. 13, Elm Terrace.
74,919. What business are you?—A clerk.
74,920. What sort of office?—In a merchant's office. At present in an insurance broker's office.
74,921. What rent do you pay?—None at all.
74,922. Are you a lodger?—No. I have a house that I live in, but it belongs to my family; I do not pay rent for it.

Charles Brown.

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74,923. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
74,924. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1849.
74,925. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
74,926. Were you employed during the election?—I was employed at the West Sculcoates committee room as clerk for four or five days.
74,927. Did you apply to have your name set down for employment?—No; Mr. Cattley asked me to take the management of the books, on account of the other clerk having gone away.
74,928. How long was that before the polling day?—Perhaps it was four or five days.
74,929. What did you say to him?—I told him I should have no objection.
74,930. Did you say anything about what money you would expect?—No.
74,931. You left that to him?—Yes; I left that entirely to him.
74,932. How much were you paid?—After the election I was paid two guineas.
74,933. How many days were you at work?—Four or five days actually at work. I was at the committee from the first opening, as canvasser or committee man.
74,934. What time did you attend; all day?—Generally from about half-past nine in the morning till ten or eleven at night.
74,935. Before he asked you to act as clerk you were on the committee?—Yes.
74,936. Were you to be paid for that?—No, no idea; neither had I for Mr. Clay; and Mr. Richard Cattley gave me two guineas after the election.
74,937. You had promised your vote?—I had promised my vote on the 8th or 10th of June.
74,938. It seems then rather to have been a reward for your vote than for your services?—It was a reward for the services which I had done.
74,939. It was rather a reward for the vote if you never expected to be paid before?—I never had any idea of being paid.

James Johnson.

James Johnson sworn, and examined.

74,940. Where do you live?—Marine View Terrace, Hedon Road.
74,941. What business are you?—Clerk.
74,942. In what office?—In the railway.
74,943. What rent do you pay?—Ten guineas.
74,944. For a house?—Yes.
74,945. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
74,946. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1846.
74,947. Did you vote in the election of 1847?—Yes.
74,948. Who did you vote for?—Brown and Baines.
74,949. Were you paid some money for it?—No.
74,950. Were you paid any money at all?—None, whatever.
74,951. Neither by the candidates nor their party?—No.
74,952. Not on any account?—Not on any account.
74,953. At the last election did you vote?—Yes.
74,954. Who for?—Moore and Butler.
74,955. You were employed this time?—I expect I was.
74,956. Where?—At the West Sculcoates committee room.
74,957. In what capacity?—Clerk, a little bit.
74,958. Anything else?—Nothing else.
74,959. How long was your little bit?—About fourteen days.
74,960. Who asked you to act as clerk?—I hardly know who did ask me.
74,961. Did you apply to be employed?—No.
74,962. Did they ask you to be a clerk, or did they ask you to come to be employed generally?—Of course they asked me.
74,963. What did they say to you?—They asked me if I wished to be employed, and of course I said yes.
74,964. Employed in what way?—Any way they liked.
74,965. What did you do at the committee room?—Just what they liked.
74,966. Did you keep the books?—No.
74,967. You kept the money?—No, nor the money neither.
74,968. How much did you get altogether?—I got about 50*s*.
74,969. Did they pay you before or after the election day?—Before the election.
74,970. The whole of it?—Yes.
74,971. Did they pay you nothing after you voted?—No.
74,972. Did they discharge you at any time from being clerk?—I do not know that they discharged me at any time; I think I discharged myself.

William Purdon.

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WILLIAM PURDON sworn, and examined.

74,973. Where do you live?—Tynemouth Street.

74,974. What business are you?—An auctioneer.

74,975. What rent do you pay?—£32.

74,976. Are you a freeman?—No.

74,977. How long have you been entitled to vote?—Since the passing of the Reform Act.

74,978. In 1841, who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.

74,979. Did you act in any way in that election?—I did not.

74,980. Did you take any part in it?—No part at all.

74,981. Were you paid any money?—No.

74,982. Not on any account?—Not on any account.

74,983. You did not canvass?—I did not.

74,984. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Clay.

74,985. Did you take any part in that election?—I did not.

74,986. Were you paid any money that election on any account?—None at all.

74,987. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

74,988. Did you take any part in this election?—Yes.

74,989. What part?—I was clerk at one of the committee rooms.

74,990. Which committee room?—The one in Worship Street.

74,991. Who was the chairman?—Mr. Turnbull.

74,992. Did you pay the runners?—I did.

74,993. Did you set their names down?—I did.

74,994. You understood perfectly well the meaning of setting them down?—How do you mean setting them down?

74,995. Did you not know you were setting their names down in order to secure their votes?—No; when any persons applied to be runners, or to have any situation, I merely made a memorandum of the name, and acquainted Mr. Turnbull, the chairman, with it, and he did as he liked about employing them.

74,996. You knew they were asking to be set down in order that they might be employed and paid, that you might have the vote?—That they might be employed, and get nothing further.

74,997. Did it never cross your mind that that would secure the vote?—I did not turn my attention to that.

74,998. It never struck you?—No.

74,999. You were clerk to the committee?—Yes.

75,000. Were you not one of the committee also?—No; Mr. Turnbull ordered me to enter the names of the applicants, and I did so.

75,001. How many?—Several.

75,002. How many during the whole election?—I should say twenty or thirty.

75,003. No more than that?—I do not know. I think my books are in possession of the court, and will tell you.

75,004. Did you ever canvass any people yourself?—I did two or three; I went to one invalid person.

75,005. Did you tell them to have their names set down?—I solicited their votes for the blue interest.

75,006. Did you tell them to have their names set down as runners?—They could not get out.

75,007. Did you tell them to have their names set down?—No.

75,008. Were their names set down?—No.

75,009. Were they paid any money?—Not that I know of; I paid no money.

75,010. Did you pay money at any place not a committee room?—Yes; I paid one or two parties at their houses.

75,011. After the election?—Yes.

75,012. Had you before you paid them ascertained how they had voted?—No; I paid according to the orders given me.

75,013. Were those orders to inquire which side they had voted?—No, it was for some expenses that were due to them.

75,014. Whose duty was it to see which way they had voted?—I do not know, indeed. I know they were persons who voted for us.

75,015. You did know that at the time you paid them?—I did.

75,016. And you knew they would not have been paid unless they had voted for you? I should presume it was money that was due to them.

75,017. Did you know at the time they would not have been paid unless they had voted for you?—I believe they would not.

75,018. That was the same case with all the persons who were paid at your committee room, was it not?—I knew that those I paid were in our interest; many of them were paid weekly before the election.

75,019. Some of them as messengers?—Yes, as messengers; I made the accounts out weekly, and sent them in to the central committee, and they sent the money that was due.

75,020. You knew all the persons whose names were set down for employment were employed at some time or another?—Yes.

75,021. And were all paid?—All paid.

75,022. Were they not all paid something after the election?—Only the amount due to them for their services.

75,023. They were all paid something after they voted?—Yes, because the week had not expired at the time of the election; they were only paid a weekly payment.

75,024. During the time you were at the committee room, was part of the wages kept back from the committee till after the election?—No.

75,025. Can you undertake to say that the men were always paid in full on the Saturday night?—No, I do not say that; the first week the money was kept back.

75,026. To keep the runners from running away, did you not hear at the time the reason why part was kept back?—Yes, I think I did hear some reason given, and I thought it was a very foolish one at the time.

75,027. What was the reason?—I really cannot say now, I cannot turn my attention to it.

75,028. Was it not in order to keep them firm to your side, have you any doubt about that?—I really do not remember what was the reason. I know I stated to our chairman it was a very foolish thing to prevent the men having their pay on Saturday night.

75,029. Why?—Because I thought they would have nothing to eat on Sunday.

75,030. If they got 17*s.* out of 20*s.*, that would enable them to get their dinners?—Yes, but the first week was only three days; we began on Wednesday.

75,031. How much were they to have a day?—£1 a week.

75,032. 3*s.* 4*d.* a day?—Yes.

75,033. If they got two days' pay on Saturday night, you thought that was not enough to get a dinner on Sunday?—They did not get any.

75,034. I thought you said part was kept back?—No, they were not paid at all the first week.

75,035. Do you mean to swear during the election it never struck you in your own mind that it was kept back in order to secure the men?—I understood it was a suggestion of Mr. Davis; I never understood it fully, and never inquired about it.

75,036. Did it cross your mind in any way that that was in order to keep them to your side?—I thought it was for that.

75,037. Who gave you the money to pay the people at their own houses afterwards?—It was Mr Turnbull that gave it me; he generally brought the money from the central committee every Saturday.

75,038. Did he give you a list of persons you were to pay at their own houses?—Yes.

75,039. You think there were some few?—Yes; and when I paid them I ticked them off, and gave a list of them to him.

75,040. You entered the names of persons that applied?—Yes.

75,041. Did you pay those people?—Yes.

75,042. All whose names were set down?—Not the whole whose names were set down. I merely entered them as applicants, and if employed I paid them for their services.

75,043. You paid all who were employed?—Yes.

75,044. Who paid the rest?—I think I paid all.

75,045. Were all employed?—All that were employed I paid.

75,046. All that you set down, were they all employed?—I think not.

75,047. They were all paid?—Only those that were employed.

75,048. Were paid by you?—Yes.

75,049. Could you furnish us with the name of anybody that was not paid?—I think if I had the book I could.

75,050. You have been asked the meaning of setting down, do you think there is any one person out of the 40,000 adults in Hull who does not perfectly well know the meaning of the word "setting down," that it means a man sets his name down promising to vote, and the other party promises to pay?—The statement I have made to you is perfectly true, that is all I can say.

75,051. I want still to know whether you think there is any other individual besides yourself in Hull that does not understand the meaning of the word "setting down"?—The way I set them down was this: Mr. Turnbull said if anybody in his absence should make application to be runners, "enter their names down, and I will select such as I think are suitable." When they made application I entered the names down, and on his returning I informed him.

75,052. I ask you whether there is any one person in Hull that does not know perfectly well that the meaning of that is, that the person whose name is set down promises his vote, and the other side promises if possible to employ and to pay?—All I can say is, that I did it, to obey the orders of Mr. Turnbull, and for him to select such as he thought were suitable.

Henry Shawson.

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HENRY SHAWSON sworn, and examined.

75,053. Where do you live?—No. 27, Trippett Street.
75,054. What business are you?—Shipwright.
75,055. What rent do you pay?—£5.
75,056. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
75,057. How long have you been a freeman?—I cannot really say, but the last election was the only one I polled; I have always been at sea before.
75,058. How many years have you been entitled to vote?—I believe there have been three elections.
75,059. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
75,060. Were you paid for it?—10*s.* the Saturday after polling.
75,061. Who from?—The place in Lowgate.
75,062. Who paid you, do you know?—I do not know him.
75,063. Is that all you got?—That is all.
75,064. Is that all you know about the election?—Yes.

Thomas Smith.

THOMAS SMITH sworn, and examined.

75,065. Where do you live?—Blue Bell Yard, Waterworks Street.
75,066. What rent do you pay?—18*d.* a week.
75,067. A lodger?—Yes
75,068. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
75,069. What business are you?—A sailor; I served my time to the sea; I am a labourer now.
75,070. How long have you been a freeman?—1839.
75,071. Was it taken up for you?—It was taken up for me.
75,072. By which party?—I cannot tell you that.
75,073. Which party did you vote for in 1841?—I never polled at all only the last election, and that was for Moore and Butler.
75,074. Your freedom was taken up by the blues, and you voted for James and Hanmer?—I never polled at all, only this last election.
75,075. Was your freedom taken up by the blues?—I am sure I do not know that it was; it was in 1839, the 11th of July.
75,076. Was it paid for by the blue party?—I think it was, but I will not be confident about that.
75,077. Samuel Brown was there, was he not; and did they not pay for it in order that you might vote for them at the next general election?—I have never polled, only the last election; I have been away.
75,078. When they paid for your freedom, they meant you to vote for them?—Yes, of course they did.
75,079. And you understood it?—Yes.
75,080. Did they not give you any money to go away?—No.
75,081. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
75,082. Were you paid for it?—I was; seven days' running; I got 10*s.* 6*d.* the first week, and 1*l.* for four days the week following.
75,083. You asked to be set down as a runner?—Yes, I did.
75,084. Where was it?—Our booth was in Charles Street, but I got paid in Saville Street.
75,085. At the committee room?—Yes.
75,086. Who paid you?—I am sure I do not know whether it was the man they call Brown or not.

William Sykes.

WILLIAM SYKES sworn, and examined.

75,087. Where do you live?—Catherine Square, Mason Street.
75,088. What business are you?—A shoemaker.
75,089. What rent do you pay?—£7 for the house there, and the shop in Lowgate I pay 15*l.* for.
75,090. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
75,091. How long have you been free?—Since 1838.
75,092. Did you pay for it yourself?—Yes.
75,093. In 1841 who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.
75,094. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
75,095. How much?—A sovereign.
75,096. Before or after you voted?—After I voted, about three months.
75,097. Who paid you?—I cannot say.
75,098. Why not?—I do not know.
75,099. Did you never see?—No.
75,100. Where were you paid?—In High Street.

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75,101. At Binks's?—Yes.
75,102. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Brown and Baines.
75,103. Were you paid for that?—Yes, I got 10*s.*
75,104. For Mr. Brown?—Yes, for Mr. Brown.
75,105. Who paid you?—I was paid in Bishop Lane; I do not know who it was.
75,106. That was before you voted?—The night before I voted.
75,107. Was that all you got?—I got 5*s.* besides.
75,108. Where was that?—At the Blue Bell.
75,109. Before or after you voted?—Before I voted.
75,110. Anything else?—No.
75,111. Nothing from Mr. Baines?—Nothing at all.
75,112. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
75,113. Were you paid for it?—Not anything at all.
75,114. Was your name set down?—No.
75,115. Did you ask to have it set down?—No.
75,116. Did you hear it was set down?—No.
75,117. Did they take any room at your house?—No.
75,118. Did you receive any money from the candidates or their party?—Not from any one.
75,119. After the election?—No; not after the election.
75,120. At any time?—No; not at any time.

James T. Saunt.

James Thomson Saunt sworn, and examined.

75,121. Where do you live?—English Street.
75,122. What business are you?—A pilot.
75,123. What rent do you pay?—£12.
75,124. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
75,125. How long have you been free?—Since 1839.
75,126. Was it paid for for you?—No; I paid for it myself.
75,127. And it was not repaid?—It was not repaid.
75,128. In 1841, who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
75,129. Were you paid for that?—I got a sovereign after the election; about three months, I should think.
75,130. Who paid it?—Mr. Ullathorne paid me; he is dead now.
75,131. Where?—In the Market Place; in his shop.
75,132. Was that all you got?—That is all.
75,133. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Brown. I bulleted him.
75,134. Were you paid for that?—Yes; I got 10*s.* after the election.
75,135. Where was that?—Mr. Collison paid me.
75,136. Was that all you got?—That is all.
75,137. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
75,138. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
75,139. How much?—30*s.* altogether.
75,140. Where were you paid?—At the Shakespeare.
75,141. Before or after you voted?—10*s.* before,—I was a messenger there for twelve or thirteen days,—and a sovereign after.
75,142. Who paid you?—I do not know the party that paid me.
75,143. Did you apply to be set down as a runner?—I was there; they put me down as a runner, and I did all I could for them.

Thomas Stamp.

Thomas Stamp sworn, and examined.

75,144. Where do you live?—Stainforth Place, Hessle Road.
75,145. What business are you?—A shipwright.
75,146. What rent do you pay?—£4.
75,147. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
75,148. How long have you been free?—Thirty years.
75,149. In 1841, who did you vote for?—Colonel Thompson.
75,150. Thompson and Clay?—No; Thompson only.
75,151. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
75,152. How much?—30*s.*
75,153. Who paid you?—I was paid in Blanket Row.
75,154. Do you know who paid you?—I have forgotten now.
75,155. Had Thistleton anything to do with it?—Yes.
75,156. Was that all you got?—Yes.
75,157. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.
75,158. Were you paid for that?—Yes.
75,159. How much?—10*s.*
75,160. Before or after?—It was the day we voted.

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75,161. Who paid you?—Mr. Mitchell. We were to have 10*s.* after, but I never got it yet.
75,162. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
75,163. Were you paid for that?—Yes.
75,164. Who paid you?—Mr. Croft.
75,165. How much?—£1.
75,166. After you voted?—Yes; three weeks after.
75,167. Was that all you got?—Yes.

T. Smithson.

THOMAS SMITHSON sworn, and examined.

75,168. Where do you live?—In Temperance Street.
75,169. What rent do you pay?—My son pays 7*l.* 4*s.*, and I lodge with him.
75,170. What business are you?—A master mariner.
75,171. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1818.
75,172. In 1841, who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
75,173. Were you paid for it?—I was eight days a runner.
75,174. How much were you paid?—£2; 5*s.* a day.
75,175. Before or after you voted?—After you voted.
75,176. Who paid you?—I got it from Mr. Bannister, to go to the central room.
75,177. Who paid you?—I do not know the gentleman's name.
75,178. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.
75,179. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
75,180. How much?—Three days at 5*s.* a day.
75,181. Where were you paid?—I was paid, I think, at a public house in Waterwork Street; Mr. Bannister paid me.
75,182. Was it before or after you voted?—We got it every night after the work was done. I was a runner three days, and we got it every night after the work was done.
75,183. Was that before you voted?—No; two days before I voted; and 5*s.* the day of polling; that finished it.
75,184. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
75,185. Were you paid for that?—Yes; two weeks as a runner.
75,186. Where you set down?—At the Shakespeare.
75,187. You applied to be set down as a runner?—I did.
7S,188. How much did you get?—£1 a week, for two weeks.
75,189. Were you paid before or after you voted?—£1 a week before, and 1*l.* the election week.
75,190. Who paid you?—Mr. Davis gave me a note to Mr. Aitkin of Mytongate; that is all I got of him.

A. C. Smithson.

ALFRED CHARLES SMITHSON sworn, and examined.

75,191. Where do you live?—Temperance Street.
75,192. What business are you?—A painter.
75,193. What rent do you pay?—£7.
75,194. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
75,195. How long have you been a freeman?—Three years.
75,196. The last election was the first at which you voted?—Yes.
75,197. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
75,198. Were you paid for it?—I got 7*s.* 6*d.*, I believe.
75,199. Was that all?—Yes.
75,200. Who paid you?—I got it at Minerva Terrace. I do not know who gave it.
75,201. That was at Legitt's?—Yes.
75,202. Was that after you voted?—Yes.
75,203. Are you quite sure that is all you got?—That is all I got.
75,204. Were you at any of the orange committee rooms?—No.
75,205. Were you with your brother at the time he went up to vote?—No.
75,206. Did you see John Walker?—No; I do not know him.

Charles Eaby.

CHARLES EABY sworn, and examined.

75,207. Where do you live?—Fish Street.
75,208. What business are you?—Boarding-house keeper.
75,209. What rent do you pay?—Twenty guineas.
75,210. Are you a freeman?—No.
75,211. How long have you been entitled to vote?—About seventeen years.
75,212. Did you vote in 1841?—I did not; I was from home.
75,213. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I was from home; I did not vote then.
75,214. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

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75,215. Did you get any money?—Yes.
75,216. How much?—I was a runner for five days, and got 3*s.* a day.
75,217. That is 15*s.*?—Yes.
75,218. Was that all you got?—No.
75,219. How much more did you get?—10*s* ; 5*s.* for the nomination day, and 5*s.* for the polling day.
75,220. Who paid you?—I got paid at our branch committee.
75,221. Where was that?—In Fish Street.
75,222. Who paid you?—I believe it was Mr. Sylbon.
75,223. That was paid part before and part after you voted?—Yes, decidedly. I got 15*s.* before, and I got the other 10*s.* after the election.

Adjourned till to-morrow, at ten o'clock.

FIFTY-SECOND DAY.—Saturday, 6th August 1853.

JOHN FEETAM sworn, and examined.

John Feetam.

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75,224. What is your business?—A cabinetmaker.
75,225. Where do you live?—22, Passage Street, now.
75,226. Where did you live at the election?—No. 2, Paradise Place.
75,227. What rent do you pay?—I paid then 10*l.* ; now I pay 5*l.*
75,228. Are you a freeman of this borough?—Yes.
75,229. How long have you been a freeman?—I am sure I do not know exactly.
75,230. Is it twenty years?—No. The first election I voted at, was for Clay and Thompson.
75,231. Who did you vote for then?—Clay and Thompson.
75,232. Did you get any money on that occasion for your vote?—No.
75,233. Were you set down or employed?—No.
75,234. Did you vote in 1847?—Yes.
75,235. Who for?—Baines and Brown.
75,236. This time did you get any money?—No.
75,237. Not any from Mr. Brown?—No.
75,238. Was your name set down for Mr. Brown?—No, it was not. I never got any money ; I was set down.
75,239. Was your name set down the day before?—No ; I think it was set down two days before, but I cannot say exactly now, it is so long since.
75,240. You applied to have it set down?—I did not apply to have it set down. I went to a committee room that time. Mr. Brown was coming down to Hull, and they asked me if I would have it set down.
75,241. You said yes, and they set it down?—Yes.
75,242. Were you to have been paid the usual sum of 10*s.* after the election?—I was to have been paid the usual sum of 10*s.* after the election. In fact I am saying more than I know. I do not know what the sum was.
75,243. 10*s.* or a sovereign?—I never understood anything about it, for I was very careless about it.
75,244. We hear everybody got 10*s.* or a sovereign. Were you to have had the same as the others?—10*s.*, I believe, but I did not get it.
75,245. How happened that?—I do not know ; I am sure I cannot say.
75,246. Perhaps you never earned it?—I did not waste a deal of time over getting it.
75,247. Who did you vote for last year?—Clay and Goderich.
75,248. Was your name set down this last time?—No, it was not.
75,249. Did you get any money?—I was brought down from London.
75,250. Who brought you down from London?—I can explain all that. I have it all explained in those papers (*handing in some papers*).
75,251. What money did you get?—I got three sovereigns altogether, and I was to have had 4*l.* 10*s.*
75,252. How does that appear? Show me the papers that says you were to have 4*l.* 10*s.*?—I have not a paper which says I was to have 4*l.* 10*s.*
75,253. It is not in writing?—No, it is not in writing. Those papers contain all there is in writing belonging to me.
75,254. There is merely a receipt for 2*l.*?—And that is all I know about it.
75,255. Who promised you 4*l.* 10*s.*?—John Walker promised me 4*l.* 10*s.*
75,256. When you got down here?—Yes.
75,257. Do you mean John Walker, the basket maker?—Yes ; that is the man.
75,258. Did you see him before you voted?—Yes ; I saw him when I voted, and I waited until he went to get me the 2*l.*
75,259. Did you get any money also from Messrs. Tilson and Company, the solicitors in London?—That is the money I repaid to Mr. Wells.

John Feetam.

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75,260. Messrs. Tilson paid you 2*l.* in London, to come down here?—Yes.

75,261. And then you paid that back to Mr. Wells when you got here?—Yes; in the presence of a witness.

75,262. Here is Mr. Wells's receipt for it?—Yes.

75,263. Was that before or after you got the promise of the 4*l.* 10*s.*?—I only got the 2*l.* when I got that.

75,264. Did you pay back the 2*l.* before you got the promise of the 4*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes, I did. I never had any sum of money stated to me at all,—what I was to have in any way.

75,265. You got nothing it appears, if you only got 2*l.* and paid it back?—When I got the 2*l.* in London, it was the same to me as getting 2*l.* here.

75,266. Besides that, you got 3*l.*?—No; with the 2*l.* I paid back again I got 3*l.*

75,267. Then was it 5*l.* you got in London?—No; 2*l.* I got in London, and 2*l.* I paid back again.

75,268. Where did the 3*l.* come from?—£2 from John Walker, and 1*l.* from Mr. Atkinson, after I had voted at the election.

75,269. First the blues gave you 2*l.*?—Yes.

75,270. You gave that back, and promised the orange?—Yes.

75,271. And got 3*l.* from them?—I got 3*l.* altogether.

75,272. You got first of all 2*l.* from the blues?—Yes.

75,273. And when you got here you got 3*l.* of the orange, and paid the 2*l.* back again?—Yes; but I got it at two separate times. I got 2*l.* the day before the election, and the other after.

75,274. You paid the 2*l.* you got from they blues back to them?—Yes; the day before the election.

75,275. And got 2*l.* from the orange?—Yes; and 1*l.* I got afterwards from Mr. Atkinson, which made the 3*l.*

75,276. Why did you not get the other 1*l.* 10*s.*?—Because I could not.

75,277. Where did you apply for it?—I applied to Mr. Walker, and Mr. Walker applied to Mr. Wilde; and between the two applications they were so long that I was losing my employment in London. I was working for 32*s.* a week, for Messrs. Hunter; and I found I was losing more money, and therefore I had to go to London without it; and he sent that to my house.

75,278. How long did you stay in Hull?—From Tuesday night to Saturday night,—to Saturday morning. I went by the packet from here, because I could not get the expenses. I could not go by rail.

75,279. How much did it cost you to come from London and to get back?—With my wages?

75,280. No; they do not pay wages. For travelling in the railway?—I lost that.

75,281. What was the railway fare?—I think 24*s.* coming down, if I recollect right, because I got an order to come down by the night, and there were no third-class carriages that night; that was 24*s.*, and then it cost me 5*s.* to go back again.

75,282 Then it cost you 29*s.*?—Yes.

Viscount Goderich, M.P.

VISCOUNT GODERICH, M.P., sworn, and examined.

75,283. Are you the eldest son of the Earl of Ripon?—Yes.

75,284. You were returned at the last election as a member to serve in Parliament for this borough?—I was.

75,285. Had you or your family previous to that any local connexion with the borough of Hull?—None whatever.

75,286. Can you remember when your Lordship's attention was first directed to the representation of Hull?—I can.

75,287. Will you state it?—I called one morning upon my solicitor in London, Mr. Burges, of the firm of Warry, Robins, and Burges, upon totally different business. He was previously aware that I entertained the intention of coming into Parliament at that election, if I could obtain a seat; and he mentioned to me upon that occasion that he believed there would be a vacancy for a liberal candidate at Hull, in consequence of the retirement of Mr. Baines, the sitting member, who intended to stand for Leeds; and he told me that he had some previous private acquaintance with Mr. Clay, and if I liked that he would see Mr. Clay upon the subject, and obtain information from him as to the chances which such a second candidate would have. I told him I knew nothing whatever about Hull. I never heard anything about it at all in the matter of elections. I did not know Mr. Clay at all. I did not happen to know previously that he was member for Hull; but I thought it would be very well if he was to call upon Mr. Clay, as he knew him, and ask if he knew whether there was a good opportunity for a second candidate.

75,288. Can you fix the date of that?—I am afraid I cannot exactly.

75,289. As nearly as possible?—It would be in the month of March 1852.

75,290. You mentioned that you were ignorant of Hull. Had you never heard that there had been an investigation into the state of the representation of Hull in the year 1838, consequent upon the election of 1837?—Never.

75,291. Are we to understand that you were altogether ignorant of any rumours, good or ill, relating to the constituency?—Entirely. I had never heard any rumour or any opinion concerning the constituency of Hull.

75,292. Were you aware of the nature of the constituency, that it was divided between householders and freemen, and of the latter a large number?—At that time I was not.

75,293. Was that all that took place between you and Mr. Burges then?—That I believe to be all that took place.

75,294. What was the next occurrence?—The next occurrence was this: Mr. Burges, in consequence of that conversation, waited upon Mr. Clay, and he came to me some days after,—I cannot recollect the precise length of time,—and told me that he had seen Mr. Clay, and that Mr. Clay had said that he did not wish in any way to interfere with the selection of a second candidate, or with a determination whether there was to be a second Liberal candidate or not; but that he should be happy to give me any information concerning the chances of a second candidate that I might choose to ask of him; and I think that I settled with Mr. Burges that we would go together and see Mr. Clay. We went, and saw him. I think it would be still in the month of March, as far as my recollection serves me, at the Oxford and Cambridge Club.

75,295. Your second interview with Mr. Burges was merely preparatory to your introduction to Mr. Clay?—Merely. Of course my recollection of these conversations is somewhat imperfect. I will endeavour to give them to you as correctly as I can. He may have told me that Mr. Clay said more to him at the time than I at this moment recollect; but that is my recollection of the second interview.

75,296. Did you collect at the time you saw Mr. Clay that Mr. Burges had been with him twice?—No; not that I recollect.

75,297. Are you sure that he did not upon that occasion tell you something about the state of the constituency in Hull before you saw Mr. Clay?—I have no recollection of his having done so.

75,298. Is that the utmost that you can say upon the subject, that you do not remember it, or that it may be so, and that it has escaped your recollection?—My only reason for thinking that it may be so is, that your question leads me to believe that Mr. Burges has said that it is so; but my recollection is that it did not.

75,299. You do not undertake to say positively that it did not occur?—No; certainly not.

75,300. Your Lordship saw Mr. Clay at the Oxford and Cambridge University Club?—Yes.

75,301. Now, have the goodness to detail, in the order that best you can remember, what took place between you and Mr. Clay?—I stated to Mr. Clay that I was thinking of coming into Parliament, and understanding that there would be a vacancy for a Liberal candidate at Hull, in consequence of Mr. Baines's retirement, I was anxious to ask him to give me some information concerning the probabilities of my success, if I was to come forward as a candidate. He told me that he should be very happy to give me any information upon that subject, but that he could not undertake in any way to interfere in the choice of a candidate, or in the decision, as I have stated, of the question whether there should be another candidate or not. He stated that it would not be at all agreeable to the Liberal party who had elected him, and that consequently he could not think of doing it; and he also said, very fairly, that he was bound to say that it was contrary to his interests, and contrary to the wishes and opinions of his immediate friends and supporters, that there should be a second candidate upon the Liberal side at the coming election. If there was not a second Liberal candidate at the coming election upon that side he believed that there would not be a second candidate upon the other side, and that consequently he and Mr. Moore, who was then in the field, I believe, would be returned without opposition and without any difficulty. He then, as far as I recollect, produced a paper which contained an analysis of the state of the register, which analysis I think he told me, but I am not quite certain about this,—I think he told me that he had received it from Mr. Jalland; it may have been from some other gentleman here; and that analysis appeared to me to shew that there was a probability of a majority for two Liberal candidates, allowing that the second Liberal candidate would have a less number of votes than Mr. Clay; that there was an apparent majority of about 200 votes; that is my impression of the analysis. It may have been 150; at all events it showed a considerable majority. He told me, however, he did not put much confidence in that analysis, for that a large number of the persons now upon the register were new voters, who had never voted before, and whose opinions, consequently, had only been guessed at in making out that analysis, and he thought the chances of a second candidate doubtful, and that if the practice was pursued, to which he informed me he attributed the loss of his election before 1847,—I think it was in 1841,—namely, that if the opposite party were to send money into the streets,—that is the expression, as I understand it, that he used,—that if that was the case there would be no chance for a second Liberal candidate, and, as I think, he told me that there would be no chance for himself; but I will not be perfectly sure about that. We then talked about the subject; and, upon his saying that he thought the chances of a second candidate so small, I suggested to him that he and Mr. Baines had been returned by a very large majority in 1847; and he then explained to me that Mr. Baines's election in 1847, which I was not aware of at the time, was not to be taken as a

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party election. Mr. Baines had been supported, very mainly I believe, by the Conservative party; at all events by a union of the two parties; and consequently I could not very well argue from his success what would be the success of the other Liberal candidate at this election which was about to come on. We then, I think, as far as I can recollect, having spoken of the chances of a contest, spoke upon the subject slightly at that time of the expenses of a contest, and he told me that Hull he had found a place in which a good deal of money was expended. He did not give me, as far as I have any recollection, in the course of that conversation any impression as to the particular way in which that money was spent. He may have done so; and when I come to speak of the future conversations I may be confounding one with the other; but my impression is, that he told me a good deal of money was spent in the of printing, and what he described as the necessary expenses of the election, in the way of lawyer's bills, in the way of even the polling booths and hustings, and all that had amounted altogether in his case to a considerable sum, and there was no attempt whatever made, of not spending the money of the candidates who went down there; on the contrary, the expenditure was lavish; but, as I told you he said he would see me again if I chose, and that he would give me any information in his power, but that he could have nothing to do with recommending me to the constituency, or with even alluding to me to any of his friends, or have anything to do with introducing me to the constituency. He could do no more than give that information which he told me he had given to Mr. Oliveira, who, I believe, was previously thinking of standing; and after that conversation, which did not last very long, according to my recollection, I left Mr. Clay, and walked down Pall Mall with Mr. Burges.

75,302. In the conversation which you have just described, who began the subject of expense first? Did you or Mr. Clay?—I cannot really recollect that.

75,303. Was anything said about the freemen upon that occasion?—It might have been at that conversation, or it might have been at a subsequent conversation.

75,304. There seems to be something passing in your mind as having taken place upon some occasion, and you are doubtful when it was?—You asked me whether anything passed upon that occasion concerning the freemen. Mr. Clay told me about the freemen. Mr. Clay told me various things which I shall be happy to tell the Commissioners.

75,305. I would rather hear the next conversation?—My own feeling is, that it took place at a subsequent conversation, when I was rather more in the position of a candidate than I was at that moment. I may be wrong; but I was merely going to say, when we left Mr. Clay I went a few steps down Pall Mall with Mr. Burges, and I said, "It is quite clear that Mr. Clay, although he is very willing and very frank to give me every information that he can, will do nothing to promote my candidateship at Hull. I am going out of town for a little while, and it will be better to do nothing further in the matter at present;" and I then went out of town for some time, and the next that I heard concerning the Hull election was, when I was staying in the country I received a letter in the commencement of the month of April, signed E. F. Collins.

75,306. Have you got that letter?—I have not. I think I can give you the substance of the letter almost verbatim; it is extremely short.

75,307. You have not got the letter at all?—No; I have not kept the letter, for I thought there was nothing in the letter of any kind of importance.

75,308. Then will you repeat your recollection of its contents?—I believe the letter to have been to this effect; it was dated quite at the commencement of April. I cannot recollect the exact date; but it was to this effect:—"My Lord, having heard that you are anxious to obtain a seat in Parliament, and that you are in favour," I think,—"that your principles are liberal,—or that you are in favour of Free Trade, and an extension of the suffrage." I know that these two words occurred in the letter,—"I beg to inform you that there is a vacancy in the town for such a candidate, and to ask whether, if you received a requisition from the Liberal electors, you would be willing to offer yourself as a candidate for Hull at the next election. I have the honour to be, my Lord," and so on. I believe that to be entirely the whole of the letter; indeed I am quite certain of it and I wrote an answer to Mr. Collins.

75,309. Had your Lordship heard of the name of Mr. Collins before?—I had never heard of the name of Mr. Collins before in my life. I think I ought to state, that on receiving that letter, before I answered it, I sent it up by the next post to Mr. Burges, to ask him whether he had heard anything about Mr. Collins; and I think his answer was—indeed I am quite sure his answer was—that he had of himself heard and knew nothing whatever of Mr. Collins, and I think he had not time to speak to Mr. Clay, and ask Mr. Clay who he was, which I think, in my letter to him, I had directed him to do; but I am not quite sure of that; but having received Mr. Burges's answer, I wrote to Mr. Collins, to say that, although I felt much flattered by the proposal in the letter, that I could not return him any positive answer until I became more aware of what would be my chance of success if I became a candidate, and whether the Liberal party in Hull were willing to take me as a candidate or not; and I concluded that letter to Mr. Collins by begging him to make any further communication upon the subject which he might be willing to make to Mr. Burges, who was my London solicitor. I think, as I said, I was at that time out of London. I remained in the country until, I think, it was the 17th of April, or some other day about that date; and I did not, as far as I recollect,—I am sure I did not,—hear anything more about the matter while I was in the country. I then

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returned to London, and some days after I had returned to London I heard from Mr. Burges, I think, that Mr. Collins had written to him to say,—I think so, but I am not perfectly certain whether there had been any communication between them by letter before,—but some time after I came back Mr. Burges came to me one morning before breakfast and told me that Mr. Collins had come up to London, and that he had called upon him (Mr. Burges), and that he would come down and see me at half past ten, or something of that kind, and Mr. Burges came on before to tell me, that I might be prepared to see Mr. Collins. I then said to Mr. Burges, "Of course you will explain to Mr. Collins that if I come forward as a candidate I can only do so upon the distinct understanding that I intend to abstain from any bribery or corrupt practices," which Mr. Burges said he would explain to Mr. Collins. He then left me, and at about half past ten Mr. Collins called upon me at my father's house, at No. 1, Carlton Gardens; and I saw him there, and he asked me a few general questions concerning my political opinions, and he told me he was authorized by a considerable portion of the Liberal party in Hull to ask whether I would come forward as a candidate at the next election; and I told him that I should be very happy to do so if I received a requisition which I thought would justify me in doing so; and at the end of the conversation I said to him, "I hope, Mr. Collins, that Mr. Burges has explained to you that I can only stand upon the understanding that I am not going to be party to any bribery or any corrupt proceedings." I am bound to state that, either then or at some time previous to the election, I no doubt heard from one or two persons those rumours concerning the constituency of Hull, which you asked me if I had heard anything of previous to my having commenced the inquiry, when I told you that I had heard nothing whatever of them.

75,310. I wish to fix the date the 30th of April being the day that you issued your address, we are very anxious to know what was the state of information that had been communicated to you up to that time?—My impression afterwards was,—I think that most probably certainly the greater part of the information that I heard came after my address was issued, because it was the natural result of my having made my address.

75,311. Still you had heard something?—My impression is that I had. I had certainly not heard of that inquiry.

75,312. The inquiry of 1837?—No; I certainly did not, because I never understood, and I do not think that I understood up to the time of the election, that that inquiry had disclosed the circumstances that I now understand it did. I never saw that inquiry to this moment, and I know of nothing that occurred upon that inquiry, except by hearsay.

75,313. Before the 30th of April, you had, I presume, ascertained that the constituency were divided; one part consisting of householders, and the other part consisting of freemen?—Yes; I presume that I had.

75,314. You had made yourself acquainted with that fact?—I am bound to say that I had no previous experience of elections; that I had never engaged in a contested election; and that I had never been in a town where a contested election was going on; and, consequently, that I did not go very systematically to work in making those inquiries.

75,315. Was Mr. Burges present upon the occasion of the interview between you and Mr. Collins?—Yes.

75,316. Then tell us the whole that took place? Your Lordship said you would be no party to corrupt practices? Did Mr. Collins make any answer to that?—I thought I had stated that Mr. Collins told me that Mr. Burges had told him that he understood those were the only terms upon which I could stand; and it was then agreed that a requisition should be sent up to me, and the requisition was sent up to me, signed by, I forget how many people.

75,317. A large number?—A large number, and of course I knew nothing of the names; the names signed to the requisition were entirely strangers to me. I had heard of the name of Major Sykes, whose name was the first signed to it, and Mr. Palmer.

75,318. Up to that time had any particulars been given to you, or had you learnt any further particulars than those which you have said Mr. Clay had given you of previous prevalent corrupt practices?—My impression is that I told you, I think, that I had probably heard rumours of the character of the place.

75,319. What was the nature of the rumours that you had heard?—The rumours that I had heard were purely general, that Hull was an expensive place, and a place in which a man who stood required to be very careful. I think that would be, as near as I can give it you, the general impression upon my mind.

75,320. Had you not heard also that it was expensive in the way of the number of runners employed?—No; unless Mr. Clay told me that, which I shall tell you in a moment. In his first conversation I never heard anything at all concerning that matter.

75,321. Is that all that took place between your Lordship and Mr. Collins?—Except that Mr. Collins undertook to send up the requisition; and it was sent up, and the requisition being sent up, I decided to accept it. I wrote an answer to the requisition, and I wrote my address; and before I decided to send it down I delayed a day before I answered it. I decided to send down both the address and the answer by Mr. Burges to Hull, in order that he might see, as well as he could, what were the chances upon the spot, and what was the state of things here; and I gave him, when I sent him, a discretion

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as to whether he should deliver that answer to the requisition, and especially as to whether he should issue my address or not. I saw Mr. Clay, I think, for only a minute just before I sent Mr. Burges down, to tell him that I had accepted the requisition, and that it was my intention to become a candidate; and, to the best of my recollection, nothing further passed at that moment, except an impression upon my mind, and what Mr. Clay had told me, that he was sure there was to be a contest. I think I have come to the end of that.

75,322. To the end of the 30th of April?—Yes. I was going on to say, that Mr. Burges went down, and that in the exercise of that discretion which I had left to him he communicated to me that he had published and printed my address.

75,323. Had not you then learned, either from Mr. Clay or Mr. Collins, something respecting a peculiar class which prevails at Hull; the class of runners?—I am perfectly and entirely certain that I never heard anything of the kind; that the word was never mentioned, or anything about them, in the course of my interview with Mr. Collins. I can answer that most distinctly and decidedly. I am answering one part of your question, I am quite aware. I only wish to answer the first, to this effect, that I may have heard from Mr. Clay that, which I think he afterwards told me, at the first interview, though I do not think I did, and I am almost certain that I had no interview with Mr. Clay before I issued my address, except the first, and the interview of which I have told you. I have no recollection of any; and I am sure at the last short interview nothing of the kind passed between us. After my address was issued, I had several interviews with Mr. Clay, previous to our coming down together to Hull; and in the course of those interviews Mr. Clay stated to me and gave me all the information which I received from him as to the nature of the constituency.

75,324. Will your Lordship be so good as to state as accurately as you can all your recollection as to the information which he gave you in those interviews upon the subject of the constituency?—Certainly. In the first place I told you at the first interview Mr. Clay had told me that if the opposing party,—and I imagined that that applied to either party,—were to send down money, as he called it, into the streets, that the result of that would be that they would win the election; and he stated at the first interview that by that process he had lost the election in 1841. He then certainly spoke of it, and he always spoke of it, as only having been done by the opposite party. I can of course only speak from hearsay, and I do not know whether it was done or not. It was a matter I know nothing about; but he told me that there had existed, previous to the Reform Bill, a practice of paying the freemen so much a head for their votes, varying according to whether the votes were plumpers or split votes, and that that practice had led, in the minds of the freemen, to a sort of opinion that they ought to be paid at an election, and to a desire upon their part to obtain payment. I understood from him that the majority of the freemen invariably voted for what were called the blue candidates; and he told me, of course, the proportion of freemen and other electors in the town; and he told me he thought,—I certainly understood him to state,—that if there was no bribery there would be invariably a majority for the Liberal party.

75,325. A majority of the constituency?—A majority of the constituency. I always understood from him that there was a very large decided majority for the Liberal party of the 10*l.* householders; that I have always understood from him; and, as I told you, he told me there was a majority of the freemen the other way.

75,326. Mr. Clay did not give you to understand that there was a large majority of the whole constituency favourable, as it is called, to the Liberal principles?—No. What I said to you was, that I understood from Mr. Clay that if there was a perfectly fair election the Liberal candidates would be returned.

75,327. Did you learn from him, or otherwise, that there never had been an instance, since the first, which took place after the Reform Bill, of two Liberals, or rather, as we call them, orange candidates, having been returned?—I understood that from him, with the exception of 1847, my notion of which was overturned by what he told me.

75,328. With that exception, there never had been an instance of two orange candidates being returned since the Reform Bill?—I understood that from him. He need not have told me that. I could easily have found it out.

75,329. But you were aware of the fact, either through him or otherwise?—Unquestionably. Mr. Clay also told me concerning the election, that it was the practice in Hull that the persons employed as messengers, clerks, and others about the committee rooms connected with the necessary business of the election were for the most part selected from electors, and not from non-electors; and he told me that there were disadvantages in that course, because that upon a scrutiny their names would be struck off as agents of the candidates who so employed them; and he had given me to understand that a scrutiny was an extremely probable event in the case of an election, because he certainly gave me to understand, in my case, that the election would be a very close one indeed; and I told you he did not think much of my chance, though he thought I had rather a better chance than the opposing candidates; nevertheless, he always gave me to understand, and I always believed, up to the day of the election, that the election would be an extremely close one.

75,330. Did you not collect from Mr. Clay that the selection of these parties from the electors was with a view of influencing their votes? Would you not draw that conclusion?

—If you mean by that, did I understand that a bargain was made with these persons, "You will be employed if you vote," I cannot say that I did. I of course understood that they were always selected, as any other gentleman would be, from persons who intended to vote for us.

75,331. That is not exactly an answer to the question. Bargains, in so many words, are rarely, if ever, made; they are things to be judged of by surrounding circumstances. The question I put to you is this: Whether it was not to be collected from what Mr. Clay told you, that there was a tacit understanding between the employers and the employed that the employed should vote for the employing party?—I certainly understood from Mr. Clay that these persons were always selected from the persons who were going to vote for the candidate who so employed them.

75,332. I am not asking what was said in so many words; but I ask, in the first place, whether you collected generally from what he said, and also when he spoke of an agreement,—there are never agreements in terms——?—I am endeavouring to give you exactly my impression of what passed.

75,333. Did you collect from him that the messengers when employed were employed upon a kind of tacit understanding that the vote accompanied the employment? It may be that it was thrown into the bargain by a kind of tacit understanding?—I do not think I should be saying the truth if I were to say I did understand that in the sense in which I understand you to put it. Of course I understood that the men did vote for the person who employed them.

75,334. Did it not then suggest to you to inquire about that?—No, it did not; Mr. Clay told me——If you would allow me to state the conversation with Mr. Burges it might enable you a little better to see what was my feeling upon the subject. I spoke to Mr. Burges upon the matter, and asked him whether Mr. Clay's representation of the state of the law was correct. He told me that it was. He told me that those persons so employed, provided that they actually did the work for which they were paid, and provided that they were not paid more than what would be reckoned a fair and reasonable remuneration for the work that they did, would still be reckoned agents in the event of a scutiny, and would be struck off from the list of voters; but of course there was nothing in the nature of bribery in such employment; and I am bound to say that appeared to me at the time,—I knew nothing of the law,—but it appeared to me at the time to be reasonable. I was quite aware that legal agents and other people employed by candidates, and who were highly paid, did vote at elections without any objection being made to their votes.

75,335. What I wish to press your lordship upon is this, whether you understood as a fact that the parties so employed were employed with a tacit understanding that the vote of the employed was always given in favour of the employer?—I certainly understood, most undoubtedly,—I do not know whether I understood it at that time,—but I most undoubtedly understood it, that the vote of the employed was always given for the person who employed him. I cannot say that I imagined that was a tacit understanding made with the person at the time of the employment being given, but that that was the result I perfectly admit I always understood.

75,336. Did you understand that was the general practice in Hull?—I did not understand that was the general practice, in the light in which I am now aware that it was.

75,337. Unquestionably not?—Of course we shall come to that in time. I do not mean at all to allude to the practice which did take place at the last election; but I did not understand at that time that it was the general practice, in the quasi legitimate sense, if I may use the expression, even in that narrowed point of view,—I did not understand it to be the practice in the way that I now understand it to be.

75,338. That is the reason I put the question, not exactly in the way it did occur; but did you understand that payments were made to parties in the nature of a day's wages for the loss of time incurred by the voter neglecting his own business in going to the poll?—No; I never understood anything of the sort; I never understood that any payment was made for loss of time.

75,339. You never heard it?—I never heard of any such thing, most distinctly.

75,340. Did you understand from him that the number of parties so employed had always been to some extent greater than the emergencies of the election would require?—I see that Mr. Clay stated it in his evidence; but I have no recollection of his having said that.

75,341. Give us your recollection of it, and we will make the comparison, and suggest to you also where it does not agree? We will draw your attention to it, and see how far your recollection corresponds with his?—I have no recollection of his having stated that there were more persons employed than were required.

75,342. The words that Mr. Clay used upon this subject were that,—after alluding to the general system before the Reform Bill he went on to say, "But there are a certain number of freemen who are paid by employment given to them, and they are not over particular whether there are not more men employed than are necessary." And then he went on to say, "I naturally did not make use of the expression, 'with a view of influencing their votes;' there was no occasion to make use of it; it stands to reason that it could be for that and nothing else." And the question then put to him was, "You spoke in language which a reasonable man could understand?" and the answer is, "I

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spoke in language which no reasonable man could misunderstand, and which, I have no doubt, Lord Goderich will tell you that he did understand." Now those are the exact words used by him; and, calling your lordship's attention to Mr. Clay's recollection of it, can you pledge yourself to say his memory is wholly wrong, or merely this, that it does not accord with your own?—I merely mean to say it does not accord with mine. I should be extremely sorry to say anything further.

75,343. You do not pledge yourself to put your own oath in opposition to his?—Certainly not.

75,344. Do you recollect anything being said about the amount of employment?—No, I do not.

75,345. And the words "not being over particular about the number"?—I do not remember those words being used.

75,346. Will your lordship tell us, as nearly as you can, the impression that was left upon your mind? Was there not an impression left upon your mind, to some extent, that this was done with a view of influencing the votes? I put the question in so many words to Mr. Clay, and his answer was, "That was the reasonable inference to be drawn." I ask your lordship whether you drew the same inference as he did, namely, that that was a system done with a view of influencing the votes of the parties so employed?—I should say that certainly before the election was over I was quite aware of that. Of course I wish to make a most distinct and broad difference between the persons who were bonâ fide employed, and the persons who were not bonâ fide employed, because concerning the persons not bonâ fide employed I have something to say whenever you choose to ask me about those persons.

75,347. We are going by steps?—But I have no doubt whatever that the persons who were so employed of course understood, being so employed, that they were bound to vote for the person who so employed them; but I did not understand that persons were so employed who would otherwise have voted against us.

75,348. But who might have abstained from voting altogether?—Yes.

75,349. Did you not understand that persons were sometimes so employed who would otherwise have thought it not worth while to vote?—I think that before the end of the election that would certainly be my impression; and I do not think that was any impression I derived from Mr. Clay; but I may be wrong in that respect.

75,350. Before the contest drew to a close, you came to the conclusion that persons were employed, who, at all events, if they had not voted against you would have abstained from voting at all?—Most probably, in certain cases. The only difficulty that I have in answering your question at all is as to the time at which these conversations or these facts came to my knowledge.

75,351. Before you issued your address on the 30th of April, had any proposition been made by or to you upon the subject of the mode in which the expenses were to be shared?—None whatever; for the plain reason that there was no notion at that time of any coalition between Mr. Clay and myself.

75,352. He was rather discouraging you?—He was decidedly holding off; and I should tell you that in all matters at that period that passed between Mr. Clay and myself I took all that Mr. Clay told me as being said by a person who did not wish me to stand for Hull, and did not wish that there should be any second candidate. Mr. Clay himself most frankly and candidly told me, at our first interview, that he did not wish that there should be a contest; and as soon as I sent Mr. Burges down, and put him in communication with persons here at Hull, I took the whole of my opinion as to the conduct of the election, and the facts concerning it, from the information which I received from him.

75,353. What is the next event which is present to your lordship's mind? You say Mr. Burges came down to Hull?—Yes.

75,354. And he told us that he issued, for reasons of policy, the address immediately?—Yes. I cannot tell you who Mr. Burges saw here, or with whom he had communication.

75,355. For reasons he has given us, he thought it advisable to issue the address immediately?—He returned to me, and told me what he had done. He then told me he thought my chance of success was good, provided the Liberal party acted unitedly; but that there was no present appearance, as I understood him, at that time, upon the part of the immediate friends of Mr. Clay, that they would coalesce with those gentlemen who then stood more particularly, although they were all supporters of Mr. Clay, but who stood particularly as the persons who brought me forward. I put the management at that time,—from that day,—in fact previously, because, as I told you, I referred Mr. Collins to Mr. Burges,—I put the management of the whole election into Mr. Burges's hands, and I left the matter entirely in his hands, and I most distinctly told him that I would not sanction any bribery or any corrupt practices at that election. That I told him on the first occasion on which I placed my election business connected with the Hull election in his hands.

75,356. When you became aware of this point relating to the runners, did it occur to you to ask Mr. Burges's advice distinctly upon the subject as to whether a matter of that kind was merely void as agency, or illegal as bribery?—I do not understand the question.

75,357. Did you then, at any time, draw Mr. Burges's attention to the subject of the runners being employed who otherwise would not vote, so as to get his opinion, as a

professional man, as to how closely that was treading on the line that was to be drawn between being void on a scrutiny as agency or illegal as bribery?—I think I have stated already the first time I drew his attention to the fact.

75,358. But subsequently?—Yes, subsequently, most undoubtedly, I mentioned that to Mr. Burges. I beg most distinctly to state that anything I have said is only referable to the persons who were actually bonâ fide employed.

75,359. What took place between that time and the 11th of June? We have now gone through April?—I should imagine it quite needless that I should tell you that I was introduced to some gentlemen connected with Hull, who were up in town upon business at the House of Commons.

75,360. Except this: We wish to know whether they, or any other persons, entered to any extent at all into the subject of the employment of runners, or other practices which are of an objectionable or a dangerous character?—None whatever.

75,361. Did none of them throw any additional light upon it?—The communications which I had with those gentlemen, previous to the matter to which I will come in a moment, were every one of them in the committee room in the House of Commons before which a certain Dock and Dues Bill was at that moment going on, and at a dinner party which Mr. Clay gave, and to which he was kind enough to ask me. I never saw any of those gentlemen. I am sure I am perfectly right, as far as my memory serves me. I do not think I ever saw anybody connected with Hull, except Mr. Collins, in my own house, except the matter which I shall come to in a moment.

75,362. If you please?—I think I heard nothing at all connected with the election, except that I was informed that Mr. Bell had been retained by Mr. Burges to look after the street lists and matters which were to go on here. I do not think I heard anything connected with the business of the election for some time, and during this period perhaps it may seem curious that I did not know more about it; but I should state that Lady Goderich was in very bad health at the time, and for her health I again went out of London, in the month of May, and while I was out of London the only thing that I heard concerning the election, and the difficulties of the election, was the difficulty of obtaining a coalition between Mr. Clay's friends and my friends, and that appeared to me to be the great object to which the wishes of all my supporters were tending.

75,363. Now pass on, if you please, to the time when an interview took place, and the coalition became talked about?—I was coming to that. I was then informed that I was required in London. My stay in the country was cut short, because I was told that some matters connected with the coalition had been decided down here, and that Mr. Gresham had come up to London for the purpose of speaking to me upon the subject. I came up to town in consequence of that summons, and I then saw Mr. Gresham, with Mr. Burges, and he told me it was very important to bring about a coalition, and said that he wished to see Mr. Clay upon the subject, and to talk to him as to the means by which a coalition should be brought about. I said that I felt a coalition was of very great importance, as far as my success was concerned, and that of course I was very anxious about it. Mr. Gresham then told me that it had been considered in Hull that a coalition was of great importance to me, but that it was of less importance to Mr. Clay's chance of success, although I am not sure whether there was a second Tory candidate in the field. Of course if there had, the whole circumstances which made Mr. Clay object to a coalition would have been changed, I think; but they said a coalition was very important to me, and not so important to Mr. Clay; and Mr. Gresham then spoke to me concerning the expenses of the election. I believe that you are acquainted with those facts that I have to state about that; and Mr. Gresham said that he thought it would be fair, in the event of a coalition, that a larger portion of the expenses should be borne by me than was to be borne by Mr. Clay. I stated I was quite sure that that would be a fair proportion; that certainly I should put Mr. Clay, by coming down here as a candidate, to a larger expense than he might otherwise have probably been put to if we both stood alone. The election might, perhaps, cost him more money than it might cost him under those circumstances, because he had everything, as I understood, prepared for the election, which of course I had not; and, under those circumstances, if anybody chose to make any proposition to Mr. Clay of that nature I should not stand in the way of it. I said I did not think Mr. Clay would approve of my making any such proposition to him; and I left the matter to Mr. Gresham to do, as coming from the persons who sent him to London.

75,364. You left Mr. Gresham to see Mr. Clay?—Yes; to see Mr. Clay. I and Mr. Burges went down to meet Mr. Gresham, on that occasion, in the lobby of the House of Commons, he having made some previous arrangement to see Mr. Clay there. Mr. Clay was not in the House at the time, and Mr. Gresham and myself went to the Oxford and Cambridge Club, where Mr. Clay was, and Mr. Gresham had an interview at the Oxford and Cambridge Club with Mr. Clay. About that, of course, I knew nothing; but the result of it was that nothing definite whatever was decided concerning the coalition. Mr. Clay admitted there was some just ground why a larger portion of the expenditure should be borne by me than should be borne by himself; but, as far as I can recollect, no distinct arrangement whatever was made upon the subject at that time. Mr. Gresham and Mr. Clay came out of the Oxford and Cambridge Club together, and Mr. Burges, Mr. Clay, Mr. Gresham, and I, spoke for a few minutes together in the street.

75,365. Mr. Burges stated that?—Yes.

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75,366. Mr. Gresham saw Mr. Clay in the Oxford and Cambridge Club, and then they came out together, and saw you and Mr. Burges?—Yes; in the street; in Pall Mall.

75,367. What did Mr. Burges say then, or any of the parties say to you?—That which I have just stated to you. Mr. Clay admitted,—that is, Mr. Clay himself said,—that he saw just reasons why I might fairly pay a larger proportion of the expenditure than he himself should pay, but nothing definite was settled at that time. That is my recollection of the interview. It was exceedingly short, as such a conversation in the street naturally would be. It must have been quite towards the end of May that that took place. You may have the date of that.

75,368. We have not got it exactly, but it is somewhere towards the end of May.?—Yes, near the end of May; and very shortly afterwards, at least not very long afterwards, there took place a meeting, I believe, down here, at which the coalition was agreed upon.

75,369. That was in June?—Yes. A meeting of which you no doubt have all the particulars.

75,370. We have heard that the friends of both parties had a meeting in this town?—Yes; that is what I understood to have been the case. Of course I understood a coalition with Mr. Clay's friends, an intimate coalition of that kind, would be very advantageous to my interests; and it was after that, that that arrangement was made between Mr. Clay and myself, of which you, I believe, have heard, concerning the payment of the expenditure.

75,371. Who was that arrangement, which was reduced to writing, prepared by?—That arrangement was prepared, and the actual form in which it now stands was drawn up, by Mr. Clay, in my room at No. 1, Carlton Gardens, certain of the terms having been previously agreed to.

75,372. Was Mr. Burges present?—No, Mr. Burges was not present when that agreement was drawn up and signed. A previous communication concerning that agreement was made by Mr. Burges, I think, to Mr. Clay himself. At least that is my recollection of it.

75,373. We have heard that some discussion took place as to the form of it?—Yes.

75,374. In particular, was the original proposition that you were to pay two thirds, and Mr. Clay only one?—No; I do not recollect having heard that that was the original proposition.

75,375. That it was telegraphed up by Mr. Stephenson to Mr. Burges, and the answer came immediately from him? You might not have had an opportunity of seeing him?—I am speaking of the agreement as it was dealt with by Mr. Clay and myself.

75,376. Do not you remember whether anything was said, before it was reduced to the form it now is, that those expenses ought to be contributed in the way I have mentioned; namely, one third and two thirds?—My impression is, that I did not hear of that proposition. I may have heard of it.

75,377. Do you remember what was said about the probable expenses of the election at or previous to the execution of that agreement?—I recollect that the probable expenses of the election were, I think, estimated at somewhere between, as far as I can recollect, 2,000*l.* and 3,000*l.*

75,378. Between you both?—Between us. I beg to say, with regard to that agreement, that I never looked at the question of what were my own particular interests about the matter. I was quite prepared to come to some agreement; and I did not debate the question as a question of pounds, shillings, and pence for myself in any way. I wished the agreement, as far as money was concerned, to be settled by the parties; and I did not care what the agreement was in that particular respect. Of course, as to the amount, that is a different question. I only mean as to my proportion of the charge.

75,379. Was it not then considered probable that the expenses might exceed 3,000*l.*?—Certainly not by me.

75,380. By either party?—I know nothing about that; but by me it was certainly not.

75,381. Were there any details entered into of the mode or any detail of the items in which this money would be expended?—I recollect no details being entered into, excepting those general details to which I think I previously alluded, of the great expense of printing a large number of cards which it was the custom here to print and distribute; the expenses of the machinery of the election; and Mr. Clay told me then, and it was perfectly natural and reasonable, as it seemed to me, that as there was a considerable time before the election would probably come on, that as some expenses were even at that time incurred, that the expenses of the election would of course be greater, and naturally would be greater, than if the writ had gone down, and there had been an election immediately afterwards, without this long anticipation of an election.

75,382. Did Mr. Clay, at any time before or on the occasion of this interview when this was alluded to, mention any details of his own expenses upon former occasions?—No. Mr. Clay, I think, indeed I am sure, never entered into any details of his former expenses. He told me he had spent 2,000*l.* at the election of 1847; and he was not altogether satisfied with having spent that sum; that he thought it had been lavishly expended. I did not understand him to say any of it had been in an improper manner, but that he thought it was lavishly expended, and he hoped to devise means at this coming election

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by which money would not be expended in that manner; and I always understood it was for that purpose, and the purpose of keeping a control over the expenditure, that the finance committee were appointed. Mr. Clay suggested the idea to me as soon as he began to talk about the expenses.

75,383. Was it then the original intention that the finance committee were to have the power, and the sole power, of issuing orders?—So I understood it.

75,384. Did it occur to you that it was perfectly impracticable to have a separate committee managing the election, if they were to send to a second committee to know if they might employ an additional messenger or not?—The difficulty of that did not occur to me. I am perfectly sure that Mr. Clay intended that that finance committee should have the control of all the money that was expended.

75,385. Down to the employment of the messengers and doorkeepers throughout the seventeen or eighteen different districts in the town?—I imagined that the employment of such persons would be a matter extremely simple to settle. You were to say so many committee rooms, and each committee room would require a doorkeeper, and so many messengers, and so many clerks; and the finance committee would issue a general order for the employment of so many persons for each of those committee rooms; and if they chose to take on any additional persons that they might apply to the finance committee.

75,386. You feel confident that Mr. Clay did not mention the details of his election of 1847?—Certainly.

75,387. Did he of the election of 1841?—No; I do not think he told me what he spent at the election of 1841. I may be wrong there. He very likely did tell me that.

75,388. You do not remember?—He certainly entered into no details about it.

75,389. It has transpired here that it cost Mr. Clay 2,400*l.* in 1841. Did he mention that?—My impression, I confess, up to this moment,—if you had asked me what I thought he told me, I should have said 1,500*l.*, which was the amount just on my tongue when you mentioned it, and I have no doubt if he mentioned it he told me that sum, but I have no distinct recollection.

75,390. I do not think Mr. Clay said it cost him 2,400*l.*, but that the expenses of that election upon his side were 2,400*l.* by subscription?—I never heard anything about subscriptions at the Hull election at all.

75,391. Were you at all aware, at the time he mentioned the expenses of the contest of 1847 to be a sum of 1,800*l.*, that the contest only lasted three or four days?—I was not aware of that, in connexion with the expenses, in any way whatever. I do not think I was aware of it until later; I may have been.

75,392. You entered into no detail at all as to how the money was to be expended?—No, none.

75,393. Did it not occur to you, if the contest was to be a serious one, that there would be likely to be more than 3,000*l.* spent?—It did not strike me that there would be more than that sum. I always anticipated that there would be less than that sum expended.

75,394. Your lordship has told us all that took place upon that occasion?—Yes.

75,395. Did anything material occur before the day that you came down?—It was either the day before or the day we came down to Hull.

75,396. The agreement is dated the 11th, on Friday, and you came down it is stated on the Monday. I think that agrees with your memory?—It does not agree with my recollection. I thought it was the Saturday or Sunday that the agreement was signed; but I have no doubt it was the Friday.

75,397. We have the date of it. It is dated on the 11th, which was on the Friday, and your lordship believes it bears date on the correct day?—Yes, I believe so. My impression is that Mr. Clay took a sheet of paper off my portfolio, and wrote the agreement there.

75,398. Mr. Burges has said that he saw it before it was signed. There must have been some previous paper?—Yes. I told you that there was a previous paper that had been negotiated between Mr. Burges and Mr. Clay. It is possible he may have seen one of the copies. There were two copies of the agreement signed at my house; one by Mr. Clay and one by myself.

75,399. Was Mr. Clay, when the ultimate agreement was made at your house, in possession of the paper that previously had formed the subject of discussion with Mr. Burges?—I should think that he was.

75,400. Probably that has been destroyed; the previous one?—I really do not know; it may be one of the agreements.

75,401. You do not know what has become of that paper?—No, I do not.

75,402. It is said that the first ageeement mentioned the difference of two-thirds and one third?—Then that agreement I never saw. The two thirds and one third I never saw; at least that is my impression. I may be wrong; but that is my impression.

75,403. Then I believe it was arranged that you should come down together?—Yes.

75,404. And you did come down together?—We did.

75,405. Before I take you into Hull, I wish to draw your lordship's attention to the names of some persons who have been often mentioned, Hart, Moat, Bezer, and Goddard. I first begin with Hart. He came down to Hull at your instance?—Yes.

75,406. Be so good as to state the origin of his coming down?—Long previous to the coalition between Mr. Clay and myself, and very shortly after the issuing of my address,

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at the time when I thought that a coalition between Mr. Clay and myself was not very likely to take place, and when I was anxious to ascertain what chance I had, if any, of valuable independent support,—of course I do not mean support hostile to Mr. Clay, but support which I could count upon as my own if I was a second Liberal candidate,—it struck me that Mr. Burges, being only in communication with what might be called the leaders of the party who had brought me forward in this town, might have very little opportunity of ascertaining at all what was the general feeling of the town, whether there was any independent desire that I should stand and get in, or whether there was not; and it was in consequence of that that I originally proposed to Hart that he should come down here for a short time, to give me information as to the feeling of the town among the electors generally.

75,407. What had you known of Hart before; what was he?—He was the secretary of a joint stock company of which I was a trustee.

75,408. Did you understand that he had any knowledge of Hull?—None whatever. I merely sent him down. I thought he was a clever intelligent person, who might be likely to get this information well; and he came down as the result of that request. The report he brought back to me was I cannot say very favourable as to my chance independently of Mr. Clay. He did not seem to think that there was any strong feeling,—which was natural enough—in my favour; that I was a perfectly unknown person down here. The only thing that he recommended was, that I should, as soon as I could, come down here, and make myself known by making an address or speech. I saw him again after that. I think he stated that he would go down again, and see in a little while how things were; and I believe he did go down, and that he again brought me very similar information; and that I then put him at once in communication with Mr. Burges. I had no more dealings with him concerning this election.

75,409. I presume your lordship arranged with him about his expenses?—I paid his expenses, of course.

75,410. Do you remember how much?—I gave him 5*l.*, I think, upon the first occasion; and I think all his other expenses were paid by Mr. Burges. That is my impression.

75,411. Did any letters pass between your lordship and him?—I think not; but that I am not quite sure of. It is possible he may have written me one of these opinions.

75,412. Nothing beyond that?—No, he did not.

75,413. Do you know whether he is a person who can write in cypher?—I never imagined that he could.

75,414. Some cypher letters have been produced?—I never heard of his being able to do so.

75,415. Did he mention to your lordship, before you came down, the name of a person called Moat here?—He did.

75,416. What did he say about that man?—He said that he had got acquainted with this man, and that this man was give in him information as to the opinion of the town, and as to my chance of success.

75,417. Did he describe what sort of a person he was?—I really forget. He described him as the son of a working man in the town, I believe.

75,418. One of the things that Moat did was to enter into communication here with one of the largest farmers of votes in the town. Was your lordship cognizant of that?—Certainly not.

75,419. Your lordship of course has heard of William Henry Nicholson?—I have heard his name.

75,420. Since, at all events?—And I heard his name at the time; not then, but I did in the course of the election. I never heard of him in connexion with that in any way whatever then.

75,421. Did your lordship hear of him as a person whom Hart would employ Moat to negotiate with?—No, certainly not.

75,422. I will put the question to you distinctly. Had Hart any authority from your lordship to negotiate for the purchase of a number of a number of votes from Nicholson?—Not the slightest in the world.

75,423. Did your lordship give him anything from which he could reasonably draw any such inference as that belief, that he was authorized to do it?—Most undoubtedly not.

75,424. Did you give him any authority to feign to do any such thing?—Certainly not.

75,425. Neither to purchase them for yourself, nor to ascertain whether there was such a marketable commodity?—I never spoke to him upon the subject of purchasing votes, or votes being purchaseable.

75,426. Or anything from which he could, as a reasonable man, assume that your lordship would sanction it?—Nothing from which anybody could, by any such possibility, draw any such conclusion.

75,427. Did you ever, during the progress of the election, learn that Moat had been in communication with Nicholson upon the subject at all, one way or the other, for the purchasing of votes?—Certainly not.

75,428. Or with anybody else, for the purchase of votes?—Certainly not.

75,429. You learnt nothing from Hart, or Moat, or anybody else, that Moat had resorted to such an attempt as that?—Certainly not.

75,430. Had you any further communication with Hart beyond what your lordship has stated, until the time that you came down?—After the time I put Hart in communication with Mr. Burges, I had no further communication with him whatever.

75,431. Had your lordship ever, throughout the whole of the contest?—I met him once in the committee room on the day of election, but I did not speak to him, or have any communication with him. Or, somewhere on the day of the election, I recollect seeing him, but I cannot say where.

75,432–33. In any way was your lordship cognizant of the fact that he was in the town?—I understood that Mr. Burges was employing him to watch the proceedings of the blues.

75,434. Was not that in consequence of your lordship's suspicions being roused that improper practices might be had recourse to?—No; it had nothing whatever to do with any suspicion of that kind.

76,435. It was merely with a view to ascertain the temper of the town?—It was merely with a view to ascertain the temper of the town, and particularly upon this point: I had obtained, from some little efforts that I had made in London, a certain popularity with the working classes in London, and I wished to know whether that popularity would be at all available in Hull, as a source of independent support; and that was the only ground upon which I sent Hart down here, or had any communication with him.

75,436. Did you learn what Moat was?—Not what his employment was. I do not know now.

75,437. Did your lordship ever hear from Hart of the proceedings that were carried on at the Manor House Tavern by two persons of the name of Stone and Craig?—Never.

75,438. Did you hear of their proceedings from Hart or otherwise?—I heard of those two persons in the election, and I had seen them. I knew them.

75,439. Previous to coming down?—No, never.

75,440. What did your lordship hear of them during the time of the contest?—My recollection, as far as it serves me, is, that I had seen Craig; that I was with Mr. Clay, and that I saw him for the first time, I think, as we were going into the Cross Keys.

75,441. Did you understand that he was the recognized head of a committee?—I was going to state to you that I saw him then, and he asked to have a committee room; and Mr. Clay told me,—that is particularly my impression,—"That is a very honest man; that is one of the best men we have." I may be wrong about that; but that is my impression. I always had the impression that he was a very honest man, I admit; and I believe that he had a committee room.

75,442. His colleague has been here, and told us already. Did your lordship hear of his doings on?—No. I looked upon him as a sort of deputy to Mr. Craig. I saw them together, and I knew nothing more about them; and I never heard of Craig till I saw him then and there.

75,443. You are under the impression that his application to have a committee room was granted?—Yes.

75,444. Did your lordship hear how he went on when he got it?—Not the least in the world. I am under the impression that his application was granted.

75,445. Was your lordship ever at the Manor House Tavern while the proceedings were being carried on?—I have not an idea where the Manor House Tavern is. I think I once spoke from the window.

75,446. Were you ever in the committee room, to see the proceedings?—No, I never was.

75,447. It is in evidence that your lordship did speak from the window of the Manor House Tavern?—Yes, I did.

75,448. That would scarcely answer the question, whether your lordship knew the mode in which they were carrying on the business there?—No, I did not.

75,449. And whether you were aware that they were incurring very large expenses?—No; I was perfectly ignorant of that.

75,450. Do you remember what answer was given, when the question was put, and Mr. Clay said he was an honest man, and when he asked for the committee,—at the time; was there any answer given?—I really cannot recollect.

75,451. Did your lordship express an opinion, one way or the other, that the application should be granted?—Not that I have any recollection of.

75,452. Do you remember whether Mr. Clay did?—My impression is that Mr. Clay said the application should be looked to; and I think he said to me that it should be granted; that is my impression.

75,453. We will pass on to another man of the name of Bezer, who has been mentioned as having been one of your lordship's employés. What did you know of him previous to the election?—I knew of him previous to the election, that he was a bookseller in a small shop in Fleet Street.

75,454. You had some acquaintance with him?—Yes. I will go through the whole.

75,455. You had some acquaintance with him in his business as a bookseller?—Yes.

75,456. Did he come down with your lordship's sanction; and if so, for what purpose?

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—Distinctly not with my sanction, nor with the sanction of any person connected with me.

75,457. How soon did you learn that he had come to Hull? You found him here, probably, when you came down?—By no means.

75,458. When your lordship was here you found he had arrived, somehow or another?—I cannot recollect the date exactly; but some time after I arrived here, on returning home from canvassing one evening, which was always late, I was told by my servant that he had called in the morning, and that he was in Hull; at which I was extremely surprised, never having wished him to come here in any shape or way whatever; and my servant told me he would call again the next morning.

75,459. Your lordship paid him, for some purpose or another, the sum of 50*l.*—I did.

75,460. Will you be good enough to explain how your lordship came to give him that sum, and the date of it?—I am afraid that the exact date is more difficult. He came to me the next morning after this, when I was first told that he had arrived, and he told me that in the course of the day, which I understood him was the first day he had been here, that he had gone to what was called the working man's committee, and they had asked him to make a speech for them, I believe the following night; but I cannot recollect exactly that.

75,461. We hear that he is a person who speaks very well?—He does; that was my first introduction to him; that was the first reason that I took any notice of him, in consequence of hearing him speak, as it struck me that for a person of his education and position he did so remarkably well. I said of course there he was. I never wished him to come. I was very sorry he was there. I regretted it much, because I thought he might make a more violent speech than I should be inclined to agree to.

75,462. Your lordship knew that he was a man of what we call extreme opinions?—Yes; and that is the reason why I regretted his appearance here, otherwise I should not have cared whether he came or not. He then made a speech upon some occasion, I forget what, on which occasion, I think, Alderman Palmer was in the chair; and I heard from Mr. Palmer, and from various gentlemen upon whom I could rely, that the speech was an extremely good one, and that it was calculated to have, and that they thought that it had had a very good effect. I should tell you, from my previous acquaintance with him, believing that he was a man considerably improved in character, and from the circumstances of my original introduction to him, I had taken some interest in the success of his setting up in his shop, which had been partly done through the interest of some friends of mine; and that I had, previous to the date of his coming down here, not merely purchased books of him, and employed him to get books for me when he had not the books in his shop, but I had assisted him with some small sums of money to enable him to carry on his business, a portion of which sums of money he had repaid me.

75,463. He made a speech? How long was that before the election?—That you can find out better than I can.

75,464. It is stated at about a week?—I dare say it was a week.

75,465. How soon after that was it that he wanted money?—My impression is that he came to me the day after the speech, and he stated that he was going back to London immediately; and I understood him to say that he had been asked to come down the day before the election, and make another speech. I then said to him, "I am much obliged to you for what you have done; I understand it has been of use, and I cannot allow you to go back to London without paying you your expenses." Of course I intended to give him more than would cover his expenses. He then said he did not want his expenses paid, but his business was in a bad condition; and he then asked me to lend him a sum of money, which sum of money I lent him.

75,466. That was 50*l.*?—It was 50*l.*

75,467. Was there any understanding, either direct or indirect, that any portion of that money should be expended in any purpose connected with the election?—There was the most distinct understanding that it was not; that is to say, I did not say in so many words, "You are not to employ it for the election;" but I understood I gave it him for a definite and special purpose connected with his own private affairs. Perhaps you will allow me to state this: there was a report that I gave him two 50*l.* cheques.

75,468. Yes; one of which was afterwards cancelled?—Yes; I wish to state that was the case. I drew him a cheque without the name of the banker upon a blank piece of paper, which he brought me back, and I tore it up, and drew him another cheque in my own banker's book.

75,469. You drew it upon your banker's in London?—Yes, upon my banker's in London.

75,470. Had your lordship any account with a banker here?—None.

75,471. Was there any understanding that he was not to have that cashed in Hull?—There was this understanding: I said, "You are going to town to day, and you will get that cashed at my banker's opposite to your house."

75,472. Was it said that he was not to have it cashed in Hull?—I said, "You had better do it that way, and not have it cashed here, because it may lead to some misunderstanding concerning the election."

75,473. Had your lordship any further connexion with that man Bezer, so far as the election was concerned, to which we limit our inquiry?—I saw him after that some days,—

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The occasion on which he brought me back the wrong cheque that could not be cashed anywhere,—the occasion upon which he brought me back that cheque, was some days after this had occurred, and I said to him then, "What, are you not gone? I thought you were gone." He said no, he had not gone; that he had been asked to remain here to watch the proceedings of the blue party at some tavern or other, which I do not recollect, and he then pulled the cheque out of his pocket and said, "This is of no use to me." He unfolded it, and I saw it was not, and I gave him another.

75,474. Is that the whole that took place between you?—That is the whole. I never said a single word concerning the election. He told me he thought the thing was going on well; but I never employed him in any way whatever myself concerning the election, and I was very anxious to get rid of him.

75,475. You have mentioned the name of Mr. Alderman Palmer. You were staying at his house, I believe?—I was.

75,476. Does your lordship know anything of any voters supposed to have been bottled-up in Mr. Palmer's house?—As far as I know I can swear that there were no voters bottled-up there.

75,477. You can swear that there were none to your knowledge?—Most unquestionably.

75,478. Can your lordship go further, and say that could not have happened without your knowledge?—I should say that it was utterly impossible.

75,479. Upon the night before the election, were there many people at Mr. Palmer's house?—There was not to my knowledge a living soul beyond my own family the night before the election.

75,480. Were there people going in and out?—Certainly not. I was out the night before the election canvassing, until as late as eleven o'clock; I came home at eleven o'clock and went immediately to bed. There was not the sign of any person whatever about the house when I came in. There was not the slightest noise in the house, and I was in the house from eleven o'clock that night until eight the following morning.

75,481. During the progress of your lordship's canvass had you persons who asked you for employment?—Yes; persons asked to be employed as messengers,—"runners" was the expression they used.

75,482. Did your lordship find that the word "runner" was a word of familiar use?—Certainly, undoubtedly.

75,483. Had many persons applied to your lordship to be employed as such?—Yes.

75,484. How did you deal with those applications?—I told them the selection of the persons who were to be employed was a matter with which I had nothing to do, and I referred them, I believe, to the central committee room.

75,485. These were voters of course?—Yes.

75,486. In answer to your canvass they would retort upon you that they wanted employment?—No; I do not think that.

75,487. How then?—They said they wanted employment, but I do not think they gave me that at all as an answer to my question "Will you vote for me?"

75,488. Was that at the same time?—Yes; at the same time.

75,489. Did your lordship not find occasionally that you met with that answer?—When I met with that answer, I have always said, "That is a question with which I have nothing to do, and I cannot entertain it."

75,490. Did your lordship find that there was a reluctance with that class of people to make any promise?—Undoubtedly.

75,491. They seemed to canvass you as much as you canvassed them?—I do not quite understand your question.

75,492. They canvassed you for employment as much as you canvassed them for their votes?—I should not say that.

75,493. To some extent?—There was a considerable number of applications for employment among a certain class of voters.

75,494. Did you find when you were in company with Mr. Clay that there were persons also applying to him for back money?—Yes.

75,495. That is to say for money which they stated was due to them for the last election for services rendered?—I always understood the application to be as of course.

75,496. Many of those?—I should not say that those applications were very numerous, that is not to my recollection.

75,497. How do you recollect that subject being dealt with?—I recollect the answer that Mr. Clay gave was, "You must speak to Mr. Carrick." Of course, if any person applied to me, which one or two did, that they were not paid for the previous election, I always, of course, said, "That is no affair of mine. I have nothing to do with that." And you are probably aware that any money that was paid to those men in that way, was paid perfectly distinct.

75,498. A separate account was kept distinct?—Entirely distinct.

75,499. All money relating to the previous election was kept separate?—Yes.

75,500. Do you know whether any of the persons who asked for employment as runners were subsequently employed?—I cannot tell.

75,501. How soon did your lordship become aware that people were employed upon your behalf who otherwise would have contented themselves by abstaining from voting altogether. Do I make myself understood?—Yes; I quite understand the question. I

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really cannot give you any positive answer as to the period at which the impression came upon my mind, that a person who if he voted, was willing and prepared to vote on the orange side, that he might occasionally be, if I may use the expression, brought up to the poll by having one of these appointments, because that is the utmost of the impression that I ever had upon the matter.

75,502. You cannot give me the exact time that that came to your mind?—I cannot give you the exact time. I am bound to say that in course of my canvass I found there was a great desire on the part of a great class of the electors to make money out of the election, and I very soon found I was in very great danger in consequence of that feeling. I was in great danger. I mean that money would be given improperly to those persons.

75,503. And employment also?—I look upon the objection to the employment to be the money. When I use the word "money," I mean that some corrupt and improper practice would be resorted to.

75,504. Colourable?—Precisely.

75,505. How did your lordship deal with that?—Of course, I dealt with it, as far as the people were concerned, by, in one case, referring them to the central committee, and by,—in the other case, if they talked about money or employment as a bargain for a vote,—by telling them I could not entertain that idea, but I had distinctly impressed upon Mr. Burges, in whose hands I left the whole management of the matter from the beginning to the end, that I would not be party to any bribery, colourable or otherwise. or any treating.

75,506. Still the particular form, at all events the doubtful practice, having occurred to your mind, what I wish to know is whether your lordship gave any special directions applicable to that class of people?—I do not think that I gave any special directions beyond the general direction which I had given, and I repeated that general direction more than once to Mr. Gresham, who had been the person selected by the central committee to sit upon the finance committee, Mr. Carrick being specially Mr. Clay's friend. I repeated those directions to Mr. Gresham as well as to Mr. Burges.

75,507. Was your lordship under the impression at that time that Mr. Gresham really was exercising any control over the expenditure?—I was under that impression up to the end of the election, that Mr. Gresham and Mr. Carrick really were doing so.

75,508. That there was some specific control being exercised over the expenditure?—I was under that impression, undoubtedly.

75,509. Your lordship observed, during the course of the canvass, that the expenses going on were somewhat lavish; did it not strike you in passing through the streets that a very large number of orange flags were being exhibited?—Yes; it struck me that the expenses were in those respects lavish.

75,510. In what respects do you allude to?—I meant in the matter of cards, flags, printing, and things of that kind.

75,511. Did it not call to your attention, that either the finance committee were doing nothing at all, or that they were very greatly mistaking their duty?—I thought that they were lavishing the money of the candidates upon those kind of matters, but I took no objection to that course.

75,512. We have heard, I do not know whether your lordship recollects it, that upon one occasion the subject of expense being brought to your attention, that you made use of the expression that it would not do to be niggardly, or something to that effect?—As far as my recollection serves me, I never remember making use of such an expression; my object was to give a contrary impression to all the persons who were engaged in managing the election.

75,513. Still your impression was that your instructions were not being carried out?—Yes.

75,514 Did it not excite your lordship's suspicion that your directions being glaringly contravened in one respect, they would not be very particularly observed in others?—I confess I thought that there was a very great difference between spending my money in cards, flags, printing, and those sort of things, and spending it in improper practices.

75,515. Improper practices is quite a question of opinion in Hull?—I never expected that money expended in printing would be considered as an improper practice.

75,516. "Improper practice" is a term now of very doubtful import; therefore, did it not occur to your mind, when you found how lavishly they were acting, contrary to your instructions, that they might be not very rigid in their construction of your lordship's directions?—No; it did not. The difference appeared to me very marked between the two cases.

75,517. Did it not occur to your lordship's mind that if they misunderstood their duty in one respect that they might not be very particular in another?—I confess I thought the difference between the two cases was so great, that in the one case Mr. Burges would not interfere, and in the other he would.

75,518. Mr. Burges would not be cognizant of what was going on in King Street?—I beg your pardon; I believed he had the general superintendence over the whole matter.

75,519. Would it not occur to your lordship's mind, that having employed an excesssive number of yards of calico, they might also employ an excessive number of runners?—It did not occur to my mind that the one followed from the other, or that there was any connexion between the one and the other.

75,520. No; but that a person who does one would be likely to do the other?—I thought the distinction was so great; but it did not appear so.

75,521. Did it not, during the election, appear that the number of persons employed was excessive?—Not to my mind.

75,522. Did it not strike you?—I did not know that any persons were employed during the election excepting those persons whom I saw about the committee rooms, and who I understood were employed for the necessary work at the committee rooms, and I cannot say that I saw anything that appeared to me to be like an excessive number of persons so employed about the committee rooms.

75,523. Was your lordship's attention drawn to the circumstance—I come now to use the expression well known—of persons being set down?—My attention was never drawn to that circumstance.

75,524. Did your lordship at any time become acquainted with the proceedings in Saville Street?—Not until I went into the committee room in the House of Commons. I had heard it previous to that but a very short time before.

75,525. I will not trouble your lordship with that time.—During the election I never heard of that committee room in Saville Street or anything of the proceedings that went on there.

75,526. Or Chapel Lane?—No.

75,527. Had your lordship heard of the committee room called X Y Z?—Never.

75,528. Or P Q?—Never; until I heard it in the committee room in the House of Commons.

75,529. Did you hear the name of Wilde mentioned?—I heard the name of Wilde mentioned, and I knew Wilde; but I never was aware that Mr. Wilde was employed at all at the election.

75,530. Did you learn from Mr. Clay or from any other source, that he had been for many years confidentially employed by or on behalf of the orange party?—In the course of the election I did hear that. I heard from Mr. Clay that he had been employed occasionally by him; not in any kind of bribery, or any kind of improper practice.

75,531. It depends upon what Mr. Clay's opinion is. Did you hear that he was a person who had been employed as far back as 1839 in taking up freedoms?—I think, if you will allow me to finish the sentence, I can make it clear to you. I meant this, that Mr. Clay had been in communication with Mr. Wilde from time to time between the elections while he was member for Hull; what I mean is, I heard that Mr. Clay had various communications with him at that time, and I have heard, not from Mr. Clay, but from other sources, that Mr. Wilde had at previous elections been employed and done more or less of that, but not in the systematic manner in which it now appears; for I never had heard of that before, but that he had been more or less eagaged in improper practices.

75,532. You heard that he had been upon former occasions?—I did.

75,533. Then what steps did your lordship take to prevent him resorting to them again?—I took no steps whatever. Mr. Burges told me, and I said, "We must be very careful of that sort of thing." I was perfectly unaware that Mr. Wilde was employed, and I believe he was not employed at that election.

75,534. I am not using the word "employed" in the nature of a paid agent, but in the sense of a member of a committee. Did not your lordship know that he was busying himself with a tacit approbation at all events?—I was aware that he was. I do not think I knew that he was a member of any committee.

75,535. I put it in as remote a way as I can; that he was busying himself about the election with the tacit consent of the members of the committee?—I certainly believed that Mr. Wilde was busying himself about the election in the same manner as an independent elector who was anxious for the success of the candidates.

75,536. With the general knowledge and sanction of the committee?—Certainly; but not more. I never understood that he had more of the general knowledge and sanction of the committee than any other person who might be zealous in their own particular quarter or in their own particular ward. I can only tell you that which I knew at the time.

75,537. Did you meet him occasionally during the progress of the canvass?—I did.

75,538. Did you not collect that he was rather more active than most men?—I thought he was a zealous partizan; but my impression is that I only met him chiefly in the ward to which he belonged, and I saw him at the central committee room where I saw almost everybody.

75,539. As the election drew near, did you not find that he was a person looked upon in rather a confidential light?—No; I did not observe any change in the manner in which he was treated or looked upon as the election proceeded.

75,540. But still, knowing he had been engaged in practices which the law does not permit, what I want to know is whether you took any steps to caution either the members of the committee or Mr. Clay against him?—No; I certainly took no pains to caution Mr. Clay against him.

75,541. Or your own committee?—No.

75,542. You merely made the general declaration to Mr. Burges?—That is all.

75,543. Did you mention his name to Mr. Burges?—I really do not recollect that I did. I have spoken of Mr. Wilde to Mr. Burges.

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75,544. Did you mention him as a person whose proceedings it was Mr. Burges' duty to guard against?—I do not recollect that I did.

75,545. I mentioned the room X Y Z. I will put it a little wider. Did your lordship hear that there was a common room in Saville Street, or some other part of the town, which Mr. Wilde attended?—I never heard anything of the sort.

75,546. Did you hear that there was such a room engaged for confidential purposes, without knowing what the nature of those purposes were?—Never.

75,547. Either in Saville Street or elsewhere?—Either in Saville Street or elsewhere.

75,548. Was your lordship ever in the committee room in King Street?—Yes; on one occasion. I think I may have been more, but I think only once.

75,549. Of course I am talking of previous to the election. Did you learn any of the proceedings that were going on in King Street?—Not the least.

75,550. Did you hear what business was being transacted there?—Not the least. I think there was nobody there but Mr. Carrick and Mr. Atkinson, and nothing was going on. I was only there for an instant.

75,551. Did persons come in and ask for money?—Not while I was there.

75,552. Did your lordship at any time hear the extent to which money was paid for back claims at King Street?—My impression is I was told 50*l.* or 60*l.* was paid. Mr. Burges communicated the fact to me that such money was going to be paid almost as soon as it was talked of, and he told me he considered the payment of it improper. I said, "You must take care I am not in any way connected with it; it does not concern me, and I am sure Mr. Clay does not wish me to be connected it; if you think it is improper you must take care that we have no possible connexion with it."

75,553. Did you make any complaint to Mr. Clay of the danger that your seat would be involved as well as his?—I was told as long as I kept myself perfectly clear of the matter my seat would not be involved either on that day or the day afterwards. I remember Mr. Clay mentioning to me and saying he did not intend that I should have anything to do with that payment, and it should be kept quite distinct from me, and I believe I said, "I am not certain, do you think it is a right payment to make? do you think it is a payment you may be taken in about, and you may not in fact be paying for this election?" But I will not be quite sure about it.

75,554. What did he say?—I think he said the claims were to be investigated, and he believed that no money would be paid except for services rendered at the last election.

75,555. Did it not occur to your lordship, that supposing these claims had been actually bonâ fide debts, that the time selected was such as to give them the character of an improper payment?—Undoubtedly.

75,556. Did Mr. Burges ever mention to you his suspicion that the proceedings were not quite as correct as they ought to be?—No.

75,557. Did you learn, in the progress of your canvass of any other matters of a suspicious nature, besides what you have mentioned at King Street, and of the danger respecting runners?—None.

75,558. Your lordship met Walker I believe once?—I am told that I did; that is, I heard Walker swear that I did in the committee room of the House of Commons; it is very probable that I did, but I have no recollection of his face, or having seen him at all before I saw him there.

75,559. Did your lordship hear that he was a person also who had been somewhat notorious in being concerned in improper practices?—Certainly not. I never heard of his name until I heard of him just before the petition was tried.

75,560. Your lordship was occasionally, I suppose, in the central committee room?—I was.

75,561. Did your lordship hear there that the subject had been matter of discussion as to the number of runners that should be employed?—No.

75,562. Did you ever hear that complaints had been made by your party, the orange party, of the excessive employment of runners by the blues?—It is possible that I may, but I do not recollect it.

75,563. Do you think that that would have escaped your recollection, supposing complaints of a breach of faith had been made by your party?—I think if complaints of breach of faith had been made that I should have heard of it.

75,564. Here is an entry or two upon the subject in the minute book; do you think that those entries were brought to your lordship's attention?—I never saw the minute book.

75,565. It is in consequence of that that I put the question, whether your lordship remembers hearing that some of your party made complaints?—I do not recollect it.

75,566. Do you remember hearing complaints were also made by the blues?—I do not recollect it.

75,567. Counter complaints?—No, I do not recollect it.

75,568. That both parties were complaining of one another of an excessive number of messengers being employed?—I do not recollect those complaints.

75,569. Either one way or the other?—Neither one way nor the other. I recollect a complaint being made about the blue band, because it was agreed that no music was to be employed at the election.

75,570. Did your lordship hear at all that complaints were made?—Perhaps I ought to

be allowed to state that that blue band was put down at once; it would be but fair to the other side that I should state that.

75,571. Did you hear during the progress of the contest that complaints were rife among the orange party that the proceedings of the blues were not quite correct?—Yes.

75,572. You did hear that?—I did.

75,573. Did you not also hear it suggested that recriminatory efforts would be made use of?—Certainly not

75,574. Did you never hear that suggested as a mode of meeting the difficulty that had occurred?—Certainly not.

75,575. How did your lordship hear the subject of the improper proceedings was to be met and overcome?—By their being matched with reference to ulterior proceedings; I never heard of their being contended against at the time except by increased diligence in the canvass.

75,576. Did your lordship ever hear,—I put it in a general way,—of the system being had recourse to of engaging a larger number of rooms than were required for the purposes of the election?—I never heard of that until I heard it in Mr. Serjeant Wrangham's opening speech in the House of Commons as having been done.

75,577. Either upon this or the former occasion?—Either upon this or the former occasion.

75,578. Did Mr. Clay never mention to you a fact which is undoubted, that he himself had paid for some seventy or eighty, if not ninety rooms engaged for the mere purpose of influencing the votes of the owners of them?—Certainly not.

75,579. Did you hear from any other source that that was a practice that had been had recourse to by the orange party upon the former occasion?—No, certainly not; I never heard any word said about it.

75,580. Not either then or at any other time?—No.

75,581. I mentioned the name of Wilde more than once; did you hear it mentioned who was to take care and bring the Barton and other voters residing at a distance?—No, I did not.

75,582. Did you hear none of the arrangements contemplated for bringing up the distant voters?—No, I did not.

75,583. Did your lordship hear whether, in point of fact, any arrangements were made? I imagined that those voters who came from a distance, not from Barton, but from a considerable distance, would have their legitimate expenses paid.

75,584. Did you ever hear, during the contest, that they had had a somewhat liberal allowance always for their expenses?—Never.

75,585. Did you hear that the persons in the surrounding villages usually voted all one way?—Yes; I understood that the Hedon voters voted mostly for the blues.

75,586. And the Barton for the orange?—No, I did not understand that; it may have been so; I may have heard that that was the practice.

75,587. Did you hear how it was that the Hedon voters voted all one way?—The reason given to me was, that Hedon had been disfranchised by the Reform Bill.

75,588. Did your lordship hear that they had usually, in a very unreserved way, sold themselves in a lot?—No, I did not hear that.

75,589. You might have heard it said of them?—I quite understand that, but I do not recollect having heard it said of them.

75,590. It has been said that the Hedon voters sell themselves one way and the Barton voters the other?—Certainly not. I never heard anything specially connected with the Barton voters until after the election. I was told that they received their legitimate expenses.

75,591. Did you hear during the course of the canvass, that there were in the town persons who banded themselves together for the purpose of seeing how much they could get?—Yes.

75,592. Did your lordship hear of Wharam's party, Jefferson's party, and Nicholson's party?—The only name that suggests itself to me is Nicholson.

75,593. What did you hear of him?—I heard that they had banded themselves together very greatly; certain lots of people at the election, I think, of 1847, and I heard towards the end of this last election, or late towards the end of the canvass, I should say, that they were doing the same thing again, and I believe I stated to Mr. Burges, "Of course we do not deal in any way, we have nothing upon earth to do with such lots of voters."

75,594. I must direct your lordship's attention to specific things. A gentleman, an undoubted agent of the orange party, did wait upon Nicholson's party. I will put the question in a most clear and explicit manner, whether your lordship had any knowledge of that person or of any agent, a member of the committee or other person waiting upon Nicholson's party?—None whatever.

75,595. I will mention the name; Mr. Prissick I mean?—I never heard of Mr. Prissick waiting upon them in my life; I was told this which may be the story to which you allude; I was told that they had found out at the election of 1847; this is, of course, all hear say, that Nicholson had obtained a certain sum per head for the voters, and that he had paid over to the voters a lesser sum per head, and I was informed that information

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of that fact had got to that lot of voters, and in consequence of that information they had been all broken up and dispersed.

75,596. Did not your lordship also hear that he had got a new lot?—Certainly not.

75,597. Did you not hear that he had acquired a new lot, and that an agent, one of the members of your committee, Mr. Prissick, an active partisan of yours, paid them a visit with a view to treat?—Certainly not; I never heard it.

75,598. Did you authorize anybody to treat with them?—Certainly not. I distinctly stated we could have nothing to do with them; I most distinctly stated that.

75,599. Or Jefferson's party?—I do not recollect the names of any other lots except Nicholson's.

75,600. Although you may not have heard them, did you collect in the course of your canvass, that there were other persons very much inclined to do the same thing?—No, I do not recollect that in the course of my canvass; I was told that such was the case, but it was from no circumstance that came across my own observation.

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Mr. THOMAS BUTTERWORTH PRISSICK, jun., recalled, and examined.

75,601. Have you anything to explain?—I had an interview, but I never had any idea of treating with those men at all, as far as regards the purchasing of the votes. I never had authority to do so, and I never intended to do so. My object was to see what they were doing in the other party.

75,602. But supposing that they had stated to you a low figure, say 10*s.* apiece, would you not have felt it, as a matter of prudence, worth while to close with them?—Certainly not; decidedly not; I had no authority to do so, and that was not the object of my visit.

75,603. You mean distinctly to give us to understand that under no circumstances whatever, supposing that you had found that the whole success of the election might depend upon them, that you would not have rather paid 10*s.* apiece or 5*s.* apiece for them than have lost the election, and run the risk of its being adopted afterwards?—I never had authority to do so.

75,604. But you might have done so and run the risk?—I should certainly never have done that; decidedly.

75,605. Not for the sake of saving the election?—I should have considered it too great a responsibility to take upon my own shoulders.

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75,606. Before you came to Hull you had an opportunity of seeing several persons connected with the borough, Mr. Collins: your own solicitor, who had been twice down; Mr. Alderman Gresham; Hart, who had been twice in the borough, according to your account, before you came down; and others during the course of March, April, and May. Did you hear from any of them, or was the impression left on your mind from seeing them, that there ever had been in Hull such a thing as a pure election?—An election strictly pure on both sides?

75,607. I mean a pure election in Hull; whether you gathered that from the persons to whom I have alluded?—I do not think I understood that there had been an election pure upon both sides in Hull since the election of 1832.

75,608. Was not the impression conveyed to your mind from the information from those quarters rather that impurity,—I mean improper payments had extensively prevailed at many elections?—I understood bribery had prevailed at many elections.

75,609. Extensively?—Yes; but I am bound to say that the representations that were made to me were that the bribery was upon the other side.

75,610. I do not wish to draw any invidious distinctions between colours, but your impression was that the blues were very bad, and the orange were not quite so bad?—Most undoubtedly that was my impression; I never understood that practices of bribery had habitually prevailed on the orange side in Hull.

75,611. But sometimes even on the orange side?—I use the expression habitually, because of course I did not enter into the details of past elections, and I was not told much detail concerning past elections. I beg distinctly to say, when I say that about the blue side, I only say what I was told; I do not want to cast the slightest imputation.

75,612. Your statement then is, that the result of the communications that you had received, and the impression that they conveyed to your mind, was that there had not been an entirely pure election since 1832?—Yes.

75,613. Did the information you received at all extend to elections prior to that time?—No, I never asked about those elections. I think I have told you what Mr. Clay stated to me as to the practice of paying freemen previous to the Reform Bill.

75,614. Before you came to Hull you had by some means or another acquired information that improper expenditure at elections had prevailed?—Yes.

75,615. Considerably, at some times?—Yes.

75,616. Allow me to draw your attention to a part of Mr. Clay's evidence. He said,

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speaking of his interview with you, "The substance of what I told him is this: that we never spent any money in Hull in open bribery; that the only way in which voters were influenced, as far as I knew, was by employing a certain number of the freemen as messengers, or flagmen, or musicians, or something of that kind, and paying them 5*s.* a day during the time they were employed." Do you recollect whether Mr. Clay conveyed the substance of that to your mind?—I do not think Mr. Clay did convey the substance of the whole of what you read to my mind. In the first place, I think I can swear Mr. Clay never said they were paid any particular sum.

75,617. Do you recollect whether he said no money was spent in Hull in open bribery?—As I said before, he said it was spent by the other side, in the election in 1841.

75,618. But whether he used the words, "It was not customary money should be spent in open bribery"?—On the orange side. I only state this in order that I may be perfectly accurate.

75,619. No money was spent in Hull in open bribery. "The only way in which voters were influenced, as far as he knew, was by employing a certain number of men as messengers, musicians, flagmen, or something of that kind, and paying them 5*s.* a day during the time they were employed?"—I have no recollection of his having connected the payment of messengers, flags, or musicians, as far as I recollect, with the practice previous to the Reform Bill. I have no recollection of his having connected the two together.

75,620. Do you know whether he contrasted the mode of employment before the Reform Bill with that which prevailed since?—That is what I say I do not recollect.

75,621. It is suggested I did not put that question quite so clearly as I might. When I speak of contrasting the mode of employment and payment before the Reform Bill with that since, it is in evidence before us that the employment, if any, before the Reform Bill, was of the slightest possible kind; that the payment was generally in the character of head money; four guineas for a plumper, and two for a split vote?—I perfectly understood the question.

75,622. Does what I now state bring anything more to your recollection?—No, it does not. I quite understand the question.

75,623. You have been asked about the agreement that was made with regard to the proportion of the expenses. Did it not occur to you to consider if the money far exceeded the amount subscribed, on whom that would fall?—I certainly did not expect the expenses to reach 3,000*l.*, but my interpretation of that agreement is, that under that agreement we should have divided all that excess between us.

75,624. Was there any other fund of any kind to which you had reason or a notion of looking in case that sum of 3,000*l.* should be exceeded?—Certainly not.

75,625. Was there any sum in any way subscribed or agreed to be raised, in case of needing a surplus, that you are aware of?—Not to the best of my knowledge and belief.

75,626. Mr. Burges stated to us, I think, the mode in which your lordship supplied the money you had to furnish?—Yes.

75,627. Principally in gold?—Yes; I believe he did.

75,628. Did you furnish him directly with that money;—I furnished him with a cheque.

75,629. Did he state to you, at any time, his intention to bring it down in specie?—I do not recollect that he did.

75,630. Were you aware, before he came down, he intended to do so?—No, I do not think I was. I was aware afterwards he had brought some of the money down in that way.

75,631. Did he state to you at any time, according to your memory, any reason why it was all brought in gold?—No; I have no recollection of that.

75,632. Did it not occur to you as something ponderous, to bring several bags containing 500 sovereigns down, as part of a gentleman's luggage?—I cannot say it struck me in any way. I perfectly see the impression that might be given to it now, but I cannot say that it ever entered into my head that it was for an improper purpose.

75,633. It is quite fair I should state the reason Mr. Burges gave. I think his only reason was, that the bankers of the town were adverse to his colour, and that was the reason for bringing the money as he did; but you are not aware that anything of the kind passed between you?—I do not recollect; it may possibly have done so, but I do not recollect it.

75,634. Mr. Burges stated to us that, in the course of his interviews with Mr. Galloway and others, he became acquainted with the fact that it was an understood thing in Hull that in case of a petition against the return there was an agreement that the employment of runners should not be made the ground of a petition against the return?—Yes.

75,635. Do you remember whether he communicated, at any time, that fact to your lordship?—I do not think he did.

75,636. Or anything in the nature of an understanding in Hull that the employment of runners should not be made the ground of a petition?—When I first spoke to Mr. Burges as to the legal question of employing as messengers persons who were electors, and when he told me that they would be struck off upon a scrutiny, I believe he said it would not signify, because there would be an equal number upon both sides. That was long previous

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to his having any connexion with Hull, and is no answer to your question; otherwise, he made no communication at all upon the subject.

75,637. The employment upon both sides would not be important unless the petitioners were asking for the seats; you are aware of that?—Of course. I was speaking in the event of a scrutiny. I was distinctly told that the employment, as I understood it, could not be made the ground—not that it would not, but that it could not be made the ground—of a petition for bribery.

75,638. Besides the money that Mr. Burges stated had been brought to Hull, making altogether the sum of 2,700*l.* upon your lordship's part, was there any money in any way brought into your house, or into Hull, with your knowledge, upon the night of the election?—Certainly not.

75,639. Tell me, if you please, how long in your memory Hart stayed the first time he came to Hull?—I am afraid I cannot tell you.

75,640. Should you think a week?—I should think some three or four days.

75,641. The first time?—Yes.

75,642. And upon the second visit; what should you state was the length of it?—I should say towards the same length of time.

75,643. The evidence has shown us that Hart was a man busy among the lower classes of voters?—Yes.

75,644. He was constantly in those places; he was among the lots of men and persons, who, I may say, the evidence has shown us were generally open to a money influence?—Yes.

75,645. I wish to ask your lordship whether, upon his return on either of those occasions, he did not communicate to you that he had found out part of the constituency of Hull was of that character that there were persons, to a large number, who were open to a money influence?—I think he did, but I am not perfectly certain.

75,646. You think that that communication would be made at the end of the first or second visit?—I should think the second, but I am not certain. I say so, because I think it is more probable that he would mention it.

75,647. He was greatly among them, and if he did not mention it he did not communicate all that he knew?—I think probably that he did mention it, but I could not swear that he did.

75,648. Will you be kind enough to state, as far as you remember, what his general instructions were?—I told him I wished him to go down to Hull, to ascertain and look about him among persons quite unconnected with the leading men of the party generally, in the town, and see whether he could find out whether I had any independent chance; and especially whether he could find out that that popularity to which I have alluded, —you know what I mean—would be any service to me here in an election or not.

75,649. I think, on the two first occasions, you had not mentioned it to Mr. Burges?—No, I think not.

75,650. Not until after his return?—I think it was after the second return?—it may have been after the first, but I think it was after the second.

75,651. Do I understand your lordship, that in the progress of the election you had information from various quarters, and thereby became acquainted with what I think you call the colourable mode of employment; had you become acquainted with that fact?—If you mean was I acquainted throughout the election that any employment was given upon my behalf, and that any money was paid as for employment on my behalf, which was not paid for services actually rendered, I say I was not aware of that fact.

75,652. I did not at all intend to put the question to that extent, but whether your lordship was aware of the existence of the fact that there had been colourable employment frequently given, and that it was to influence votes; not that your lordship had personally?—No; I became aware of that fact while I was down here.

75,653. I wish to ask you whether at any time, either at the central committee room or at your finance committee, you subsequently to acquiring that knowledge, gave any more special directions as to the non-employment of a particular number of runners at the committee rooms, or the non-payment of any such at the finance committee rooms?—I have no recollection that I did. I saw Mr. Gresham, I think, some few days previous to the election, and I then repeated to him what I told him before, that I could not sanction anything like bribery or treating.

75,654. You do not think, if I understand you, that after you had met these people in your canvass, and after you had heard of this quasi colourable mode of employment, you gave any special directions?—No; I do not think I did. I did not.

75,655. Did your lordship at all make any inquiry at the central committee room, or at any of the committee rooms, as to the number of runners at any time actually employed?—No, I did not.

75,656. Or colourably employed, if there were any?—No, I do not. I never meddled with the management of the election at the central committee room directly, by myself. I left the whole in the hands of Mr. Burges.

75,657. What was your object and intention in sending these occasional persons who applied for employment to the central committee room?—To get rid of them.

75,658. To get rid of their personal applications?—Yes.

75,659. We understand from Mr. Clay that the usual course was, after the canvass

became very active, to proceed on a daily canvass, I think, in different quarters of the town?—I do not think Mr. Clay or I proceeded separately, except the last day.

75,660. Generally together?—Yes.

75,661. I wish to ask do you remember whether it was part of the arrangement that these disagreeable,—perhaps I may call them disagreeable applicants,—should be referred to the central committee room?—I think I referred them to the central committee room, because I thought they would be there safely and properly dealt with.

75,662. I ask whether your lordship remembers it was any part of the arrangement that they should be referred to that place, rather than to any other committee room?—I do not think it was. My reason was, because I had more confidence in the central committee than anywhere else.

75,663. Your lordship stated that you were acquainted with the man of the name of Moat?—Yes.

75,664. He stated to us in the course of his examination that he had occasion to have some communication with your lordship in writing. He stated he had written three letters to your lordship; two to Knocton, in Lincolnshire, and one to Whitehall?—You mean after the election?

75,665. I do not remember the exact time; I should have thought previous to the election?—I had never the slightest communication with him previous to the election. He did write to me some time after the election.

75,666. Do you recollect whether your lordship did, according to his statement, receive three letters from him?—I think so.

75,667. All subsequent to the election?—All subsequent to the election.

75,668. I believe Moat was a person with whom you had some communication, personally and verbally, while you were in Hull?—Yes.

75,669. Did you see him much at Alderman Palmer's house?—He called there once.

75,670. Did he accompany you in your canvass?—No, I think not. I think I may positively say no; but so many people accompanied me upon different occasions, that I do not wish to be too positive.

75,671. Do you recollect whether he, as he stated in his evidence, was a good deal in communication with a class of voters, freemen and others, who would be affected by a money influence; did he make any communication to your lordship with regard to that class of persons?—Certainly no communication in regard to them as to money. He was secretary of the Working Man's Committee, and he may have generally told me that the working classes in the town were favourable to me; but beyond some such general communication he made none.

75,672. My question is only directed to the fact of the communication; not suggesting the idea that he suggested the purchase, but merely that he made the communication?—That is my answer.

75,673. You think with regard to the fact, that he did?—Probably he did, as he was the secretary of the Working Man's Committee; meaning by a class of voters the poorer class of voters, not especially freemen.

75,674. Whom I describe?—Yes, in their capacity of working men.

75,675. Did he state them to be a numerous party, do you remember?—No; I do not recollect that. I consider that he chiefly dealt with non-electors himself.

75,676. In what way?—Merely in the usual way in which non-electors give an advantage at an election. The popularity with the non-electors is of course of advantage with those of their own class who may be electors.

75,677. I must state to you all we know regarding Moat. He stated that you had asked him what your chances were, and that he told you that those whom he had canvassed wanted paying, and then your lordship had said, "Well, if that is so, I will not pay a man"?—I have no doubt if he said that, that that was my answer.

75,678. Does it bring the fact of making any such statement to your lordship's mind?—No; it does not.

75,679. He stated he told you so upon a particular occasion, at Alderman Palmer's house?—Of course it would be in my favour if I said so, but I cannot say that I recollect it. I have no doubt if he said that to me, that I should have made that answer.

75,680. Your lordship has stated that you were aware, in point of fact, or had learnt from Mr. Burges, I think, that payments were being made on behalf of Mr. Clay for the back election?—Certainly,

75,681. Was that after you coalesced?—Oh dear, yes; after I had been down here some time.

75,682. Did it ever occur to you that those payments might affect your lordship's election?—Of course it occurred to me; but I told Mr. Burges to take all the necessary precautions to prevent that, and he told me that he had done so.

75,683. Did your lordship at all interfere at the finance committee, with regard to stopping those payments yourself?—I believe I told Mr. Gresham that I would be no party to them; but I certainly sent him a message to that effect by Mr. Burges.

75,684. To the finance committee?—Yes.

75,685. There is another name that was mentioned to you, a man of the name of Goddard; did he come at all to Hull with your knowledge?—Goddard came down to Hull upon the order of Mr. Burges, he being an ex-Bow-street officer, for the purpose of

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watching the proceedings of our opponents; and I believe Mr. Clay employed a similar person, for a similar purpose.

75,686. These people were in the nature of spies?—They were.

75,687. And we hear that they dressed up in fantastic shapes?—I knew nothing of that. I never saw Goddard until long after the election was over, when the petition was pending.

75,688. Did your lordship hear that there were parties upon the other side, keeping a look out?—No, I did not.

75,689. You did not hear that these people met?—I heard a story afterwards; that Mr. Clay's man, whoever he was, had met Mr. Goddard, and I believe there had been a fight between them, they not knowing each other; but that is all I heard,

75,690. Was Warrener Mr. Clay's man?—I know nothing about his name. I will not be perfectly certain whether that is the man I allude to; but that somebody met Goddard and had a fight with him, and that it was somebody upon our own side, I know.

75,691. Did Alderman Gresham tell your lordship that he had paid for an election in Hull only 400*l.* on behalf of the candidate?—Yes; the election of Mr. Hill.

75,692. Do you recollect his saying that, in his judgment, an election in Hull ought not to cost much more?—I do not recollect that he told me that, but it is very possible that he may.

75,693. Was that at the time that you agreed to go to the extent of 1,500*l.*?—I cannot say at what time that was. I merely recollect the circumstance of his mentioning the fact to me, but I do not recollect the date.

75,694. It was called to your attention, that an election in Hull had been conducted for the sum of 400*l.*?—Mr. Gresham mentioned that.

75,695. And it was after that that you had agreed to advance 1,500*l.*?—I do not recollect the date, therefore I cannot say whether it was after or before; it was in a casual conversation. I should not speak the truth if I was to say I recollect when the conversation took place. I saw Mr. Gresham at various times while I was down here, and whether the conversation took place here or in London, upon that subject, I do not recollect.

75,696. Do you recollect his calling upon you during the election, and remonstrating as to the amount of money that was being expended?—I cannot say that I recollect that.

75,697. Do you recollect his calling to your lordship's attention during the election, that there was a large sum of money being expended?—No, I do not. I think I recollect his calling upon me two days prior to the election, and saying that he knew the fact, but he wished for a confirmation of it from me, in case any difficulty might arise on the day of the election, that I was determined to resist anything like bribery, treating, or corrupt practices, which I told him, and that was, as well as I can recollect, on the morning of the day, or two days before the election.

75,698. A number of persons were set down, as it is called, in Saville Street; a term that your lordship has acquired the meaning of by this time?—Yes, since the election I have.

75,699. I wish to know this: whether your lordship has at the present moment arrived at any determination as to whether you will pay them or not. I simply ask you this, without the slightest intention, or the least intention at all of supposing or wishing to guide you in any answer. I simply wish to know if you have arrived at a determination, if you think fit to do so, or if you think it prudent to abstain from giving an answer, say so; but I ask if you have come to a determination upon the subject, as I put the question to Mr. Burges, your legal adviser, and to Mr. Clay: have you any objection to state whether you have come to any determination?—I am perfectly willing to answer the question.

75,700. It is not a question whether you think it prudent, but whether for any reason in the world you object to answer?—I am perfectly ready to answer; and inasmuch as I know the question was asked of Mr. Burges and Mr. Clay, I am perfectly prepared to answer it. Any sum of money concerning the last election which may have been legally incurred, by which I mean may have been incurred for lawful purposes, I do not know that any such sum is unpaid by me; but whatever that amount is proved to be, I shall be willing to pay; but I should not feel it my duty to pay that sum of money which was incurred in a manner which I can only consider to have been bribery, and which was so incurred directly contrary to my most express and often-repeated orders.

75,701. You consider yourself, having wholly forbidden any corrupt practice, and deeming this to have been a corrupt practice, that you are in no way bound to it?—It is not a question whether I am bound or not, but it is a question, as far as I understand the law, I believe that I am not bound to pay it; otherwise, as far as the amount is concerned, or any legal binding upon myself, that is not the question. I wish to make it distinctly clear to the Commissioners, that any payments of any kind that were made to any electors at the last election, except for services actually rendered, or which were made in excess of the amount to which they were entitled for such services, was made without my knowledge, and contrary to my most express directions.

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75,702. Where do you live?—Mava Alley, Lowgate.
75,703. What business are you?—A porter.
75,704. What rent do you pay?—£6.
75,705. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
75,706. How long have you been a freeman?—Perhaps eighteen years.
75,707. Did you pay for it yourself?—No.
75,708. Who paid for it?—The blue party.
75,709. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
75,710. Were you paid for it?—No.
75,711. Were you paid no money that election?—No.
75,712. Or after the election?—No.
75,713. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I think Mr. Clay.
75,714. Were you paid for it?—No.
75,715. Did you get no money that election?—No.
75,716. Or after it?—No.
75,717. Were you employed at all?—No, not at all.
75,718. Had you nothing to do with the election but voting?—None.
75,719. At the last election who did you vote for?—Goderich and Moore.
75,720. Are you sure you did not vote for Baines at the former election?—No, I did not.
75,721. Were you not a messenger or a runner for him?—No.
75,722. Did you get any money at the last election?—Not any.
75,723. Not from either party?—Not from either party.

THOMAS HALLER sworn, and examined. *Thomas Haller.*

75,724. Where do you live?—No. 16, Silver Street.
75,725. What business are you?—A boot and shoe maker.
75,726. What rent do you pay?—£50.
75,727. Are you a freeman?—No.
75,728. How long have you been entitled to vote?—The first time was 1847, I think.
75,729. Who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
75,730. Did you get any money?—I was employed as a poll clerk.
75,731. A check clerk?—Yes; I got one sovereign for that, and a dinner.
75,732. What else?—Nothing.
75,733. Did you get anything for Baines?—Yes; I was a check clerk for Baines.
75,734. Did you get anything on account of Brown?—Not any.
75,735. Did Mr. Mitchell pay you anything?—Nothing.
75,736. Did you ask for employment at the committee room?—No, I think I saw one of the solicitors, and he offered to put my name down as a check clerk.
75,737. You did not put your name down generally for employment?—No, nothing of the kind.
75,738. Did he ask you to be a check clerk?—Yes.
75,739. At the last election who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
75,740. Did you get any money this time?—Not any.
75,741. You were not employed?—Not at all.
75,742. Was your name set down?—No.

THOMAS HANSON sworn, and examined. *Thomas Hanson.*

75,743. Where do you live?—Portland Street.
75,744. What business are you?—A joiner.
75,745. What rent do you pay?—£11.
75,746. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
75,747. How long have you been a freeman?—I cannot tell exactly; I think about eighteen years.
75,748. Who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
75,749. Were you paid for it?—No, I do not know that I was; I did not get anything except——I do not know whether I did or not now, I am sure.
75,750. Except what?—I might have got something. I think there were 15*s.* given. I think I got 5*s.* from one and 10*s.* from the other.
75,751. After you voted?—Yes.
75,752. Who paid you?—I was paid in the committee room in the Market Place.
75,753. You were paid when the others were?—Yes.
75,754. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Brown and Clay.

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75,755. Were you paid for it?—I got 15*s.* there.
75,756. How was that paid?—I got 10*s.* for Brown and 5*s.* for Clay.
75,757. Who paid you for Brown?—I got it at the committee room.
75,758. At Mr. Mitchell's, the tobacconist?—Yes.
75,759. Where did you get the 5*s.*?—I got that against the Monument.
75,760. The Blue Bell?—Yes; the Blue Bell.
75,761. In Prospect Street?—Yes.
75,762. At the last election who did you vote for?—Goderich and Clay.
75,763. Were you paid for that?—No.
75,764. Did you get no money?—No.
75,765. Was your name set down?—I was put down as a runner.
75,766. Where?—In one of the committee rooms in Saville Street.
75,767. Mr. Wilde's committee room?—No; I think it was not Mr. Wilde's.
75,768. 21, Saville Street, was not it?—I am sure I do not know; it was in a committee room.
75,769. You were set down as a runner?—Yes.
75,770. You were to have been paid after the election was over?—I expected to be so; but I never received anything.

Samuel Hesse.

SAMUEL HESSE sworn, and examined.

75,771. Where do you live?—Upper Union Street.
75,772. What business are you?—A seaman.
75,773. What rent do you pay?—Six guineas.
75,774. How long have you been a freeman?—Thirteen years.
75,775. Did you vote in 1841?—No.
75,776. Did you vote in 1847?—Yes.
75,777. Who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
75,778. Were you paid for it?—I was not.
75,779. Who was?—My missus received 5*s.*
75,780. Who did she receive it from?—Mr. Brown.
75,781. Did she receive anything else?—No.
75,782. Did anybody else receive any money for you?—No.
75,783. At the last election who did you vote for?—I was from home.
75,784. You did not vote at all?—No.
75,785. You got no money?—No.
75,786. Nor did you have your name set down?—No.

William Job.

WILLIAM JOB sworn, and examined.

75,787. Where do you live?—Neptune Street.
75,788. What is your business?—A shipping clerk.
75,789. What rent do you pay?—£8 10*s.*
75,790. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1840.
75,791. In 1841, who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
75,792. Did either of the parties pay for your freedom?—I will not say; I cannot remember whether they paid for it or not.
75,793. Did you vote for Hanmer and James?—Yes.
75,794. Who paid it?—I received 12*s.* about a month after, four days' expenses coming from Hamburgh.
75,795. Did they send for you to Hamburgh?—Yes.
75,796. Was 12*s.* all the money you got?—That was all I got.
75,797. Did you claim it as travelling expenses?—I claimed it for the time I was here. I had nothing to do with the coming across.
75,798. Why not?—Because they found me all the passage and everything.
75,799. Who paid you the 12*s* ?—The master belonging to the ship when he paid me my wages.
75,800. They found you passage?—Yes.
75,801. And your food?—Yes.
75,802. And gave you 12*s.* besides?—Yes.
75,803. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
75,804. Were you paid for it?—I got 7*s.* a month after.
75,805. Did you come from Hamburgh again?—No.
75,806. What did you get that 7*s* for?—Work done.
75,807. As a runner?—Yes; night and day.
75,808. Who was it for?—Baines.
75,809. Who paid you?—The man is in America now.
75,810. What is his name?—Peat.
75,811. Where did he pay you?—On the Dock Side.

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75,812. Did you get any more at that election?—No.
75,813. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
75,814. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
75,815. How much?—£4.
75,816. How did you get that?—For work done.
75,817. You were a runner?—Yes.
75,818. Were you paid each week?—No; after the election was over.
75,819. The whole of it?—Yes.
75,820. Where were you a runner?—The Shakspeare and Minerva.
75,821. You were one of Legitt's runner?—Yes.
75,822. How did you get the 7*s.* in 1847?—On the Dock Side. It was sent to me. The man that paid me my wages gave me that. He said he had received it for me that day, and he gave it to me at night.
75,823. Had your name been set down?—My name had been set down at Mr. Baines' committee.
75,824. How many days were you employed?—Only that night and the next day.
75,825. The polling day?—Yes.
75,826. I suppose the best part of the work done was that you voted for them; was not that so?—No; I was getting voters up, to take them to the poll.
75,827. That would not last after four o'clock?—No.

William Lenham.

WILLIAM LENHAM sworn, and examined.

75,828. Where do you live?—No. 43, Chariot Street.
75,829. What is your business?—Yeast dealer.
75,830. What rent do you pay?—£17.
75,831. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
75,832. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1839.
75,833. Was it paid for for you?—No.
75,834. Did you pay for it yourself?—Yes.
75,835. You were not repaid?—I was not repaid.
75,836. In 1841, who did you vote for?—I forget now.
75,837. Hanmer and James, or Clay and Thompson?—Hanmer and Thompson.
75,838. Do you recollect whether you were paid for it?—I was not.
75,839. Did you get any money?—Of course I got no money at that election.
75,840. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Clay.
75,841. Did you get any money at that time?—No.
75,842. No money from the parties?—No.
75,843. Not on any account?—Not on any account.
75,844. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
75,845. Were you paid this time?—No; not anything.
75,846. You got no money at all?—No money at all.
75,847. Are you sure your freedom was not taken up for you by the blues?—No; I took it up myself.

Benjamin Lewis.

BENJAMIN LEWIS sworn, and examined.

75,848. Where do you live?—No. 52, Francis Street.
75,849. What business are you?—A cooper.
75,850. What rent do you pay?—£9.
75,851. How long have you been a freeman?—Fifteen years.
75,852. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes.
75,853. Who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.
75,854. Were you paid for it?—Some time after the election.
75,855. How much were you paid?—A sovereign.
75,856. Who were you paid by?—I cannot tell you that.
75,857. Where were you paid?—At Mason Street.
75,858. Through a window or a door?—No; it was in an upper room, but I do not know who paid it.
75,859. Who did you vote for in 1847?—Baines and Brown.
75,860. Who paid it?—Mr. Stephenson.
75,861, In Bishop's Lane?—Yes.
75,862. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
75,863. Were you paid for it?—No; nothing.
75,864. Did you get nothing at all?—No; nothing.
75,865. Not from the candidates or their party?—No.
75,866. Neither before nor after the election?—No; nothing.

Thomas Linward.

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THOMAS LINWARD sworn, and examined.

75,867. Where do you live?—Queen Street.
75,868. What is your business?—A pilot.
75,869. What rent do you pay?—£10.
75,870. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
75,871. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1841.
75,872. Did you pay for it yourself?—Yes.
75,873. You did not vote in 1841?—No.
75,874. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay and Brown.
75,875. Were you paid any money?—Yes.
75,876. How much?—Ten shillings.
75,877. Before or after you voted?—After the election.
75,878. Who by?—I do not know the gentleman's name. It was in that place, up the White Horse Yard.
75,879. Was that all you were paid?—Yes.
75,880. That was for Brown?—Yes.
75,881. At the last election who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
75,882. Were you paid for it?—No.
75,883. Was your name set down?—No.
75,884. Did you ask to have it set down?—No.
75,885. Did you promise to vote when they canvassed you?—Yes.
75,886. At once?—Yes.
75,887. Did any of these payments ever take place at your house at any election?—I never got anything by it.
75,888. Were other parties paid at your house at any time?—No.

John Leisly.

JOHN LEISLY sworn and examined.

75,889. Where do you live?—Providence Street.
75,890. What business are you?—A shipwright.
75,891. What rent do you pay?—£7.
75,892. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1825.
75,893. In 1841, who did you vote for?—Clay and Thompson.
75,894. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
75,895. How much?—I think I got 30s.
75,896. Were you set down by Thistleton?—I think so.
75,897. Were you paid after the election?—Yes.
75,898. Was that all you got?—That was all.
75,899. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.
75,900. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
75,901. How much?—Ten shillings.
75,902. For which of the candidates?—Clay.
75,903. Where?—At the Wilberforce Rooms.
75,904. After you had voted?—Yes.
75,905. Do you know who paid it?—I cannot say.
75,906. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
75,907. Were you paid anything?—Nothing.
75,908. Was your name set down?—It perhaps might be; I am not aware of it. The fact is, perhaps Mr. Wilde might set it down, as I know him.
75,909. Did you hear that he had?—He did not tell us. I do not know that it was down.
75,910. Did you think it was when you voted?—I was led to believe that it was.
75,911. Did you think so when you voted?—Yes; I did.
75,912. You expected to get something when the others did?—Of course.
75,913. Was it set down for the purpose of being paid for or not?—Yes.

William Mawmill.

WILLIAM MAWMILL sworn, and examined.

75,914. Where do you live?—Chariot Street.
75,915. What business are you?—A cabinetmaker.
75,916. What rent do you pay for your house?—£16.
75,917. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
75,918. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1839.
75,919. Was it paid for you?—Yes.
75,920. By which party?—The orange.
75,921. Did you vote for them in consequence in 1841?—No; I voted for Hanmer and James.

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75,922. When the orange paid for your freedom you knew that they did so in order that you might vote for them at the next election?—I did not vote for them; I voted for Hanmer and James.

75,923. Did you not know they were paying for your freedom in order that you might vote for them at the next election?—No.

75,924. What did you think they paid for your freedom for?—They were paying many more at the same time.

75,925. What for?—I did not ask them.

75,926. What did you think they were paying it for?—I did not think anything about it.

75,927. You thought they had taken a fancy to you?—Yes.

75,928. Do you swear that?—I do not swear it.

75,929. Tell me what you thought they were paying your freedom for; the orange party?—They might think I should vote for them.

75,930. Have you any doubt that you meant so?—No.

75,931. You had no doubt about it?—No.

75,932. And that they paid for it with that intention?—I should suppose so.

75,933. And you took their money?—Yes.

75,934. You voted against them the first opportunity you had?—Yes.

75,935. You voted for the blues in 1841?—Yes.

75,936. Were you paid for it?—No.

75,937. Did you get any money?—I was paid afterwards a sovereign.

75,938. What was it for?—I suppose for voting for them.

75,939. Who paid you?—I do not know.

75,940. Was it paid the same day?—No, it was some time after.

75,941. Where was it paid?—Medley Street.

75,942. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Baines.

75,943. Only?—Only.

75,944. Are you sure you did not vote for Brown?—Yes; Baines I voted for.

75,945. Were you paid any money that election?—No.

75,946. Were you not paid in Bishop Lane before you voted?—No.

75,947. That you swear?—No.

75,948. Were you paid any money after the election?—No.

75,949. Not at any time?—No.

75,950. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

75,951. Were you paid for it?—No.

75,952. Did you get any money at all?—Not any.

75,953. Were you employed?—No.

75,954. Were you set down?—No.

Thomas Mortson.

THOMAS MORTSON sworn, and examined.

75,955. Where do you live?—Manor Alley.

75,956. What business are you?—A waterman, supplying vessels with fresh water.

75,957. What rent do you pay?—£7.

75,958. How long have you been a freeman?—I was born free.

75,959. When did you take your freedom up?—The first time I voted was for Hanmer and James.

75,960. Was your freedom taken up for you?—Yes, it was taken up.

75,961. By which party?—By the orange, but I polled opposite to the party.

75,962. You knew, when the orange took up your freedom, that they did it in order that you might vote for them?—Yes, that is why it was done; that is right.

75,963. And you voted for the blues?—Yes; I voted for Hanmer and James.

75,964. Were you paid for it?—Yes, I was paid for it; oh yes.

75,965. How much?—£3 10*s*. I was set down as a runner

75,966. Who paid you?—At Binks's, in High Street.

75,967. Through a window?—Part of it through a window, and part otherwise.

75,968. Were both the sums you got paid at Binks's?—I got all at Binks's; Mr. Freebody paid me the best part of the money, excepting the pound.

75,969. Was it paid at the same time?—No; after the election I got the pound.

75,970. Through a window?—Yes; after the election.

75,971. You do not know who paid you through a window?—I do not.

75,972. Did you ever hear?—No, I never could hear; I never knew whether it was a woman or a man.

75,973. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Brown and Clay.

75,974. Were you paid for it?—Yes, I was paid for it; I got 4*l*.

75,975. When did you get that?—I got it in about a fortnight.

75,976. Where were you paid, at the Baltic?—Yes.

75,977. Were you a runner?—Yes, I was a runner.

75,978. For which candidate were you paid?—I was paid for Clay.

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75,979. You do not recollect the committee room?—No, I have forgotten the name of the place, just now.

75,980. Do you recollect who paid it?—No; I do not know his name.

75,981. Who was it?—I cannot think of the name at all. I received the money from the parties.

75,982. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

75,983. Were you paid for it?—Yes

75,984. How much were you paid?—£1 19*s.*

75,985. Where were you paid?—At the Manor House Tavern.

75,986. Who by?—By Mr. Craig, who is dead.

75,987. Were you one of his messengers?—Yes.

75,988. How long had you been a messenger there?—I was there ten days.

75,989. He set your name down, I suppose?—Yes; he put it down of course.

75,990. And it is there?—I cannot say.

75,991. You were employed and paid, and you were to vote for them?—Yes, of course.

Matthew Newlove.

MATTHEW NEWLOVE sworn, and examined.

75,992. Where do you live?—St. Mark's Square, Pottery.

75,993. What business are you?—A tailor.

75,994. What rent do you pay?—£10.

75,995. Are you a freeman?—No.

75,996. How long have you been entitled to vote?—About fourteen years. Ever since 1841.

75,997. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes.

75,998. Who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.

75,999. Were you paid for it?—Yes.

76,000. How much were you paid?—5*s.* a day.

76,001. For how many days?—I cannot tell; a fortnight or three weeks; that is my best recollection. I was paid for running. I was at work from morning till night for them.

76,002. You got about 4*l.* 10*s.*?—I cannot say exactly the amount. I was employed from morning till night.

76,003. You knew if they employed you as a runner you were to vote for them?—They did not ask me particularly. I went for employment, and they gave it to me.

76,004. And you gave them your vote?—Yes.

76,005. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.

76,006. What were you paid that time?—I think, to the best of my recollection, that I got about 10*s.*

76,007. Did you not get 1*l.* 19*s.* when you were paid at the Baltic?—That had nothing to do with it; that was a chance one.

76,008. You were one of them?—They told me it was not my own.

76,009. You were one of Nicholson's and Brown's men?—No; I did not belong to them.

76,010. You were paid by them?—I was told they were giving money away upon the landing, and I said, "Perhaps they would give me some as well as the rest." I ran up and said "You will not forget me." They said, "Have you not got any?" I said, "No," and I held my hand out and he gave me a sovereign. The next morning I went as usual; I understood they were giving another away, and I thought I would take another turn. They told me I was to return it. Then I asked why I was to return it; they said it did not belong to me. I said, "Why did you give it to me." I said, if they had given it me wrong, and they would give me a right understanding that they had done so, and why they had done it, I would. They said no, they would play the devil with me.

76,011. You did not give it back?—No.

76,012. You got some money besides?—Not any more.

76,013. You got some as a runner?—Next morning I got a sovereign, but they did not say what it was for; I got the other for running.

76,014. How much was it?—10*s.*

76,015. Who for, was it?—I think Brown.

76,016. At the last election who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

76,017. Were you paid this time?—Yes.

76,018. How much?—3*s.* 6*d.* a day.

76,019. For how many days?—I cannot say. I was employed as a runner.

76,020. Where?—At the Osborne Street committee room.

76,021. Dr. Hodgson's?—Yes.

76,022. Did you apply to be set down as a runner?—Yes.

76,023. Were you paid anything after the election?—Nothing.

76,024. Nothing at all after the election?—Not a penny.

76,025. Did you not get something for the polling day?—I believe I am telling a falsity; I got paid 3*s.* 6*d.* a day, and I got 3*s.* 6*d.* for the polling day

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76,026. Did you not get 10*s.* for the polling day?—3*s.* 6*d.* I got more for the polling day than the other days.

76,027. When was it paid?—I believe it was the next day.

76,028. How much were you paid?—At the time when I was paid 3*s.* 6*d.* a day the eleven days. I was paid 3*s.* 6*d.* a day every day I was on; for the polling day the same as the other days. I was not paid for the other time.

Frederick Oliver.

FREDERICK OLIVER sworn, and examined.

76,029. Where do you live?—Prior Street.

76,030. What business are you?—A brewer.

76,031. What rent do you pay?—I do not pay any; I am living with my sister.

76,032. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

76,033. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1839.

76,034. Was your freedom paid for for you?—No, I paid for it myself.

76,035. Were you repaid the money?—No, I paid the money myself.

76,036. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Not for any one; I was out of the town.

76,037. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Brown.

76,038. Were you paid for it?—I was to have a sovereign; I only got 10*s.*

76,039. Who paid you?—Conkerton. I was to have 5*s.* a day, and when it came to the point they gave me 10*s.*

76,040. At the last election who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

76,041. Were you paid?—I was on as a runner.

76,042. How much were you paid?—3*s.* 6*d.* a day; I think better than a fortnight; perhaps 27*s.*

76,043. Did you ask for employment?—Yes; they set my name down as a messenger. I was at the committee room.

76,044. Where?—At Witham.

John Page.

JOHN PAGE sworn, and examined.

76,045. Where do you live?—Market Place.

76,046. What rent do you pay?—£19.

76,047. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

76,048. How long have you been a freeman?—Since Schonswar's election.

76,049. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.

76,050. Were you paid for it?—I think not.

76,051. Have you any doubt about it?—I have.

76,052. If your name is down on the list you will not deny it?—No.

76,053. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Brown.

76,054. Were you paid for it?—I was offered 10*s.* and I would not have it.

76,055. Why not?—Because I thought it was not enough.

76,056. Did you have your name set down for it?—Yes.

76,057. And they offered you that after you had voted?—Yes.

76,058. And you refused it because it was not enough?—Yes.

76,059. Did you ever get any?—No.

76,060. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

76,061. Were you paid this time?—No.

76,062. Was your name set down?—No.

76,063. Did you ask for employment?—No.

76,064. Did you expect at anytime to be paid?—No.

William Porle.

WILLIAM PORLE sworn, and examined.

76,065. Where do you live?—Pemberton Street.

76,066. What business are you?—A merchant.

76,067. What rent do you pay?—I live on my own property.

76,068. Is it rated?—Yes.

76,069. At how much?—About 30*l.*

76,070. Are you a freeman?—No.

76,071. How long have you been entitled to vote?—About eight years.

76,072. Did you vote in 1847?—Yes.

76,073. Who did you vote for?—Baines.

76,074. Did you vote for Brown at all?—No.

76,075. Did you get any money?—No, decidedly not.

76,076. Did you canvass?—No.

76,077. Did you take no part in the election?—Never took any part at all in the election.

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76,078. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

76,079. Did you get any money the last time?—No; I never took any part in the election, and never was in any committee room at all.

76,080. You know nothing about it?—Not the least.

Thomas Pullon.

THOMAS PULLON sworn, and examined.

76,081. What is your business?—A corn porter.

76,082. Where do you live?—Halton's Entry, High Street. I have removed from Long's Entry.

76,083. What rent do you pay?—£5.

76,084. How long have you been a freeman?—I took my freedom up in 1840.

76,085. Did you pay for it yourself?—I did.

76,086. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.

76,087. Were you paid for it?—I was.

76,088. How much?—15*s.*

76,089. Who did you get it from?—From Mr. Freebody.

76,090. After you had voted?—No, before I had voted.

76,091. Was that all you got?—I was a messenger for that ward.

76,092. Was that all?—That was all.

76,093. You had your name set down as a messenger?—I went there. I was doing nothing. I went for the purpose of getting employment, if they wanted anybody.

76,094. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Brown and Baines.

76,095. Were you paid for it?—By Brown.

76,096. How much were you paid?—Half a sovereign.

76,097. Is that all?—Yes.

76,098. When were you paid?—Before the election commenced.

76,099. Who paid it?—Mr. Goddard.

76,100. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

76,101. Were you paid any money?—Yes.

76,102. How much were you paid?—I was a messenger in North Myton ward.

76,103. How long?—The two days, I believe.

76,104. Who paid you?—Dr. Hodgson.

76,105. Were you set down as a runner?—I was.

76,106. Did you apply to be set down?—I did not.

76,107. Who asked you?—Mr. John Casson.

76,108. Did he ask you?—He asked me if I had anything to do; I told him I had not. He said, "I shall want you to run a few errands for me." He said, "I will call upon you." He did call upon me, and then I went.

76,109. You knew Mr. John Casson was canvassing for Clay and Goderich?—I did not.

76,110. You found that out when you went to the room?—I did not.

76,111. I suppose you took him for a blue?—For a blue, sir?

76,112. Yes?—I do not understand what you mean by a blue.

76,113. Orange and blue, the two colours?—Oh, I beg pardon; I did not take him for anything. He was a landlord of mine, was John Casson. I did not know what colour he was.

76,114. Did you not know what colour he was when you went to the committee room?—Yes; when I got to the committee room I did.

76,115. You knew he was orange?—Yes, I did.

76,116. Then you voted blue?—I did.

76,117. This time you voted orange?—Yes.

76,118. How came that?—I do not know.

76,119. You changed your principles?—I did.

76,120. You know people in Hull vote the way that their employers do?—I know some vote against their employers. Many parties lost their situations for voting.

76,121. People employed at the election, in the rooms; do you know of any of those who have voted against their employers?—I do not understand that.

W Rowland.

WILLIAM ROWLAND sworn, and examined.

76,122. Where do you live?—Adelaide Street.

76,123. What business are you?—A bricklayer.

76,124. What rent do you pay?—I live on my own property.

76,125. Are you rated?—Yes.

76,126. At how much?—£14.

76,127. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

76,128. How long have you been a freeman?—About twenty-three years.

76,129. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.

76,130. Were you paid for it?—No.

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76,131. Did you get no money that election?—No.
76,132. From either of the candidates, or their party?—No.
76,133. Neither before nor after the election?—No.
76,134. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay.
76,135. Did you vote for Brown?—No.
76,136. Did you get any money at that time?—No.
76,137. Nor after it?—No.
76,138. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Clay.
76,139. Did you get any money?—No.
76,140. Did you have your name set down?—No.

George Simpson.

GEORGE SIMPSON sworn, and examined.

76,141. Where do you live?—Wellington Street.
76,142. What business are you?—A publican.
76,143. What rent do you pay?—£98.
76,144. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
76,145. How long have you been a freeman?—The first year I voted it was 1841.
76,146. Did you take up your own freedom?—Yes.
76,147. In 1847 who did you vote for?—For the blues.
76,148. Were you paid any money?—No.
76,149. Were you on any committee?—No.
76,150. Was any room taken at your house?—No.
76,151. Were you a canvasser?—No.
76,152. Did you take any part in the election but voting?—No.
76,153. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I did not vote at all.
76,154. Why not?—There was some dispute about being entered for the poor rates.
76,155. In 1852 who did you vote for?—For the blues.
76,156. Did you get any money?—No.
76,157. Not on any account?—No.
76,158. Did you take any part in the election?—No.

Isaac Thomas.

ISAAC THOMAS sworn, and examined.

76,159. Where do you live?—Prior Street, Drypool.
76,160. What rent do you pay?—£7 10*s.*
76,161. What business are you?—A shipwright.
76,162. How long have you been a freeman?—Twenty-three years.
76,163. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
76,164. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
76,165. How much?—£1.
76,166. After you voted?—Yes.
76,167. Who were you paid by?—By the committee.
76,168. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Brown and Baines.
76,169. Were you paid for that?—10*s.*
76,170. For which?—By the committee.
76,171. Who by?—I forget.
76,172. Was it after the election?—Yes.
76,173. Where were you paid?—In the ward.
76,174. Was that all you got?—Yes.
76,175. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
76,176. Were you paid for that?—I got 1*l.*
76,177. After the election?—Yes.
76,178. By whom were you paid?—By the committee.
76,179. Where were you paid?—In Drypool.

Robert Turpin.

ROBERT TURPIN sworn, and examined.

76,180. Where do you live?—Raywell Street.
76,181. What business are you?—A shoemaker.
76,182. What rent do you pay?—£12.
76,183. Are you a freeman?—No.
76,184. How long have you been entitled to vote?—I voted in 1847 first.
76,185. Who did you vote for?—Brown and Baines.
76,186. Were you paid for it?—No.
76,187. Did you get no money that election?—No.
76,188 Were you not a runner for Baines?—No.
76,189. Do you know a person of the name of Goldsmith?—No, not that I know of.
76,190. Did he never speak to you about the election?—I cannot say that he did.

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76,191. Will you swear you got no money that election?—Yes; I did not.
76,192. Nor after it?—Nor after it neither.
76,193. Or on account of the election?—Not on account of the election.
76,194. At the last election who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
76,195. Were you paid for it?—No.
76,196. Was your name set down?—No.
76,197. It was not set down as a runner?—It was not.
76,198. You seem to hesitate; has anything happened upon the subject?—No; I promised the gentleman who came into my shop when I was at work that I would vote; and I voted according to my promise.

Joseph Wilkinson.

JOSEPH WILKINSON sworn, and examined.

76,199. Where do you live?—Caroline Place.
76,200. What business are you?—I am out of business.
76,201. What was your business?—A commission agent.
76,202. What rent do you pay?—£13.
76,203. Are you a freeman?—I am a freeman, but I have not taken my freedom up.
76,204. You vote as a 10*l.* householder?—Yes.
76,205. How long have you been entitled to vote?—The first election that I voted at was in 1841; Hanmer and James.
76,206. Were you paid any money?—I was a clerk at the West Sculcoates committee room during the election.
76,207. You were a member of the committee?—Yes.
76,208. Did you keep the books?—Yes.
76,209. Did you pay the money?—Yes.
76,210. Did you set down names?—I believe I set a few down. They were principally set down either by the chairman or vice-chairman, or some of the members of the committee.
76,211. Did you set down names when the chairman and vice-chairman were not there?—I cannot say for that. I certainly did set some names down.
76,212. You knew what you were setting them down for?—Oh, yes.
76,213. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
76,214. Were you paid any money?—I was clerk at Mr. Baines' committee room in the West Sculcoates ward.
76,215. Who asked you to be clerk?—I am sure I cannot say.
76,216. Did you apply for employment?—I cannot say whether I applied or not. I think some one sent word that they were short of hands, and would I be a clerk. I said yes.
76,217. Were you paid any money for that?—Yes; I got a guinea for four days.
76,218. Were any names set down that time?—A few; but not so many as in 1841.
76,219. You set down, you say?—I think not for so many days. In 1841, for six days; in 1847, not so many—four or two.
76,220. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
76,221. Were you paid this time?—Beyond voting I took no part in the election.
76,222. Were you paid any money?—No; I never received any money, I never paid any money, and I took no part whatever.

John Williams.

JOHN WILLIAMS sworn, and examined.

76,223. Where do you live?—York Street, Sculcoates.
76,224. What business are you?—A skipper.
76,225. What rent do you pay?—I am a burgess.
76,226. What rent do you pay for a house?—I do not pay rent at all; the house belongs to me.
76,227. What are you rated at?—£8.
76,228. How long have you been a freeman?—Thirty years.
76,229. In 1841 who did you vote for?—I cannot recollect.
76,230. Did you vote for Hanmer and James, or Clay and Thompson?—I never voted for them; I was at sea at the time; I voted for Hull.
76,231. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Brown and Baines.
76,232. Were you paid any money?—Not a farthing.
76,233. Neither before nor after?—Neither before nor after. I never received anything.
76,234. At the last election who did you vote for?—I was at sea.

James Wood.

JAMES WOOD sworn, and examined.

76,235. Where do you live?—In Sykes Street.
76,236. What rent do you pay?—£10.
76,237. What business are you?—I am out of business at present.

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76,238. What was your business?—A ship chandler.
76,239. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
76,240. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1806.
76,241. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
76,242. Were you paid for it?—No.
76,243. Did you get any money?—No; I got nothing.
76,244. Not on any account?—No.
76,245. Neither before nor after the election?—No; I did not.
76,246. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
76,247. Were you paid any money that time?—No.
76,248. Were you paid anything for Brown?—No; I never got anything.
76,249. Not by his party at all?—No; not without any of my family got it. I got nothing.
76,250. Did you ever hear of their getting any?—No.
76,251. Was your name set down?—No.
76,252. Did you expect to have any?—No; I did not look for it.
76,253. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
76,254. Did you get any money?—I was paid for six days.
76,255. Who paid you?—At Worship Street committee room.
76,256. Were you set down as a runner?—Yes.
76,257. Were you paid after you voted?—Yes, a few days after.

John Harrison.

JOHN HARRISON sworn, and examined.

76,258. Where do you live?—Southcoates.
76,259. What is your business?—A farmer.
76,260. What rent do you pay?—I pay 56*l.* 10*s.* the half year.
76,261. Are you a burgess?—I am not; but I am entitled to vote.
76,262. How long have you been entitled to vote?—Nearly thirty years.
76,263. In 1841 who did you vote for?—I cannot tell you; my recollection is so bad I forget.
76,264. Can you recollect whether you got any money?—I never got a penny in my life. I always vote for the way I think on.
76,265. Who did you vote for the last election?—Clay and Moore.
76,266. Did you get any money?—No; it is not likely; not a farthing.
76,267. They have put "pd." against your name; that looks like "paid;" what is that for?—I do not care what they have put. I mean to say I never got a halfpenny, and never asked for any.

John Hirst.

JOHN HIRST sworn, and examined.

76,268. Where do you live?—No 3, Cumming Street.
76,269. Where did you live at the last election?—No. 25, Collier Street.
76,270. What rent do you pay?—When I was there I paid 16*l.* a year; now I have built a place of my own, a manufactory.
76,271. What business are you?—A tobacco pipe manufacturer.
76,272. Are you a freeman?—No.
76,273. How long have you been entitled to vote?—I think the first election I voted at was when Sir Walter James and Sir John Hanmer were here.
76,274. Did you get any money?—No.
76,275. Not from the candidates or their party at all?—I never went near one of them. I got no money.
76,276. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I think I gave Mr. Clay my vote that time.
76,277. Did you get any money that time?—No.
76,278. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
76 279. Did you get any money this time?—I did not expect any.
76,280. You got a little?—My old friend George Steeple, sent for me three weeks after the election, and said there was a sovereign for me if I liked to have it.
76,281. You took it?—Of course I did.
76,282. You knew it was from the candidates?—I did not.
76,283. You did not think he gave it to you out of his own pocket?—He did not say who it was from.
76,284. Have you any doubt about it?—I expect it was from them.

James Page.

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JAMES PAGE sworn, and examined.

76,285. Where do you live?—Chaffer's Alley, Witham.
76,286. What business are you?—A waterman.
76,287. What rent do you pay?—£4.
76,288. How long have you been a freeman?—In 1850 I took it up.
76,289. Did you take it up yourself?—Yes.
76,290. Who did you vote for in 1852?—Moore and Butler.
76,291. Were you paid anything?—One sovereign for four days' running.
76,292. Who did you get it from?—The man was a stranger to me.
76,293. Where were you paid?—At a public house, the corner of Drypool.
76,294. Were you paid after?—Yes.
76,295. A week after?—Yes.
76,296. Were you set down as a runner?—Yes.

William Lambert.

WILLIAM LAMBERT sworn, and examined.

76,297. Where do you live?—At Witham.
76,298. What business are you?—A tailor.
76,299. What rent do you pay?—I am a lodger.
76,300. How long have you been a freeman?—Upwards of thirty years.
76,301. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
76,302. Were you paid for it?—I cannot say, it is so long since.
76,303. Do you remember you were paid a sovereign?—I might, I cannot possibly say.
76,304. Have you any doubt about it that you got a sovereign?—No; I do not know. I may have had it then, but I forget.
76,305. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Brown and Baines.
76,306. Were you paid that time?—Yes.
76,307. How much were you paid?—Ten shillings.
76,308. After you had voted?—Yes.
76,309. Who by?—I do not know who it was by.
76,310. Where were you paid?—At Witham.
76,311. For Brown was it?—Yes.
76,312. Is that all you got?—All I got that time.
76,313. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
76,314. Were you paid at the time?—I got half a sovereign.
76,315. Is that all?—That is all.
76,316. Where were you paid it?—I was paid at the Lord Nelson.
76,317. Was that after you voted?—After I had voted.

Joseph Hunter.

JOSEPH HUNTER sworn, and examined.

76,318. Where do you live?—Saville Street.
76,319. What is your business?—A poulterer.
76,320. What rent do you pay?—£22.
76,321. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
76,322. How long have you been entitled to vote?—Twenty years.
76,323. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Clay and Thompson.
76,324. Were you paid anything for that?—No.
76,325. You got no money at that election?—No.
76,326. Not on any account?—No.
76,327. Nor after the election?—No.
76,328. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I was not at home; I did not vote.
76,329. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
76,330. Did you get any money this time?—A little.
76,331. How much?—I was employed at the committee room.
76,332. In what capacity?—As a messenger.
76,333. What committee room?—Saville Street.
76,334. Mr. Wilde's?—No, Mr. Richardson's.
76,335. How much were you paid altogether?—I think about 2*l.*; I was eleven days at 3*s.* 6*d.* a day.
76,336. Were you paid before you polled?—Some part of it on the Saturday night.

JAMES JOHNSON sworn, and examined. *James Johnson.*

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76,337. Where do you live?—No. 3, Great Passage Street.
76,338. What rent do you pay?—£4 10*s.*
76,339. What business are you?—A seaman.
76,340. How long have you been a freeman?—Fourteen years.
76,341. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes.
76,342. Was that after you had your freedom taken up?—Yes.
76,343. What party was it for?—The blues.
76,344. Did you vote for them in consequence in 1841?—I voted for them; not in consequence of their taking it up.
76,345. You know they paid for it in order that you might vote for them?—I was aware of that.
76,346. Did you not vote for them?—I did.
76,347. Like an honest man, on that account?—I did.
76,348. Did you get any money besides that?—I got 1*l.* after the election.
76,349. Who paid it?—I cannot tell who it was paid it.
76,350. Was that all you got?—Yes.
76,351. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I was at sea.
76,352. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
76,353. Were you paid for it?—I got something as a messenger.
76,354. How much did you get?—I cannot call to mind now; four days, I got paid for that.
76,355. Where were you a messenger?—At the central committee room.
76,356. You applied to have your name set down?—Yes, I did.
76,357. How came it that they employed you four days?—I was not set down before other people; the canvassing had come on sometime before. I was set down as a messenger.
76,358. How much did you get, 1*l.*?—No.
76,359. How much?—Somewhere between 12*s.* and 1*l.*; I cannot say exactly.
76,360. Why did you not get your name set down sooner?—I was at sea.

MILES MAYERS sworn, and examined. *Miles Mayers.*

76,361. Where do you live?—I live at Drypool at present.
76,362. What part of Drypool?—This end of Drypool.
76,363. You are a lodger?—Yes.
76,364. What is your business?—I am not in business; I am out of business.
76,365. You had a trade at sometime, had you not?—Yes; I lived in Bridge Street; I kept an inn there.
76,366. Are you a freeman?—No.
76,367. How long have you have been entitled to vote?—Only once.
76,368. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
76,369. Were you paid any money?—I was.
76,370. How much?—£2.
76,371. Who for?—I do not know; it was about three weeks after.
76,372. Was your room taken?—No.
76,373. How came you to get 2*l.*?—I had a flag out.
76,374. You got 2*l.* for that?—I expect so.
76,375. What rent did you pay for your house?—£19.
76,376. Where was it?—Bridge Street.
76,377. Who paid you the 2*l.*?—I do not know; it was brought to me.

WILLIAM MENNELL sworn, and examined. *William Mennell.*

76,378. Where do you live?—Salthouse Lane.
76,379. What business are you?—A painter.
76,380. What rent do you pay?—£4 10*s.*
76,381. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1839.
76,382. Which party paid for your freedom?—The orange.
76,383. Did you vote for them in consequence in 1841?—Yes.
76,384. Did you vote for Clay and Thompson?—Yes.
76,385. Were you paid any money?—Yes.
76,386. How much were you paid?—Thirty shillings for Clay. I do not know what I got for Thompson. I painted some colours; 3*l.* or 4*l.* worth of work.
76,387. Who paid you, Mr. Peck?—Yes.
76,388. Was it for the colours?—I got paid as a painter at the committee, when I went and took them to the committee room; Mr. Peck paid me.
76,389. You were down in the list for 30*s.*?—Yes, for Clay.

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76,390. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.
76,391. Were you paid that time?—I got 10*s.* for Clay.
76,392. Do you know who paid it?—I do not.
76,393. Was it after you had voted?—Yes.
76,394. At the last election who did you vote for?—Goderich and Clay.
76,395. Were you paid that time?—Yes.
76,396. How much did you get?—£2 15*s.*
76,397. Were you a runner?—I was a runner one week. I lived in Bridlington, and they sent for me.
76,398. How much did they pay you to come from there?—£1 15*s.*
76,399. How much did it cost you?—3*s.* 6*d.*

William Mitchell.

WILLIAM MITCHELL sworn, and examined.

76,400. Where do you live?—No. 17 Chariot Street.
76,401. What is your business?—An accountant.
76,402. What rent do you pay?—I am in lodgings.
76,403. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
76,404. How long have you been a freeman?—Forty-one years.
76,405. Who did you vote for in 1841?—I think Clay and Thompson.
76,406. Were you paid any money?—No.
76,407. Not on any account?—On no account whatever.
76,408. Were you employed at the election?—No.
76,409. Did you canvass?—No.
76,410. You took no part in it?—No part whatever.
76,411. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Clay alone.
76,412. Were you employed?—Not at all.
76,413. Did you take any part in the election?—Not the least.
76,414. Or received money for it?—I received no money.
76,415. At the last election who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
76,416. Did you take any part in the election?—Not the least.
76,417. Did you not receive any money?—Not any.

John Newham.

JOHN NEWHAM sworn, and examined.

76,418. Where do you live?—Holderness Road.
76,419. What business are you?—A publican.
76,420. What rent do you pay?—£65.
76,421. Are you a freeman?—No.
76,422. How long have you been entitled to vote?—Eighteen years, I suppose.
76,423. In 1841 who did you vote for?—I voted for Hanmer and James.
76,424. Were you paid any money?—No.
76,425. Did you get any money that election?—No money at all.
76,426. After the election was over, did you get any money?—No.
76,427. Did you get a room engaged?—No.
76,428. You got no money?—No; I never got any money on account of the election except for some liquors that were sold; we did not get anything for a room.
76,429. What was the amount of your bill?—We got money for all that was sold.
76,430. You got money from the committee?—Yes; and got some for some liquors.
76,431. How much did you get?—I cannot say.
76,432. £60?—It was under 5*l.*
76,433. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Brown and Baines.
76,434. Did you get any money that time?—No.
76,435. Did you sell liquors that time?—Ay, a little, of course.
76,436. Did the committee pay you?—They paid for all they had.
76,437. At the last election who did you vote for?—For the blues.
76,438. Moore and Butler?—Yes.
76,439. You were paid something that time?—No money, only what I sold.
76,440. Were you not paid for a room?—Nothing for a room.
76,441. Were you not paid 30*s.* for the use of a room?—No, nothing at all.

T. L. Pennington.

THOMAS LUKE PENNINGTON sworn, and examined.

76,442. Where do you live?—No. 48 High Street.
76,443. What business are you?—An innkeeper.
76,444. What rent do you pay?—£30.
76,445. Are you a freeman?—No.
76,446. How long have you been entitled to vote?—Only this last election.

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76,447. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
76,448. Were you paid any money?—For a committee room.
76,449. How much did you get for that?—£6.
76,450. Was it for one of the district committees?—I do not know.
76,451. How many people were there?—Seven or eight.
76,452. Who was the chairman?—Mr. Helas.
76,453. How long before the election did they take your room?—Three weeks.
76,454. Were there other members of the committee besides the chairman who met there?—Several of them.
76,455. Was there a clerk?—Yes.
76,456. Who was the clerk?—I do not know their names; there were several of them, four or five, or five or six.
76,457. Were there many people passing in and out of the room?—Yes.
76,458. Were there other people and runners?—They had some runners and messengers going backwards and forwards.
76,459. They were voters that came there, were they?—I think they would be. I do not know whether they were voters or not; they had messengers going backwards and forwards.
76,460. Who were they paid by?—Mr. Steeple.
76,461. When your room was taken, did you get a list of the committee that were to meet there?—No, I do not know.
76,462. How do you know the name of the gentleman who took your room from you?—Mr. Davis engaged the room.
76,463. Mr. Edwin Davis?—Yes.
76,464. Did you know him before?—I did not much; I knew him by being a draper in the Market Place.
76,465. Did you trust to him for the money?—Yes; he took the room of me.
76,466. Did you make an agreement as to the price?—I asked 6*l.* for the room at the time of the election.
76,467. Had you promised your vote to them?—No; I did not.
76,468. Who told you the chairman's name?—I applied to him.
76,469. You say he was the chairman of the committee?—He was at one room.
76,470. Who told you his name?—Mr. Helas.
76,471. Yes?—I am sure I cannot say.
76,472. How do you know that was his name?—I believe that was his name.
76,473. How do you know?—He was called by that name.
76,474. Had you been canvassed before they took your room?—No.
76,475. Had you never been asked for your vote?—No.
76,476. Not by either party?—I believe I was asked for it, but not before they took the room.
76,477. Who called this man by that name, Helas, or whatever it is; who did you hear call him by that name?—I am not able to say.
76,478. Do you know where he lives?—He used to be the proprietor of the Kingston coffee house.
76,479. What has become of him now?—I do not know, I am sure.
76,480. Did you ever see him before?—No.
76,481. Or since?—No, I do not think I have.
76,482. Have you seen any of the people whom you saw there before or since?—Yes.
76,483. Who?—I have seen some of them since.
76,484. Tell me the names of any of them?—A man they called Ray.
76,485. How long did he stay?—I do not know.
76,486. Five minutes?—Backwards and forwards several times.
76,487. A messenger?—Something of that sort.
76,488. How came you to let Helas into the room?—I did not let him in.
76,489. Did you let everybody in that came?—When they took the room they took the key of it.
76,490. Mr. Davis took your room?—Yes, he did.
76,491. Did Helas take the key away when he went?—He locked it up.
76,492. Did he always do that?—I cannot say he always did.
76,493. Did you see that they did not get into your house; is there an outer door, and did he take the key of the room?—He had the key to come in and out when he liked.
76,494. Was it the key of the outer door?—No, the chamber door; it is a large club room.

Edward Shearn.

EDWARD SHEARN sworn, and examined.

76,495. Where do you live?—Pier Street.
76,496. What is your business?—A currier and leather merchant.
76,497. What is the rent you pay?—I occupy my own premises.
76,498. Do you know what you are rated at?—I think about 15*l.*, somewhere about that.

Edward Shearn.

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76,499. Do you vote as a 10*l.* householder?—I do.

76,500. How long have you been entitled to vote?—Since the Reform Bill.

76,501. In 1841 who did you vote for?—I really cannot recollect, I have taken so little interest in the elections; I have always voted for the Liberal interest till this last election; I thought they were going too fast, and I went over.

76,502. In 1841 you voted for Clay and Thompson?—I cannot say; I cannot speak to that.

76,503. You took no part in it?—I never took any part in it; I never was on any committee.

76,504. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Moore and Butler.

76,505. There is a payment put against your name of three guineas?—That was for coming from Birmingham to vote; one of the committee called on me a few days before the election; I told them I should be from home, and I could not attend; they begged that I would; I said it would not be worth the expense of my coming; I had no intention of coming; they seemed very strenuous about it, and I parted with the understanding. I said I hoped they would not be so closely run as to make a vote any object, and I said, "If you are you must let me know." When I was in Birmingham the day before the election, I got a letter, begging that I would come over. They had previously said they would pay my expenses; I said I did not think it worth while incurring the expense. The day previous to the election I got a note, saying they would be exceedingly obliged if I would come over; I left Birmingham by that night's mail and got here in the mornnig and gave my vote and returned immediately to Birmingham.

76,506. What was the money you received?—About a month ago. I never expected any. I had no intention. About a month after Mr. Bamford sent to ask what my expenses were; and I told him my fare was 3*l.* or 3 guineas, I am not sure which. I have it down in my cash book. I said I did not want it, and I am sorry you have not succeeded. He said Mr. Bamford promised it, and he would rather I took it.

76,507. That was the price of the fare?—The price of the railway tickets.

James Shaw.

JAMES SHAW sworn, and examined.

76,508. Where do you live?—Hessle Road.

76,509. What business are you?—A licensed victualler.

76,510. What rent do you pay?—£25.

76,511. Are you a freeman?—No.

76,512. How long have you been entitled to vote?—Nine years; I came to Hull in 1843.

76,513. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.

76,514. Did you get any money that election?—No.

76,515. Not on any account?—No.

76,516. You sent in no bills?—I had none to send in.

76,517. Did you take any part in the election besides voting—No, I did not.

76,518. At the last election who did you vote for?—Goderich and Clay.

76,519. At the former election did you have anything to do with Mr. Sidebottom?—No, I did not know him.

76,520. At the last election you voted for Clay and Goderich?—Yes.

76,521. Were you paid any money the last time?—No.

76,522. Did they take a room of you?—No.

76,523. At the time of the election?—No.

76,524. Did you receive any money from the candidates or their friends?—I received 10*s.* for refreshment at the last election from Dr. Hodgson.

76,525. Do you mean that they paid for your own refreshment?—Part of it; on the day of polling some of them got refreshment.

76,526. Do you mean that he gave you that to go and get refreshment?—No; he paid the bill for what had been had.

76,527. Was it for drink you had part of it?—I had part of it during the day, it was very hot.

S. Stephenson.

SAMUEL STEPHENSON sworn, and examined.

76,528. Where do you live?—Cleveland Street, Groves.

76,529. What business are you?—A cooper.

76,530. What rent do you pay?—I am rated at 25*l.*

76,531. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

76,532. How long have you been a freeman?—I took up my freedom in October, 1839.

76,533. Did you take it up yourself?—Yes.

76,534. Who did you vote for in 1841?—James and Hanmer.

76,535. Were you paid any money?—No.

76,536. Not on any account?—Not on any account.

S. Stephenson.

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76,537. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
76,538. Did you get any money that time?—No.
76,539. Had you nothing to do with the election but voting?—I had a little.
76,540. What was that?—During the election day I assisted for Mr. Brown.
76,541. In what way?—Fetching up voters.
76,542. Were you paid for that?—No.
76,543. You mean you took the voters to the poll?—Yes, I assisted.
76,544. Did you pay them anything?—No.
76,545. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
76,546. Were you paid any money?—Yes; I received money and I paid money.
76,547. How much did you receive?—I cannot say the amount exactly; I assisted Mr. Oxtoby in paying the voters in Holderness ward. I was one of the Holderness ward committee. I assisted him in paying. Several voters had not got paid, and of course he gave me the money. I think there were some four or five.
76,548. They gave you the money to go and pay?—To go and pay them.
76,549. Did you take it to their houses?—I took some to their houses, and some I paid in the street.
76,550. That was after the election?—After the election.
76,551. You knew at the time it was a payment for their votes?—No.
76,552. What did you think it was being paid for?—There is one party that you have had here, a man of the name of Hender. He stopped his sloop and his men for two days, and he demanded pay for them of course; I paid 10s. for that.
76,553. Had you a list?—I believe there was a list.
76,554. You had a list at the time you paid?—No.
76,555. How did you know who they were?—Mr. Oxtoby gave me the money to pay these parties.
76,556. Did he not give you the names of the men?—I believe not.
76,557. Did you know these men were men whose names had been set down?—No.
76,558. Some of those you would?—Not any.
76,559. Not any?—I do not know the names of any of those that were set down. I do not understand this setting down. They had been set down, as promised, but not for employment.
76,560. Do you not know that they were set down as promised, and who would not give their votes unless they got some money?—I do not know any one I paid any money to.
76,561. What do you think they were being paid for?—For attendance. It so happened that one clerk got into York Castle. Me and Mr. Oxtoby were two young men not much up to electioneering at all, and we took it upon ourselves; the money was sent down, and Mr. Oxtoby said to me, "We will take it upon ourselves to pay these voters, or runners, or messengers, or whatever they are called." Of course he had all the books, and everything, and I assisted him; that is all I did.
76,562. Did it ever strike your mind that you were not to pay the orange colour?—I should have been very sorry.
76,563. You were paying all those voters who voted blue?—Just so.
76,564. You would not have paid anybody else?—Decidedly not.
76,565. Did it not strike you that the way they had voted was a very essential part of the matter you had to consider?—I must say it was.
76,566. You did not think much about anything else, I dare say?—Oh, yes; a little about something else.
76,567. Did you pay yourself any of it?—Not a farthing; I was out of pocket.
76,568. When you had the money did you pay yourself back again?—Not a farthing; I was out of pocket.

W. G. E. Stockdale.

William George England Stockdale sworn, and examined.

76,569. Where do you live?—Church Street.
76,570. What is your business?—A wood turner.
76,571. What rent do you pay?—I live with my brother-in-law.
76,572. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
76,573. How long have you been a freeman?—Ten years.
76,574. Did you vote in 1847?—Yes.
76,575. Who for?—Baines and Brown.
76,576. Were you paid any money?—Half a sovereign.
76,577. After the election?—Yes.
76,578. Who were you paid by?—Conkerton.
76,579. Did you have your name set down?—No, I do not know that it was.
76,580. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
76,581. Did you get any money that time?—Not any.
76,582. Was your name set down?—No.
76,583. They have put, "What is the tip?" against you; what is the meaning of that?—I do not know.

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76,584. You did not see any money at all?—No.
76,585. You did not expect any?—No.
76,586. Did you take any part in the election?—No.

Charles Plaxton.

CHARLES PLAXTON sworn, and examined.

76,587. Where do you live?—No. 37, Great Thornton Street.
76,588. What is your business?—An accountant.
76,589. What rent do you pay?—£18.
76,590. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
76,591. How long have you been a freeman?—Two years.
76,592. At the last election you voted?—Yes.
76,593. Were you employed at the last election?—Yes.
76,594. In what capacity?—Clerk and secretary.
76,595. Where?—South Myton ward.
76,596. Who was the chairman?—Dr. Bell.
76,597. For Moore and Butler?—Yes.
76,598. Did you ask for employment generally?—I am sure I do not remember any asking on either side.
76,599. You were to be paid 5*s.* a day?—Yes.
76,600. How long did you attend?—I cannot say exactly; about three weeks I suppose.
76,601. Did you set down some of the names?—No; not one.
76,602. Who set them down?—I do not know who set them down.
76,603. Did you never hear of such a thing whilst you were at the committee?—I knew such a thing as men being engaged as runners.
76,604. What did you do?—I was merely keeping the books, and assisting in canvassing.
76,605. Was there not a list made out of the men who came and asked to be set down?—Many asked to be set down that were not set down.
76,606. Did you not put their names down?—No; they were merely told we could not engage them at all.
76,607. How many were set down do you think, of the applicants?—I do not remember
76,608. You set none down yourself at all?—Not one.
76,609. Have you any books or papers?—Not one.

Adjourned to Monday at ten o'clock.

FIFTY-THIRD DAY.—Monday, 8th August 1853.

Mr. S. Brown.
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Mr. SAMUEL BROWN sworn, and examined.

76,610. What business are you?—A political agent.
76,611. Do you not follow any other business?—General agency as well, that is my profession.
76,612. What do you do?—I attend to matters of this nature; I attend to election business, and things of that nature.
76,613. At times when elections are not going on, what do you do?—I am a general agent, that is my answer.
76,614. Where do you live?—My private residence is No. 2, Mitre Terrace, Downham Road, Kingsland.
76,615. Near London?—Yes, in London, you may call it.
76,616. Did you ever live in Hull?—I did.
76,617. How long is it?—I can hardly fix the date.
76,618. Fifteen years?—Within fifteen years.
76,619. Were you carrying on the business of a political agent then?—Yes; I was the secretary of the Conservative Association of this borough.
76,620 Perhaps that is what you meant?—That is not what I meant, that is not what I am now, although I was for years in the same capacity for the City of London, and I attend to the registration for more boroughs than one now.
76,621. And at that time, in the year 1841, were you a voter for this borough?—I was.
76,622. As a freeman, or merely as a householder?—As a householder.
76,623. Who did you vote for in the year 1841?—I really cannot say that I voted at all; if I did vote, I think I voted for Hanmer and James; but I think that I was so much occupied during the day that I forgot most likely.

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76,624. Samuel Brown, of English Street, is that you?—That is not me. It would be of the Anlaby Road, if I am there at all.

76,625. I believe you were employed to pay the money for taking up the freedoms of some persons in this borough in the year 1839?—I had quite forgotten it; but now you remember me, I believe it is right. I recollect being here one evening very late at night with a great number of freemen who were admitted; the date of it I cannot remember.

76,626. Who paid the money for it?—I did, unquestionably; I remember that.

76,627. Whose money was it?—I really do not know.

76,628. Who did you receive it from?—I really do not know.

76,629. Do you mean you have forgotten it?—I mean exactly that I have forgotten it, and I should wish to premise, before you question closely as to the details of any acts of my own, that you would be kind enough to furnish me with any evidence you have received, documentary evidence; I have had to do with such a variety of things since then.

76,630. It has been proved that you were the party in this place that paid the money for the blues?—Quite so; I remember the circumstance very well.

76,631. At whose instance did that occur?—I really cannot tell, if you will refresh my memory, and say A B gave me the money ——

76,632. We rather expect that gentlemen will be so good as to tell us their own view of the case, because other things may not be correct?—If you take my impression, I will give it.

76,633. Speak to the best of your belief?—Then the best of my belief is, being the secretary of the Conservative Association, the funds I raised on that occasion were obtained from the members of that association by contributions; that is the best of my belief. I know I said what I wanted to get the money for.

76,634. Can you tell from whose hands you received it?—I cannot, indeed.

76,635. Who was the treasurer of the association?—There was no treasurer; I think Mr. Barkworth took the position of seeing we were always in funds, and when we were not, he made us right.

76,636. The society is called the Conservative Association?—Association or society, I do not know which, for registration purposes, and to prepare for the elections.

76,637. Who was the chairman?—That I do not know. I was connected with the association some years, and we varied. I cannot fix any year, but I think perhaps Mr. Barkworth or Mr. Beadle, or some of those gentlemen would be in the chair.

76,638. Probably there was a chairman?—The minutes will show, because I kept minutes, which, whoever possesses the books, will show what transpired at the meeting, and who was in the chair; I always kept a record.

76,639. What became of the minutes after you parted with them?—I left them in a box or two belonging to the association.

76,640. Who did you give the box to?—No one; I cannot fix any one particularly. I left the borough.

76,641. Tell us as near as you can recollect?—I gave it to no one; I locked the office door, and perhaps left the key at Mr. Goddard's printing office.

76,642. Say to the best of your recollection?—I can say nothing but this, that after the election I think in 1841 of Messrs. Hanmer and James, a short time afterwards I determined to leave the town, and I should just leave that as I should my own house, except in the one case I should fix, I gave the key to my landlord, and in the other I could not.

76,643. Was it a matter of perfect indifference into whose hands the papers fell?—I should say they were so well guarded, it was a matter of indifference to me.

76,644. Tell me how guarded?—The office was over Mr. Goddard's shop, he having a shop below, and offices and premises all over the house, permitted us to use that room. I am sure I forget whether we paid rent for it or not, the door was always open.

76,645. Did you leave the box in the room?—I have stated a thing which I must fall back on my want of memory for; we had left Mr. Goddard's shop, and we were in Bowl Alley Lane then.

76,646. Your attention has been drawn to the fact for some time that you were coming here, I am sorry you have not given your mind to it?—If I commit myself in this as I have once, you must forgive me; I have been trying to put it right.

76,647. You think you had left Mr. Goddard's?—I am quite sure of it now.

76,648. Where did the association move to?—In Bowl Alley Lane, when I left Hull.

76,649. Is it your impression it was taken to Bowl Alley Lane?—It was there when I left.

76,650. Whose house was that?—I cannot say.

76,651. Were you the landlord?—No.

76,652. Can you tell us what number it was?—It was exactly opposite Mr. Thomas Ward's office; I know the place, and I can take you into it.

76,653. Did you leave it at this house in Bowl Alley Lane?—Decidedly.

76,654. Do you remember what your salary was then?—Yes, I do.

76,655. How much was it?—£150 a year.

76,656. How soon after going to this place in Bowl Alley Lane did you leave?—I think a short time it appears to me; I fancy we had only one revision there, I think so.

76,657. Who succeeded you as secretary?—I do not know.

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76,658. Did you never hear?—I never heard. In fact I do not believe there was any secretary appointed, not to my knowledge.

76,659. Was the society dissolved then?—I do not know; when I left the town I was done with its politics and everything.

76,660. How came you to leave the society; was it the society left you, or you left the society?—No; if you wish to be personal, I can give you the answer at once.

76,661. I merely wish to know, because the society may have become dissolved.—No.

76,662. Or you may have resigned and left the society?—That is quite right, I resigned and left the society.

76,663. Who was the most active gentleman in that society at the time you left it?—Do you mean who was connected with the committee?

76,664. Yes, with the management, whether of the committee or otherwise?—I have mentioned some names, I think Mr. Thomas Ward, Mr. Beadle, Mr. Barkworth, and Mr. Sleight.

76,665. What is Mr. Sleight's Christian name?—Robert Peasegood Sleight.

76,666. Was that the elder Mr. Barkworth?—Yes.

76,667. The gentleman who is dead?—Yes; and Mr. Theophilus Carrick was another; there may be others, but I forget them at this moment.

76,668. Had the society a banker?—No, they had not.

76,669. Whose care were their funds in?—My own.

76,670. That answers the question; I wanted to know first whether there was a treasurer?—That hardly does. I might nominally be. I do not know that there was. There might be a nominal treasurer.

76,671. I meant who kept the funds?—I did; I kept all the funds.

76,672. Was there a balance in your hands at the time of your resignation?—No.

76,673. Was there something coming to you?—Yes, in fact, that was generally the reason why I was the treasurer; we were always in arrear a little, as political associations generally are.

76,674. Who paid over the balance that was due to you?—That I forget, I cannot say; I almost imagine it was Mr. Barkworth; I know I went to see him and have just a few words with him before I left the town, and I forget what that balance was, but I think it was between 20*l.* and 30*l.*, how I got it I do not know.

76,675. At that time Sir Walter James was member for the town?—Yes.

76,676. Do you remember whether he was consulted in any way as to the taking up of those freedoms?—I do not.

76,677. Can you undertake to say he was not consulted?—I would not undertake to say he was not consulted about the taking up of those freedoms.

76,678. You do not undertake to say he was not?—Of course not; that would be undertaking to say Mr. Barkworth or Mr. Beadle did not.

76,679. So far as you are concerned? I do not remember the slightest communication I ever held with Sir Walter James on the subject as to those freemen.

76,680. As secretary, the correspondence would naturally take place between you and any person?—If it was official, as from the association itself, doubtless.

76,681. Can you undertake to say that there was no communication took place between you as secretary and Sir Walter James?—I cannot undertake to say that there was any, but if you have those minutes before you I can undertake to say, if such communication took place, it will be there.

76,682. We have not got them?—I think so; I should not like to fix such a thing on you; I say if it occurred, you may have them before you at a subsequent period of the inquiry.

76,683. You do not remember any correspondence?—I do not.

76,684. Do you know whether he was a contributor to the funds of the society?—He contributed certainly, but whether in one sum or annually I forget, or how often his subscription was paid; I think it was a donation when we required aid.

76,685. With whom did the idea of taking up this number of freedoms originate?—I do not know.

76,686. According to your recollection, who did it originate with?—I could not at all either recollect, believe, or dream, or think.

76,687. Did it with you?—Not at all, to my knowledge; it might.

76,688. How long was it before the 11th of July, the day of admission, that the subject was mooted in the society?—I think I may say a very short time, a very few days.

76,689. Can you tell in what circumstance it originated?—Yes, I think I can; I think I heard that a great number of Radical freemen were to be admitted on a given day and for certain purposes.

76,690. What purpose?—To get them upon the register for that year.

76,691. You heard that?—I remember it now particularly, as you call the date of the admission to my mind.

76,692. Do you remember hearing that there were a great number of Radical freemen to be admitted?—Yes; and I remember waiting on some gentlemen connected with the party, with a view of asking them if they did not consider it desirable that that should be counteracted. I remember now the circumstances.

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76,693. Having heard that, you communicated it: who to?—I cannot fix that. I may say generally to the leaders of the party, but really to say I spoke to one man of the party or not I do not know.

76,694. Had you a meeting?—I think we had a meeting in consequence. I ran round to some half dozen gentlemen to mention the circumstance, and ask if we ought not to counteract it.

76,695. And there was a meeting?—I believe a meeting was the result.

76,696. And at that meeting what took place?—At that meeting or at a subsequent period, in consequence of what transpired at that meeting, a certain amount of money, which I thought would be necessary, was provided for me.

76,697. To take up the freedoms in order to counteract the number which had been taken up on the orange side?—Exactly.

76,698. How much money was it?—That I forget.

76,699. Was it as much as 2*l.* or 3*l.*?—It was more than ten times that.

76,700. How much according to your memory?—I think, according to my memory, I must have handed over, and did, in one sum to the town clerk, 50*l.* or 60*l.* It might have been 70*l.*; it was under 100*l.* I think I could swear to under 100*l.*; from 60*l.* or 70*l.* to 100*l.*

76,701. Who handed the money to you?—I believe I collected it.

76,702. Who from?—The party; and I believe I have no record of it. I held it quite a matter which did not come within the jurisdiction of the association itself, and you will find no minute of that.

76,703. Do you remember the names of any of the parties who contributed?—No; I could not remember one name.

76,704. Your memory seems to revive just now?—That is true, and it may again. I tell you the first mentioning the date opened up the whole circumstance to my mind.

76,705. Tell us the names of some of the people; 60*l.* or 100*l.* is a large sum?—I cannot.

76,706. Not one?—I cannot one. I can say this, that I believe I should call upon gentlemen that I was in the habit of calling upon; say Mr. Barkworth, Mr. Beadle, Mr. Ward, and a number of others as well known to gentlemen in this Court. I got the money so much apiece, but that I can remember at this moment going into one man's office to get a 5*l.* note, or a cheque, I cannot.

76,707. You believe you called on Mr. Barkworth, Mr. Beadle, and Mr. Ward?—I believe I should call upon them.

76,708. Do you believe you did?—I believe I did.

76,709. Do you believe any of them contributed?—I do.

76,710. Did you contribute yourself?—I did not, except in the way of labour.

76,711. How long did it take you to collect this sum of money?—I should think it would be done in twenty-four hours after it was determined upon.

76,712. Had you anybody to assist you?—That I cannot say; my impression is that I must, because I remember it caused a sensation in the town among the carpenters and that class, as to which party they should join, and the office was open to receive applicants, and to put down persons' names who would be here with a view of their freedom being paid for.

76,713. The number appears to be considerable; what means were taken to find out they were persons you could rely on?—We did not do that at all.

76,714. How was that scheme carried into effect?—There was no scheme in it.

76,715. The plan?—It hardly amounts to a plan. Certain freemen understood as I told the Court, that the Radicals were going to admit a large number.

76,716. Be so good as to call them by the names of the orange and blue respectively?—The orange gentlemen had made it tolerably well known that they were to do this, and I had heard it among the rest. I had heard from some of the parties that they had canvassed, and having set myself to work to counteract it, as I have said, it soon got abroad among those who wished to have their freedoms taken up, that I was about to do the same, so that they came to me, and I took the act of their coming to me as an indication that they wished to be with me politically, because the other party were open to them, and I made no inquiry beyond that.

76,717. Then the plan that was had recourse to, and the course adopted, was tolerably notorious?—Quite so.

76,718. On both sides?—Yes; they were here till nine o'clock at night.

76,719. It was known that there was an intention?—Beforehand it was quite understood.

76,720. By both sides?—Yes; I do not mean to say that the orange party intended it should ooze out, but it did ooze out, and the result was it became well known on both sides.

76,721. On the other hand did you mean that yours should be quite public?—I did not seem to care about it.

76,722. You thought they had some object, but you had none?—I did not see any occasion at all; perhaps I met an old freeman who had been in the habit of voting for the party, and I asked him if he had any sons.

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76,723. Did it occur to you to advertise in the newspapers?—We did not intend it should be exactly so public as that.

76,724. A sort of intermediate kind of publicity that you did not mind it being talked about, although it did not appear in the newspapers?—Quite so.

76,725. Was there any canvass made to them to increase the numbers?—That I am not quite sure about; I may say no, there was no canvass to increase the numbers. I say no at once to that, excepting in the manner I say. If I met an old freeman in Lowgate or passing through the town, I said, "Hallo, old fellow! how are you; have you got any sons?" And so I increased my list of partizans. There was no personal canvass.

76,726. I mean were people solicited?—By myself I dare say.

76,727. You solicited parties when you met them in the street?—Yes.

76,728. How many do you think you solicited yourself?—A very limited number; within half a dozen.

76,729. Four or five perhaps?—Yes, perhaps.

76,730. About that?—I will guard it, if you please, as you have with "perhaps." I really do not know.

76,731. What is the nearest number?—I cannot fix any number. I know I did meet one man, that is fixed on my mind. If you want me to fix a number, I fix one. I do not remember his name, but I remember a circumstance of the sort at the time.

76,732. You say less than six, and you can only remember one?—That is all.

76,733. It was perfectly understood as well, between you and them, that they were to vote for the blue candidates at the first opportunity?—If you mean that it was distinctly understood in terms that they were to vote for the blues, I say no.

76,734. You would have no objection if that is so. You admitted probably as many orange as blue?—No; you are wrong there. I know a little better than that, but I had no understanding with them; that is fixed upon my mind from another circumstance, which arose again out of your question, that the other party had a certain understanding which each man signed. We had none.

76,735. We are quite aware of both those, but do you think the party was considered quite at liberty to vote orange?—Quite so.

76,736. Without any breach at all?—That is matter of opinion.

76,737. That is what I ask?—If I traced a man voting at the subsequent election for the orange party I should have held it personally to have been a breach of political honour; at the same time there was no understanding, not one word.

76,738. What do you mean by understanding?—I mean simply if a party volunteered to come to me rather than go to the other, I took it for granted his political inclination was that way, without any bond or understanding.

76,739. What you said was, "The parties came and applied to me, and I understood from that that they meant to be with us"?—Quite so.

76,740. What I meant by understanding was, whether there was a corresponding understanding or impression upon your mind that you considered that they would vote for you?—I thought they would.

76,741. You would not have paid the money unless you believed they meant to have done so?—I should not have paid the money unless I believed that.

76,742. They would vote blue the next time?—I had no belief at the moment with reference to any one man. I took it for granted that a man's application to me was an indication of public feeling, and I let it rest there.

76,743. Suppose from something that had occurred that it would have crossed your mind that his coming to you was, I will say, a plot, a trap, would you have taken his freedom up?—Oh dear, no.

76,744. Then you would not have taken up anybody's freedom unless you believed him to be a thorough blue?—Yes; I may go that length.

76,745. Did you make any record or minute of the proceedings?—No; that is what I think I told you.

76,746. I only ask a question as to what was done at the Mansion House?—I had a list.

76,747. Was that entered in a book?—No; it was a list of names, and an amount to each. As I paid the amount, that is, as the amount was settled, I paid it in one sum, but as the amount was settled by the town clerk or treasurer, I placed the sum to the man's name as he was admitted, and paid it all at the close.

76,748. You made no inquiry?—No; I am satisfied it was not a part of the business of the association or recognised as such.

76,749. It was rather an irregularity?—I think it was an irregularity, and one of those hasty things that is done in five minutes, and of course could not be recognised as part of the business of the association.

76,750. Still I suppose you drew the attention of the society to it afterwards?—At the moment I dare say I might have held a meeting of the committee on the subject.

76,751. You have told us a meeting took place?—Whether a meeting of the committee or of a few friends, I do not know; if of the committee you will find it on the minutes, but you will not find a list of the names on the minutes.

76,752. How many were there?—I do not know. I am afraid when I come to that

part, about the list of names, that the amount must be larger than I mentioned. I do not think there could be less than fifty or sixty.

76,753. 108 is the exact number given to us?—Were they all blues?

76,754. Yes?—Then I must have had more money. I know the cost varied.

76,755. I wished before putting the number to see how far it corresponded with your memory?—It is possible it might be 108, but in that case, I am quite sure, I am wrong as to the amount, because I remember that the bulk of them cost about 30*s.* ahead.

76,756. It is 108?—Then I am wrong as to the amount.

76,757. It is 108?—Then I certainly am wrong as to the amount.

76,758. A witness has been called, who proved the exact number; does your memory agree with that?—If he has proved the exact number he knows it. I speak from memory, and I felt when you came to the list I was wrong.

76,759. I would rather that you would rely on your own memory?—It is possible it might be 108. I know there were a very large number, and we did not get through till midnight.

76,760. Do you believe that is a correct statement?—I believe that, if it has been given in evidence here, for no other reason.

76,761. Does that refresh your memory?—That does refresh my memory as to there being a large number of persons. Have you the number on the other side, that would refresh it still better? I know we had not so many.

76,762. Do you think you had half as many?—Yes. We had not so many, but we had more than half as many; I think we had two-thirds, that would be about the comparative number.

76,763. 236 by the orange. There are 108 by the blues taken up certainly, and the ninety-six doubtful must have been by that taken up by the blues?—Quite so; there were a great number paid for themselves on that occasion.

76,764. You say yours would be about two-thirds of what the orange did?—I think about.

76,765. You took up as many as you could in a short space of time?—It was a very short space of time, they were all thrown together.

76,766. You took up as many as you could find?—Yes, and they came up to the latest hour. It was in order that we might get them through that night. I think a person of the name of Thistleton sat in one place, and I in another, and the official to represent the town clerk took down their names, and there was such a mob that the man had himself to say "blue" or "orange." Then I looked at my list and if I had him down I ticked the man off.

76,767. If he said blue, you paid for him?—Yes; I put him down on my list. We had a means of recognizing them, or a great number of them, because of our prepared lists.

76,768. Who was the gentleman that assisted you?—I had no one there to my knowledge. Whether I had a youth assisting in the office taking the names of persons down, I do not know.

76,769. A man of the name of Pimcey, or Pœmsey, or Podsey has been mentioned as having been associated with you?—No; I remember a Pudsey, a tailor in Hull, but I do not remember anybody of that name as a clerk to me.

76,770. His name has been mentioned as your assistant?—I do not remember any one of that name.

76,771. It lasted a considerable time?—I think we hardly got through by twelve at night.

76,772. What means did you take to ascertain that these were persons whose professions you could rely upon?—Their political professions?

76,773. Yes?—I always relied on the professions of any freeman in Hull, and I never found in six cases that a freeman of Hull failed to fulfil his promise.

76,774. Perhaps you have not seen the mode in which your 108 voted?—I did see that. I kept my minutes until after the publication of the poll book, and I tried it myself, and I think I did not find half a dozen defaulters, I fancy so.

76,775. A great many on the other side defaulted to you?—Then they must go from the cross number; I do not remember from my analysis of the list and the poll book that there were half a dozen that failed me. I remember one man coming and saying he should, I said: "You are all right, go and do as you like." And I did not make any stipulation with him. If you have gone into an analysis of that nature, and you have made a large number fail, I am quite sure you are going wrong; about the number of those that paid for themselves, I speak from memory now, I know there were many men walked into that room and walked out again, rather than they should seem to be identified with one or other party, lest they should be considered to be of the party.

76,776. The information we have comes from the orange party, you may not agree with it. It comes from Mr. Wilde, and it may be you do not agree with his figures?—I do not know where Mr. Wilde obtained his information, but he had nothing to do with that, I think.

76,777. If you have any information as to figures, will you give it us?—I have no information as to figures.

76,778. Mr. Wilde stated 236 were taken up by the orange, 108 were known to have been taken up and paid for by the blues, and 96 either took up their own freedoms, of

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which two-thirds are supposed to be blues; and then we have an exact analysis of the names of the 108 known to have been taken up by the blues, and the number of defaulters? —May I ask what that number is?

76,779. Did you examine the poll book after?—I have some recollection that I did.

76,780. Do you recollect this, if you examined the poll book, asserting if all the orange voted orange, and all the blues voted blue, that Mr. Clay would have been returned?—No; I am not aware of anything of the sort, nor do I believe it.

76,781. Can you furnish us with any of the figures?—I cannot; to the best of my recollection and belief, my impression is quite the opposite of that.

76,782. Can you furnish us with any figures to enable us to come to that?—Not the slightest; I speak from memory.

76,783. At present we have it name by name proved. If your memory had been equally good, it would have of course assisted us in correcting the error; but it seems you cannot? —From memory I cannot, I cannot go through them name by name; from documents, I have none.

76,784. It has been done?—It is inaccurate.

76,785. Can you point out the inaccuracies?—I cannot point them out, but I speak from a very strong recollection that the men had done so for the opposite of that that I had hardly a failure.

76,786. Do you believe the orange had hardly a failure?—That I do not know; I never tried that, because I had not an orange list. I speak of the blues, and I speak very fairly too.

76,787. Your opinion is, if it is so, that a considerable number of the orange must have gone over to you afterwards?—That is probable and possible, but of that I know nothing. I have no memory or no knowledge.

76,788. I believe you were very actively engaged on the part of the blues in the election of 1841?—I was.

76,789. Did you hold any office, secretary or clerk to any committee?—I as secretary of the association felt that I was secretary to the committee or something quite equal to it; we had no formal sets of resolutions.

76,790. To the central committee?—Yes.

76,791. Was it there that your duty was carried on?—Entirely.

76,792. And you had minute books and other books?—No. I had not a minute book for election purposes, nor resolutions passed. I believe the plan adopted was, that we should convene a meeting of the association, and that the members of the association present at that meeting should resolve themselves into an election committee and do it forthwith; but I do not believe, speaking from memory, that any of the records of the proceedings were kept in the shape of a minute book, or a committee book.

76,793. There were district committees?—Yes.

76,794. And the chairman and deputy chairman of every district committee was a member of the central committee?—I think not, except as ex-officio they might attend any meeting.

76,795. They did attend?—Occasionally.

76,796. Nearly every day?—No; they were attending to their duties every day, very few of them came.

76,797. Were not some of them there every morning?—I do not recollect one man that came every morning.

76,798. Some came?—There never was a day passed but what certain persons connected with the committee met.

76,799. I ask you generally whether there did not some of the chairmen and deputy chairmen of the districts meet every morning so as to make themselves acquainted with the general nature of the proceedings?—As a rule, I should say no. They might be invited, but as a matter of practice I should say it was very little attended to.

76,800. The chairman did not attend, that is your impression?—That is, regularly. I quite understand what you mean; you mean every morning the chairman and the deputy chairman of the district came to see the course of the previous day's business and to take instructions for that day?

76,801. No; I mean one or two might come one day, and one or two might come another? —Yes, the committee was attended, if that is what you mean by some one or other daily.

76,802. There was a book, we hear, in which the names of runners were set down?—Knowing something of elections and knowing nothing of the proceedings of this Court, may I ask to what the term runners is applied?

76,803. No; I beg you will answer my question. I ask you whether there was not a book kept in which the names of runners were set down?—I do not know.

76,804. Do you mean you have forgotten it?—I have no recollection of keeping such a book, or ordering such a book to be kept.

76,805. I ask whether a book was kept?—I do not know.

76,806. I must ask you to exercise your memory as far as you can. I am asking you about things, about which nobody else has had the slightest hesitation?—They have been connected with the borough since that time; I have not.

76,807. That is the more reason why you should have thought of it, not having your attention distracted by other elections here?—Not here, but I have elsewhere.

76,808. All those questions have been put before to other gentlemen?—I do not know, and therefore I am guarded.

76,809. I do not mean to impute any intention on your part to conceal anything?—I would not on any account. I have come here to do quite the opposite and give you every information I can. I must have your aid, or else if I answer strictly as a question before any other Court, I must answer Yes, or No, to any question as you put it.

76,810. You are asked as to the best of your memory and belief?—If you put me in competition with other witnesses you have had before you, I say I do not know anything about them, or who they are.

76,811. I put the question again, and ask you whether you will undertake to say this, that there was not a book kept within your knowledge in which the names of the runners were set down?—Within my knowledge, belief, and recollection, at this moment—no.

76,812. You believe it is untrue?—Within my knowledge, I speak within my knowledge, and I say—no.

76,813. You never saw such a book?—That is my present feeling, that I never saw such a book; that I paid the messengers I employed, is the fact.

76,814. Messengers I mean?—I employed messengers at my central committee, as many as I thought necessary, and paid them.

76,815. Were not the names returned in a book?—I should certainly keep a record of the payments.

76,816. Would not the payments have the names who paid?—Yes, so far as my messengers are concerned. I took the liberty of interrupting the Court for the purpose of asking in what manner that term was used; the word "runners."

76,817. Messengers if you like?—I use the word messengers. I say at once all the messengers employed by me in active operation at the central committee were paid by me.

76,818. And their names set down by you?—I took every man's receipt and signature.

76,819. Before he was employed was his name set down in a book or on a piece of paper in a list of applicants for employment?—Doubtless I should keep a separate book for that as I always do. I have gone through an election for the City of London, when I have kept a clerk to enter applications for employment and they came to 2,500*l.*

76,820. You did keep a book in which you entered the names of applicants for employment?—All applications and by whom they were sent.

76,821. Had you many applicants?—I think I may answer generally, yes, about the ordinary number.

76,822. For employment generally?—For employment generally.

76,823. Messengers?—Messengers and clerks too; check clerks.

76,824. How long were you employed at this before the election took place?—That I cannot fix my memory to.

76,825. Were you employed as much as a week?—Quite.

76,826. Two?—I think so.

76,827. Six weeks?—I think not.

76,828. Five?—About; not quite, I should think.

76,829. About five weeks?—I should think about four or five weeks.

76,830. Did you pay both before and after the election, or only before, or only after, which?—Both.

76,831. Did you enter any of the names of applicants who were not voters?—I made no distinction.

76,832. Do you think you entered two applicants who were non-voters?—I should think so.

76,833. Three?—More.

76,834. How many?—I cannot say how many.

76,835. How many more than three, can you swear?—I swear to none at all.

76,836. Will you swear you made a single entry?—From memory, I say no. If you ask me what my impression is, I should say a great number.

76,837. You will not swear you put down one?—I will not. And, by the same rule, I will not swear I put down a voter, because I do not know it.

76,838. Do you mean you never asked and ascertained whether a man was a voter?—No.

76,839. Who is the person who would ascertain that?—I suppose the person whose name you will find, if there is such a book in existence, attached to the name in a column which will represent by whom recommended, or by whom sent.

76,840. Now, I ask you, was there not a column for entering the number on the register?—That I do not remember.

76,841. I wish you to refresh your memory?—I do not know if there was.

76,842. I ask you, upon your oath, whether there was not a column for it?—Then I answer upon my oath. I know no such thing; I have no memory at all about it.

76,843. Have you any doubt about it?—I have great doubt, and my doubt rests on one thing. I have no recollection that I ever did such a thing, or allowed it.

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76,844. Did you ever see such a book at Hull, in which there is such a column?—If it is so, I say it is the only book of the sort I have ever seen with the number of the register attached to it.

76,845. Will you pledge your recollection that there is no such column in it?—Oh dear, no. I have no recollection whatever as to the book.

76,846. Have you any reason acting upon your own mind why those numbers should not be put?—Decidedly.

76,847. Will you tell us what it is?—It is this: that the same position I held in that election I have held in many other places, and I never allowed, and I have not done since, (it is true I was very young then), any person to have the power of recognizing whether a man is a voter or not, because in some boroughs it is notorious that they never ask for employment but for their friends.

76,848. It happens to be notorious here that there never was any such thing employed as a man who was not a voter?—I do not know. I took care that the messengers all about me were voters.

76,849. Were they not selected from the voters for the express purpose of influencing the election?—It was understood that they never would take a man in such a capacity unless he was a voter; but if you ask me generally, and our election is mainly dependent upon clerks——

76,850. And others in your own interest?—Quite so.

76,851. Would you not consider it a justification for entering a man in the promise book, that he had made an application for employment to you, and you got his name set down as an applicant for employment?—No. I should consider it a justification for entering a promise in the promise book, if he had applied and been employed, but not if he had only applied.

76,852. Do you remember a person of the name of Newton being one of the persons about your committee?—No, I do not. If you remind me in what capacity he was, I might remember him.

76,853. Can you remember, at the central committee, about how many of such names were so entered in the promise book, in consequence of their being employed?—I do not.

76,854. I can give you the number; upwards of 100?—I think not, unless it included the district.

76,855. No; it included merely that one. I mean the central committee only?—I think not. I think I could swear there was no such number.

76,856. Will you undertake to swear there was not?—I think I can swear there was no such number.

76,857. How many will you pledge your remembrance to?—I speak from memory, and you see how far I am wrong about those admissions to freedoms. But I should think, as far as my memory will serve me, that I never did, or never saw,—and I have seen three elections in Hull,—I never saw more than fifty or sixty employed at the central committee room; and I may add to that, as far as my recollection leads me to give evidence,—and I should like to go to the fullest extent,—and I believe those parties were, as nearly as possible, every one of them employed in one way or another, and always expected to be ready.

76,858. A good deal of trouble, we understand, was taken in finding employment for them?—Very likely you would have had to do so occasionally.

76,859. And that was so in 1841?—Yes.

76,860. A good deal of ingenuity was displayed for that purpose?—Yes; perhaps so, upon some occasions.

76,861. As far as possible, you endeavoured to find employment for every applicant?—Quite so; but they were not strictly looked after. I mean, if you had a pencil at hand, you put a certain number down, and if they were at hand you did not care who was employed and who was not.

76,862. You meant to employ everybody who was an applicant?—Yes; as far as they could within reasonable limits employ them.

76,863. Give us your idea of reasonable limits; was there any limit at all?—I have given you from fifty to sixty; in fact, I know there was a limit. I have rejected the putting down the names of scores of parties, and sent them to their districts for the purpose, and I believe, if anything colourable existed with reference to those lists, it was done by the district committees, and not by the central.

76,864. When you used the word "reasonable," did you mean safe?—What do you mean by "safe"?

76,865. You really must answer the question put to you?—I cannot answer what I do not understand.

76,866. When you made use of the word "reasonable," did you not mean safe, in order that it might not be so apparent that more men were employed than were wanted?—Quite so, if you want it in that way. I thought you meant with reference to men being safe.

76,867. Is that what you meant?—Yes, that is quite right, if that is what you want.

76,868. Of the applicants, you either employed them all or sent them to the district committees?—That was my practice.

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76,869. And returns were made, were there not, as soon as the election was over, of the number of persons who you say were employed and to be paid, made to you?—I remember paying a large number of persons, both attached to the central committee, and, I think, from many of the districts, sent by the authority of the chairmen for that purpose.

76,870. And that were paid at the central committee?—Who were paid at the central committee. I do not say that that was uniform.

76,871. How many did you pay?—That I will not trust to memory to say.

76,872. How many hundreds?—Under a hundred.

76,873. Under 100?—Yes; under 100.

76,874. How many?—I really cannot say; there might be 100.

76,875. 300 you might have paid?—No; I think it might, but I believe I did not.

76,876. 200?—No; I believe I did not pay 200.

76,877. Can you swear you did not pay 200?—I will not swear that. I will swear I did not pay 300, and I believe it was above 200.

76,878. But you will not swear that you did not pay 200?—No.

76,879. You paid all that were paid at the central committee room, did you not?—I believe I did, and that is why I should not like positively to swear, because I might have adopted some persons.

76,880. Have you heard the whole amount of money that was spent?—I do not want to hear that; I know that.

76,881. How much upon that election?—Between 5,000*l.* and 6,000*l.*

76,882. Close upon 6,000*l.*?—Yes.

76,883. On your side?—Yes; just under 6,000*l.*, if my memory serves me right.

76,884. I rather think it came to 6,500*l.*?—I think not.

76,885. Is that so?—I think not. I may be wrong. It is not a matter of very much importance when you come to such heavy numbers as that. I know it was considerable.

76,886. It is over 6,000*l.*?—I believed it to be a little under. I know I made up the accounts, with the total.

76,887. The amount given to us is 6,580*l.*, the question is whether you agree to that?—I thought it was about 3,000*l.* for each of the candidates; my impression was there was 50*l.* or 100*l.* left under the 6,000*l.*

76,888. Was there not a subscription of 800*l.*?—No; I think that is what makes the discrepancy in my mind. I think I closed the accounts with the 5,700*l.*, and I have no knowledge of a subscription at this moment. The subscriptions would be after that for something outstanding, or something of that sort, which was not in my time.

76,889. Do I understand you rightly, when I understood you to say you remained in the town of Hull till some time in the month of October?—I believe so, rather until December.

76,890. How late did your share in the paying continue after the election?—I believe you have had the candidates here, and I think I may answer it in this way: that my share of the payments extended up to their connexion with the election, that is to say, up to the time at which they paid their balance.

76,891. You continued to pay?—Yes.

76,892. That was on the 14th of October?—Yes; I dare say it would be, but I had then done with the association.

76,893. Where else did you pay besides at the central committee?—I should pay bills at the office of the association unquestionably, and the tradesmen's accounts.

76,894. Besides tradesmen's accounts where else did you pay?—I have no knowledge of paying at any other place than at the office of the association, unless you mean by where else did I take the money to certain tradesmen.

76,895. Did you take money for the purpose of being paid to voters?—I have no recollection of doing it at any other place than at the central committee, which was at the George Inn, and at the office of the association.

76,896. I want to know whether you did not pay money at other places besides the office of the association, and at the central committee?—To the best of my recollection and belief, no. If the Court can refresh my memory with any circumstances, I will instantly give all the information that I can.

76,897. I have a list of the money paid at other places?—I see you have, and I have no recollection of any other place myself.

76,898. Will you undertake to swear that you did not?—No; if the Commissioners will pardon me the expression, I really think, seeing that I have no wish to be obtuse, that the best way you can get information from me is not to drive me into swearing, because I swear to nothing hardly; I have no recollection or very little recollection. You put to me certain events, and it will arise in my mind. I have no wish to run counter to the Commissioners at all, but to give every information in my power; but I do not like questions to be put to me that way, as if I did intend to conceal, and had a knowledge beforehand.

76,899. Do you know of the house of Thomas Dalton?—No; unless you give me the whereabouts, I cannot say where it is.

76,900. Do you remember paying him some money?—I do not.

76,901. Do you know Linwood?—No.

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76,902. Did you pay any money there?—No.

76,903. Linwood the plumber?—Do you mean to pay persons at his house?

76,904. Yes?—No.

76,905 Did you pay him any money?—I will not swear; it is possible. I paid a great many persons.

76,906. Do you know that persons were paid at Linwood's?—No, I do not.

76,907. You never heard of it?—No; I never heard of it, to my knowledge.

76,908. Did you never hear till to-day that persons were paid at Linwood's?—To the best of my belief, never.

76,909. Where were the voters paid, in Wincolmlee?—I really do not know; that would be the work of the district committee.

76,910. I should not have pressed you so much, only I thought you were a person who had taken some active share in the election?—I took an active share in the election, but I did not go to Wincolmlee and pay everything that was paid by the district committee. I know very little of the details; I know that the chairman was provided with certain accounts from time to time, and I dare say they returned such accounts as were satisfactory; but as to the bulk of the money, with the exception of the tradesmen's bills, I may say nearly the whole went through the district.

76,911. You may have heard through the district chairman where the money was paid?—It would be paid at the district committee room; at whatever sign it was the East Sculcoates committee sat at, it would be paid there; I paid at the George. No; not to my recollection.

76,912. Have you never heard of such a thing?—I have never heard of such a thing. I don't even know where Linwood's the plumber's is.

76,913. You have never heard of such a thing?—Not to my knowledge.

76,914. Could you hear of it without knowing it?—Yes; I could hear it without knowing it. I heard a great many things about the election at the time, but I have no knowledge of it at all at this moment.

76,915. You may have heard it?—Yes.

76,916. And have forgotten it?—Yes.

76,917. You will not undertake to say you have not heard it?—I have not the slightest hesitation in saying that I have not the slightest recollection of it; but I do not know it. If I recollected it, I would communicate it at once.

76,918. Or at Binks's the painter's; did you pay any money there?—No. Is that in High Street?

76,919. Yes.—Then no, I did not.

76,920. Did you pay any money to anybody?—Not that I know of.

76,921. Your book shows that you paid bills to him?—Yes, a good many bills I paid; publican's balances.

76,922. I only want to know whether you include in your answer that you paid all?—If you ask me if I paid Binks a bill I say I have no knowledge of it. Give me my accounts and examine me upon them, and I say I did not pay that bill. You can examine me at any length, if you give me the account books; then I can fresh my memory.

76,923. In the first place, I do not know that they are your accounts?—Then I do not know. I paid all the moneys, and therefore the chances are that they would be my accounts.

76,924. Was all the money that was paid paid by you?—I believe so, the bulk of it. When I say, that you must take in connexion with my answer that I gave you just now, that it was paid by me to certain persons, named district chairmen, and large payments were made by them; speaking generally, I did pay all the money.

76,925. Do you know the Bay Horse in this town?—I do not.

76,926. Then I need scarcely ask you whether you paid any money there; I mean a public house, the Bay Horse?—I quite understand by the sign that it is a public house; and I answer generally that I paid no freeman for any purpose at any public house; if anybody keeps the Bay Horse and has a bill against the committee, I paid that account and it would be in my account.

76,927. Binks's is not a public house, it is a painter's?—Quite so, and if I saw any memorandum about Binks, that might call it to my mind, I should at once reveal it.

76,928. The question is, whether you paid the voters at Binks's shop?—No, I did not; most certainly.

76,929. Or at the Bay Horse?—No.

76,930. Or at Saville Street, at Mrs. Hopper's?—No.

76,931. Did you ever hear of that lady?—No.

76,932. You know her, perhaps?—I cannot say; I should not know her if I was to see her; but I think I have seen her once or twice.

76,933. You saw her in 1841?—I believe I did. I remember being in the house once; but I cannot call to mind the purpose. I might know her.

76,934. Do you not remember the purpose you went for?—No; I knew Mr. Hopper. I think it was just subsequent to his death. I think he was killed by a fall from a horse.

76,935. It has quite escaped you, the purpose for which you went there?—If you mean was it anything connected with the election, I say, I think not.

76,936. It was about the election time?—It is possible; but I really do not know that.

76,937. Thomas Dalton, whom I spoken to you about, is a teacher of navigation and nautical astronomy, and he lived at No. 7, Mason Street?—I remember, not the person, but the house. I believe it was the West Sculcoates committee room.

76,938. Did you pay money to voters there?—Not to my recollection, I believe not, positively.

76,939. Will you swear you did not?—I want you to avoid that if you please. I am upon my oath, and it makes one feel a little criminal; and although I know your powers, and quite understand that I do not come here ignorant of the nature of an oath, and I quite understand the case; although perfectly prepared, if you will enable me to do so, to give you every information I am in possession of, and therefore I am rather indignant at the way you are putting the questions to me.

76,940. I am obliged to put the questions to you in that form, because your memory is not so good as that of the thousand other witnesses whom we have examined?—As one act of courtesy, may I beg the Court not to remind me again that I am upon my oath?

76,941. What I wish to know is, whether you remember paying any voters at No. 7, Mason Street?—No.

76,942. Will you undertake to pledge your oath, you did not?—No.

76,943. Did you supply the money for the purpose of paying the voters at Linwood's?—It is very likely.

76,944. Did you then pay money for the purpose of paying the voters at Binks's, the painter's?—I do not know that I did; I believe not. If I did, I made a record of it.

76,945. Is it merely that you do not remember, or that you will undertake to pledge your oath that you did not?—I pledge my oath to every word I utter.

76,946. I want to know whether you can pledge your oath simply to that?—As a matter of memory, I have no recollection.

76,947. Still, I want to know this: will you pledge your oath to the fact that it may have occurred, and you have forgotten it?—Oh, dear no.

76,948. Then it may have occurred and you have forgotten it?—It is quite possible; I pledge my oath that I have no recollection of it; but I am quite ready to give every information as far as I know it.

76,949. Did you pay any money in Binks's shop in Witham?—No.

76,950. That you are certain of?—Positive.

76,951. Did you supply any money for the purpose of it being paid at Binks's shop at Witham?—To my knowledge I never did. I supplied money to the district committees, and to such persons as the committee thought well to give it to; and if anybody has said that they got money from me, and that they paid it at a blacksmith's shop, you have it in evidence; but I had no knowledge of it, and I had nothing whatever to do with it.

76,952. It is but right that you should have an opportunity of stating your recollection of it?—I have none.

76,953. If you were to say as positively that it did not occur, as other persons say it did occur, we should have a greater amount of difficulty?—I assert positively that I never paid money in a blacksmith's shop.

76,954. Did you supply the money for the purpose?—Not to my knowledge. I believe not.

76,955. It may have occurred and have escaped your memory?—Quite so.

76,956. Did you supply money for the payment of the voters at Thomas Dalton's, in Mason Street?—Not to my knowledge.

76,957. Here again I observe: do you mean to pledge your oath that it did not occur, or merely that it has escaped your memory?—I believe that I supplied money to the chairman of the district committee, which was held there, and he did as he thought proper with it.

76,958. Did you supply it for the purpose, knowing it was to pay the voters?—I do not understand what you mean by that; you are here to inquire into corrupt practices.

76,959. It has been stated by the candidates themselves with the greatest frankness, that an enormous sum of money was spent for the express purpose of bribery; that has been made no secret of?—I am very sorry to hear that the candidates should know that. I now see how you are driving me, if I have a knowledge of anything of that sort. I pledge my oath I have no knowledge of large sums being applied for bribery.

76,960. Not large, but small?—No, neither large nor small; and I never was directly or indirectly concerned in paying any voter in this borough as a bribe for his vote, that is my answer; therefore, if we can get out of this money groove and into the right one, I shall be glad.

76,961. I am not talking of a bribe; but sums of money to voters after they had voted?—I did not make the payments there.

76,962. As rewards we will call them?—No; I recognize no such thing as a money payment as a consideration before or after to any voter by my hands within this borough; that I positively state.

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76,963. Did you give any money to Mr. M'Cullum, who was formerly a clerk of Mr. Gleadow, the brewer?—It is very likely I did give him money; if I did it must be in connexion with some committee which Mr. Gleadow, the brewer, was connected with as chairman or something of that sort; but I do not know that I did.

76,964. Did you supply Mr. Freebody with any money?—It is very likely. Mr. Freebody was very active in Sculcoates or North Myton, I do not know which.

76,965. £200 to Mr. Freebody?—No, I believe not; that seems rather too large a sum for me to give to Mr. Freebody, either before or after the election; speaking from memory, I should say not.

76,966. You say not as much as that?—I do.

76,967. How much in your memory?—I do not remember giving him any money or cheque or anything of the sort.

76,968. No cheque or money?—No.

76,969. Can you undertake to say you did not give some money to Mr. M'Cullum or Freebody?—I think it is very likely I did to M'Cullum; but I think it is more than likely I did not to Freebody; I think I should have had memory enough to recollect giving him 200*l.*

76,970. Who in your belief is the person that Mr. Freebody had the money from?—I do not know that he ever had any.

76,971. Assuming that fact?—That I cannot tell.

76,972. What is your belief upon the subject?—I have no belief; I should not dream of any belief; where Mr. Freebody got the money from, I do not know; he did not get it from me if he got 200*l.*

76,973. Can you say positively that he did not get it?—I do distinctly. I never gave Mr. Freebody 200*l.* in my life.

76,974. Did you hear who he got the money from?—I never heard of such an event in connexion with any election in Hull, until it was put to me by yourself.

76,975. As what?—As his having or making use at any election of 200*l.* I never heard of such a thing until this instant.

76,976. Not any money at all?—That is another thing.

76,977. How much is it?—I do not recollect that he ever had 5*l.* from me for any purpose.

76,978. £5 from you?—No.

76,979. But as much from other persons interested in the election?—I do not believe that any person would give him money, and I have no knowledge of it. If any money is set down in my account as being handed to Mr. Freebody, it has been from some other member of the committee and not from myself; but if it comes from the election money, cognizance would be taken of it and it would be in the account.

76,980. Who would be the person to pay Mr. Freebody?—I do not know of any person who should do it.

76,981. All that you can speak of is, with respect to Mr. Freebody, about 5*l.*?—I do not speak to that as the sum; and therefore I beg that you will not be very nice about matters of that sort. If I recollected that I gave him 5*l.*, or 10*l.*, or 50*l.*, or 100*l.*, or 200*l.*, I would say so at once. I have no knowledge. I never did give Mr. Freebody such a sum as 200*l.*, and I could not give it without recollecting it.

76,982. £50?—I have no recollection of anything of the sort.

76,983. Nor 200*l.*?—No; nor 5*l.* in fact.

76,984. Do you remember handing over any money to Mr. Mitchell for the purpose of paying the voters?—I do not know him unless you can refresh my memory about him, unless you bring him up like Dalton.

76,985. A tobacconist, in the Market Place?—I do not think I should give him any money for election purposes; Mr. Mitchell, if I remember Hull when I was in it, was decidedly opposed to me in politics.

76,986. Do you know any Mr. Mitchell who was a blue?—I do not; unless you can refresh my memory who he is and what he is. I think it might very much shorten your questions, if you were to put that book in my hands; I could give you all the information.

76,987. Is that in your handwriting (H. J.)?—Yes; that is my writing.

76,988. Does that book contain all the payments made except the payments made to the messengers and runners?—I think that ought to contain all that I thought my book contained; everything that I did pay; here are the publicans and sundries. I believe that book contains all the payments I made in respect of the election, with the exception of the messengers; and when I say messengers I do not see that here unless it is in the sundries.

76,989. Under what head would it come?—They would come as a separate class.

76,990. Be kind enough to look through and see if they are excluded?—They are excluded.

76,991. Are you satisfied about that?—I believe they are not here; I think I should take the signature as one, and put the voucher alongside the payment.

76,992. What runners do you mean?—Messengers.

76,993. All employed at the election?—Yes; all employed at the election at the central committee; that is, I should pay them separately; they would be paid immediately on the

close of the poll and be discharged on the night of the poll, that is my habit, whether 40*l*., 50*l*., 60*l*., or 100*l*.

76,994. Were there any entries made in any book at all of the payments made to the voters after the election?—I think I may say no, unless it was in that book, it would be on a sheet of paper; I should take the signature, perhaps, of each man.

76,995. There were a great number of payments to make?—Yes. I beg pardon, I can refresh my memory—this is a sort of ledger of events subsequent to the election. I should have a small cash book of all cash paid by me, perhaps I received 100*l*. on account. I paid the messengers on Saturday night of the week following—clerks and so on; that book would be kept by me as a record of the messengers; final payments would be entered in that book as against me as a private matter of my own to the central committee.

76,996. In what book would there be any entry of the sums disbursed for the purpose of being distributed amongst the voters after the election was over?—I know of no such distribution; I took no part in any such distribution; I never heard of it.

76,997. Would you enter in any book money that passed through your hands, and the names of the persons to whom you made those payments?—No.

76,998. Not in any book?—Not the names, certainly.

76,999. Not the names of the persons to whom; I do not mean the names of the voters, but the names of the persons who are to dispense it?—I should not at all. I should have vouchers for what I should call the petty cash book; if I had 100*l*. to pay the messengers with on the Saturday night I should take a voucher from each.

77,000. Assuming we are satisfied with the evidence that money was distributed here or there by somebody who must have had large sums of money, not by you, would you enter in a book the sums given for that purpose, of being distributed among the voters in small sums?—No; and if they were I never saw such sums except as are in this book.

77,001. I thought you said that the whole of the money passed through your hands?—That is true, I believe; and when I say the whole, pretty nearly the whole.

77,002. Assuming, I do not say whether it is so or not, but assuming that subsequently to its passing through your hands, a large portion of it was distributed among the voters; I want to know whether you have any entry of it?—No; it would not be distributed through my hands, and whoever it was that governed the election in the particular district would do it.

77,003. Look at that book, there are no payments to chairmen in that, it is made up of balances?—There must have been separate payments to chairmen, which would be a small amount kept by the chairman, Mr. Clifford Pease.

77,004. What are those?—This is Austin Trinity ward.

77,005. Is the book kept by you?—No; it is not payments by me; allow me, I will give you an explanation: after the election is over the chairman of the Austin Trinity ward presents to me his accounts for payment. I collect them and put them under this head, and I put each of the accounts down here, and when and how they are paid I put on this side as you see it here; but in some cases if the chairman of Sculcoates district committee required during the election 50*l*. or 100*l*. he walked down to the chairman of the central committee, and in some cases, from memory I say it, the chairman of the central committee would give a cheque for 100*l*. on account.

77,006. Mr. Ward would do that?—No, I think Mr. Clifford Pease.

77,007. Your recollection is that Mr. Clifford Pease made payments to the district committees?—Upon account; and I may put in truth with reference to my payments in the same way, and you will understand it better, if not the outset of the election, Mr. Clifford Pease gave me 100*l*. I kept a book of the payments made by me at the central committee, whether of the clerks, messengers, or finally of the check clerks, and put it in a book and we should balance it.

77,008. I am asking you now of payments that were made after the election?—This book I believe contains the whole.

77,009. I am not talking of bills incurred during the election, I am talking of payments made in the different wards to the voters at various intervals during the election?—That I never knew anything of; I never knew anything of such payments.

77,010. How did you distribute sums of money that came into your hands from the candidates after the election was over?—It did not come into my hands from the candidates.

77,011. How did it come into your hands?—Through the chairman, Mr. Clifford Pease.

77,012. Did you have money continually coming into your hands?—For these purposes, and this is the account.

77,013. You had money coming into your hands for sometime after the election was over; as long as the candidates were paying, the money passed through your hands?—Yes.

77,014. You say whether an amount of 6,000*l*., or nearly so, passed through your hands, there are 3,298*l*. only in that book accounted for; what I want to know is, whether you entered in any other book the difference between these two accounts?—No; my reply is this: you seem to express a little surprise at it, but that book only contains balances of bills, publicans' bills and that sort of thing, which is to be accounted for in this way: each chairman would come to the central committee, and ask for a cheque for

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50*l.* or 100*l.*; those were written and handed over to the chairman, and we had an account other than this from the chairmen after the election, showing that there are certain bills left to pay, and I take a record of those bills here.

77,015. I want to know to whom did you distribute the money that came into your hands from time to time, from the termination of the election up to the time that you closed your accounts some months after?—To the present moment these are all contained in this book generally, I know of no others.

77,016. Am I to understand that you made no payments after the close of the election except what are entered in this book?—Yes; with the exception of what I have spoken of, and that is, the clerks and messengers, and others at the central committee, who would be cleared off upon the night of the election or the day following.

77,017. What I want to get at is this: whether you made any payments, whether it was at the expiration of three or four days after the termination of the election, at the ultimate close of the account, except what appears in this book?—You ask me the question again and again, and I must answer: I paid the messengers, perhaps the band, flagmen, or anything of that nature, and I cleared all off within two days of the election; so far as the messengers and clerks, the polling clerks are not entered in that book; every one employed in the election were paid and are entered in the book.

77,018. I exclude those two days, and I say commencing at the interval of two or three days after the election?—I speak from memory when I speak of two days; it is possible some of that class might have been paid after; for instance, the check clerks might have been left, and the band might have been left for four days.

77,019. Shall I say after the following Saturday?—That may be so.

77,020. And you paid no sums of money from the expiration of the election week until you concluded your labours, except what are mentioned in this book?—I believe not; I have no knowledge of anything of the sort.

77,021. But that you did pay in the election week probably from day to day?—Yes.

77,022. And kept finishing up the messengers' accounts which are entered upon some paper?—Yes.

77,023. What became of those papers?—They would be with all the vouchers; there are vouchers for every one of those amounts.

77,024. Why were they not entered in this book?—Because it was for a separate purpose; it was for the bills and district accounts. I will tell you why they were not: when the election was over the chairman would know what money was gone out of his hands, and he would know what residue he had, and he would so calculate the matters and see how he stood and get it cleared off.

77,025. Did you take any part in the admission of the freemen that took place on the part of the blues, immediately after the election of 1841?—No; I do not recollect anything occurring, not one in my life of that nature.

77,026. Upon the 1st of July there were some blue freedoms taken up in the year of the election?—I have no recollection of it.

77,027. You have no recollection upon the subject?—Not any; I had nothing whatever to do with it, and I never heard of such a thing; there must have been very few, perhaps more imaginary than real.

77,028. You did not take any share in it?—No; if it was anything like bordering on what I have spoken of already.

77,029. No; it is not anything like the number, it is very small?—What number?

77,030. It is very immaterial if you do not remember it?—No; I have no knowledge of it at all.

77,031. Did you return to this place on the election business at any time, after you left it at the time you speak of?—No.

77,032. You never came back?—Never at any time; I came back to Hull, but I never was connected with the political affairs.

77,033. On no political matters?—No.

77,034. You had nothing to do with the payments of arrears?—No, touching this inquiry.

77,035. You ceased to have a vote before the next election?—Yes.

77,036. Had you anything to do with the election of 1847?—Oh no, not at all.

77,037. Or 1852?—No.

77,038. I believe when the freedoms were taken up in 1839, an election was immediately pending?—We expected it.

77,039. Immediately?—At the close it was anticipated as being so near, that I said it would be useless to take up the freedoms, for they would not be eligible to vote.

77,040. The object of taking them up was for the direct purpose of securing the votes?—Yes; as far as my recollection is concerned.

77,041. Did you not understand the object of taking up the freedoms was for the direct purpose of securing the votes?—Securing a certain number to counteract the influence of a certain number of others.

77,042. Was it not for the express purpose of securing votes?—Such votes as I paid for?

77,043. Yes?—Decidedly it was.

77,044. And you paid for them yourself?—Yes.

77,045. That is the blue party?—Yes.

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77,046. Who was the principal professional man at the election of 1841?—If I remember rightly it was Mr. Roots; he came from London at the instance of Mr. Quin to watch the interest of Sir Walter James—he was about the town; but when you say professional man, I think it was a mere friend; he took no part in the election, he walked about the town, dined with Mr. Barkworth, and so on.

77,047. Was he an attorney?—No; Mr. Roots of the Temple, a barrister.

77,048. When I used the words "professional man," I mean a solicitor; do you know anybody who was the principal solicitor at the election?—There was a solicitor; Mr. Rollit took part in the election I think; I fancy he did; I think he looked after us a good deal, and Mr. Dryden, and all the solicitors in the town; I know Mr. Dryden took a very active part upon the petition matter.

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77,049. Did you take any part in that election?—No; neither Mr. Dryden nor myself took any part in the election.

77,050. But you took an active part in the scrutiny, and Mr. Digby too?—Yes.

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77,051. You have not read Sir Walter James's evidence?—No.

77,052. He stated to us on Tuesday last that he was aware of a certain number of the poorer electors, who chose to come, that were allowed to put their names down in a book, and were allowed 5*s.* a day on both sides, which was not confined to either party; have you not a general knowledge also of that?—No; if I may be allowed to give my opinion, I would give it as fairly as Sir Walter James seems to have done. I dare say he might from certain matters that reached his ears imply that; but I believe, being engaged in all the elections, that it was not done with the view of bribery, not done largely in that way at the central committee; if it was done so it was done in the districts.

77,053. Do you agree with Sir Walter James in another matter in which he said no doubt there was a good deal of colourable employment?—Doubtless; I think that is the fault of the borough; that is the only thing you can well find against it.

77,054. Such as might perhaps implicate persons employed as agents but not as being bribed?—Quite so.

77,055. And render them liable to be struck off as agents, but not as being bribed?—Yes, which would render the election exceedingly doubtful, if evidence were procured of that nature before a committee of the House of Commons, if done by certain parties.

77,056. And was it your wish and endeavour in employing messengers or runners, to whom you alluded, to give some such employment as would keep them out of the terms of it?—Yes, it was done. I remember ordering them to appear at nine o'clock in the evening, whether I had anything for them to do or not.

77,057. You said sometime ago a good many remained about the room?—Yes, we had always plenty about.

77,058. And if you could get a job for them you did?—Yes; I paid the most of them. I sent them to every district to see how they were going on, and things of that sort.

77,059. Sir Walter James also added, "You could not go round Hull without noticing that such a practice prevailed"?—Quite so; it has been the prevailing practice in the borough, and was so at that time.

77,060. And he also said it was the mode adopted by both parties to procure votes for colourable employment?—It was so, I believe. Direct payments for votes, I do not believe, existed very largely at that time.

77,061. And Mr. Clay informed us he did not think the practice of open bribery prevailed, but colourable employment to a very great extent?—That is my idea.

77,062. Who supplied you with money?—I believe Mr Clifford Pease.

77,063. All of it?—Yes, entirely; I think he took charge of it.

77,064. In making your payments to the district committees, had you directions to pay the sums that they asked for, during the time of the election?—I believe the chairmen made personal applications to the chairman of the central committee, and I sat alongside of him upon his left hand.

77,065. You paid under his directions?—No, he drew his own cheques, and handed them over; those were payments by cheque; all my own were cash payments.

77,066 Was it the course for the chairman of the district, or some one from him, to make an application to the central committee?—It was.

77,067. And then the money which was needed was supplied?—Yes, it was supplied directly to his own hands.

77,068. And probably he would have to exercise his own discretion in the disbursement of it?—Quite so; that is one thing that makes one appear so ignorant as you seem to imagine.

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77,069. Your attention having been drawn to your own book, I understand you to say, with regard to the payments of the district committees, that the book would not show what payments they had made, but it would show balances remaining unpaid?—Precisely; I say in reference to that, it does not show the whole amount spent in either of the districts of Sculcoates.

77,070. I understand the book seems to have reference to each district committee?—Yes.

77,071. But with regard to balances unpaid, rather than the payments that they have made?—Yes.

77,072. There would be a considerable item of the expenses that that book does not furnish, namely, the amounts that the committees did pay?—Precisely.

77,073. That would be certain payments, which accounts were furnished to them for payment?—Precisely.

77,074. That would very materially fill up the gap between what the book shows and the actual amount?—Yes, I account for it in this way. I was glad to know what the account represented, and it instantly called to my mind the manner in which it was paid.

77,075. We make the sum by this book under 3,000*l.*?—Then the difference will be disposed of in the manner I say, to the different parties during the election.

77,076. I think I understood you to say you thought you paid about 200 men at the central committee?—No, I think not.

77,077. Altogether?—No; not so many.

77,078. Without regard to the number, although the course was to pay them each week?—Each week we should not have money. This borough is not like many others; we did not have 50, 60, or 100 messengers, or as many as might be imagined; in this borough we do not supply them with basket money, that is 30*s.* a week for doing nothing,—we only paid such men as were actually necessary for the business of the committee up to the last week, and when the business decreased, we decreased them without reference to whether there were 30, 40, or 50.

77,079. Exclusive of the last, would the payments be weekly payments?—Yes, for services positively performed.

77,080. Why would those names not appear in that book?—Only that I account for it in this way. I had a small memorandum book, in which I gave credit to the chairman for 100*l.* for running expenses, and I go on with my payments to the end of the election. This book is merely drawn out to show the balance that was outstanding against the candidates at the close of the election in the different districts.

77,081. I speak of your own payments?—That would be personal; it would be a small memorandum book; my memory serves me to that extent, that I can give a voucher for every penny that was expended by me as against the sums received from the chairman.

77,082. Does your recollection furnish you to this extent, whether that book would be confined to those payments, such as payments of messengers and clerks?—Yes, with the exception of the ordinary petty cash items.

77,083. That book has been carefully made under different heads, that made up your vouchers which you had at some time or other?—Quite so; and I supplied the vouchers for every one of them.

77,084. Would not the messengers be equally mentioned as a total?—That book was not commenced till after the election, and no more related to the matter during the course of the election, than the payments of the district messengers.

77,085. But the total that it shows was collected before the end of the election, of course?—That is true.

77,086. But the book was not entered or made up till after?—Not until after.

77,087. Have you had the materials before you, the vouchers and so on, of who made the payments?—Yes.

77,088. And you would have had the petty cash book with the vouchers also before you?—Yes, done with.

77,089. Still why were they not entered in the book with the rest?—It was not intended to show the total.

77,090. I am merely speaking of the runners of your own district?—I do not call that my own book; my book would be the current payments and petty cash.

77,091. If I understand the book right, it is one that you made up from materials furnished to you?—From the district chairmen mainly, and from the general accounts, that is, for fly hire and such things under the sanction, and supplies under the direction of the central committee as well.

77,092. I do not mean to draw your attention to anything done in the district committees, but merely as having reference to the messengers and so on, employed and paid at your own place by yourself?—No; that book was commenced after the election. My book would be the small cash book showing the payments with vouchers as they went along.

77,093. Tell us what the extent of your acquaintance with Mrs. Hopper is?—I do not remember at all.

77,094. We have been told that she sat very well dressed behind a screen, and that she made payments to the voters in the nature of messengers and runners; sitting behind

a door, and putting a delicate hand forward with money in it, and a person took it; that lady was known to be Mrs. Hopper, and the payments were made in that way. Is that the first detail you have heard?—It is the first thing bearing on anything of the nature that I have heard. I thought Mrs. Hopper's name had been mentioned in connexion with some corrupt practice or other I never heard of; I was very sorry she committed herself to such an extent.

77,095. I merely ask if you heard it?—Not at all. I think I may say now, having heard it, I went in with a friend of hers, in consequence of the death of her husband; he went to sympathize with her, and I went with him.

77,096. Did you give up all your books to Mr. Sidebottom?—No.

77,097. Who did you give up the books to?—No one; I left them in the office.

77,098. You left them in the room?—Yes.

77,099. You have a distinct recollection of the little petty cash book?—Yes, I have a distinct recollection of a small red book, that I kept from the first to the last.

77,100. Something of the same sort or character as the little book produced by Mr. Ward?—Yes; I believe it was a red covered book.

77,101. This belongs to Mr. Ward, and shows the nature and the mode that he made the payments. I is not handed to you in any way as connected with the election?—Mine would be quite of another character. This is rather general for the expenses of the entire election; mine is quite in the nature of a cash book for payments to messengers and clerks.

77,102. It was left with the other payments in the committee room?—Yes, it was; it would be left with that book and vouchers.

77,103. There are some other voters whom some reference is made to in Hedon, Cottingham, and Barton. Do you know anything of paying them?—No, not at all. I must correct you in that. I saw the names who may be identified with those, or something of that sort, but I cannot say.

77,104. And some money was furnished to Mr. Grayburn?—I do not remember him.

77,105. We have had evidence that he was an agent at Barton for voters there; and I see you make an entry, "Grayburn, Barton, 31*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*"?—There is no doubt I paid some to Mr. Grayburn of Barton, but for what purpose I cannot say; it would be under authority.

77,106. "Mr. John Stubbins' bill, Hedon, 50*l.* 17*s.*" a brewer at Hedon?—Yes, it is a large sum. I remember the gentleman.

77,107. Do you know whether he managed the Hedon voters?—I believe he took some interest with the parties down there; he was requested to have them up at the poll.

77,108. And look a little after their expenses?—Yes.

77,109. And keep them in good humour?—Yes. You will see many entries of publicans' bills; that was one of the things to keep them in a good humour.

77,110. £25 12*s.* to Mr. James Robinson, of Hedon?—I do not remember that, I think; although the nature of the entry seems to imply that it would be the Hedon voters too.

77,111. The entry with regard to Robinson is, "Publicans: James Robinson, Hedon, 25*l.* 12*s.*"?—Then Robinson's would be a bill incurred doubtless by Mr. Stubbins, or some one for the Hedon voters at Hedon.

77,112. The other does not so easily explain itself; it is under the explicit heading of "Sundries." "Mr. John Stubbins' bill, Hedon, 50*l.* 17*s.*"; and again, "By Hammond, 11*l.* 16*s.*" We understand the Hedon voters are not above twenty?—Yes, they were always rather expensive; I do not believe they had any money payments.

77,113. But a liberal allowance for their expenses?—Yes, quite so. Hedon, before the Reform Bill, was exceedingly notorious for very heavy payments; and having decided to take in kind, they were rather more extravagant than voters generally were.

77,114. A liberal payment for the purpose of refreshments?—Yes; refreshments before they went, and after they came back; they are accustomed to it.

77,115. There is direct evidence of their payment in 1847; direct money?—I do not know of it.

77,116. We understand that the old custom was four guineas and two?—I believe that was so for Hedon, and I believe it was so for this borough also.

77,117. Tell us what the course was with regard to the out-voters in 1841?—There was no system of payment; there might be certain invitations issued by a certain party that they should meet at a certain house in Hedon, and a certain amount would be spent without limiting that it should be brought under the head of treating; they would be provided with conveyances to bring them to town in tolerable style, a pair of horses and flags, and that sort of thing would seem nothing; it would cost 2*l.* or 3*l.* a head, and it would be covered in that way; it was not a money payment.

77,118. It would come to something pretty considerable for loss of time in fact?—Yes; I should not wonder if some of the lower classes of voters would not make a direct application to receive a certain sum for their loss of time for the day; it is quite probable, if they came over without a conveyance being provided, something in the form of compensation would be given them.

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77,119. If they were provided with eating and drinking, and being carried to the poll, there is not much left to account for?—Loss of time makes a great item in election matters.

77,120. Was that the system, to bring them here, feed them well, and give them something for loss of time?—I think that was the system.

77,121. About a pound a head?—I think it would be less; but I think the Barton and Hedon voters would require to receive something for loss of time for that day.

77,122. Something about a pound a day?—I think it would be less.

77,123. Did you not give them a good supper at Christmas?—I do not know; that would be a local act.

77,124. Let me ask you, with regard to the actual payment of these persons, by whose authority would that 50*l.* be paid by you?—I believe there would be no authority; I believe Mr. Stubbins would receive general instructions to see after the Hedon voters, and say he had done this, and done that, and make a great parade, and the Hedon voters would cost him so much, and we should try and get it for so much less.

77,125. And then you would say, "Show us your vouchers"?—No, we could not do that.

77,126. You gave him a liberal agency?—We should take it for granted, and take as much off as we could.

77,127. I think you said you left here about October?—I corrected that; it was about the month of December.

77,128. Some of the payments are as late as November?—Yes, in the month of December I paid it.

77,129. You have stated that is the way you deal with Mr. Stubbins; is that the way in which other agents are employed to get up voters in different places?—Do you mean different boroughs?

77,130. I mean in Hull?—Oh dear, no; if you take that as the practice of the borough you are wrong; you must take that as referring to the out-voters, such as Barton, Hedon, and outlying within the seven miles' range.

77,131. You have stated that Mr. Stubbins was the agent to deal with the Hedon voters?—Yes, to the best of my belief.

77,132. And that he came after the election to you and said, he had expended a large sum of money to get the voters, and you gave him the money?—I believe so.

77,133. You struck off a certain sum, and paid the remainder?—Yes.

77,134. Is that the way you dealt with other agents in Hull, who stated to you that they had procured voters?—No.

77,135. Then you confine that to Hedon?—Yes, I do, and to Barton.

77,136. And Cottingham and the outlying places?—You may say no other place, because there is no other place where there is any considerable number.

77,137. You have had a great deal of experience as a political agent?—Yes.

77,138. Tell me as shortly as you can, what in your understanding was the system of employment at Hull in 1841; how was it worked out?—I will tell you; although I have not seen the evidence of any person in this borough, my own recollection, from what experience I have had elsewhere is, that bribery in Hull will not come under that direct head of bribery; you will not find, I speak with submission, that you can report that persons are found universally open to corruption by direct money offers; if so, the constituency is very much changed since I knew it; the system prevailing at the two elections which I have known in Hull, has been, that certain influences have been brought to bear, both in business and everything of that character, upon certain parties employed by certain other parties; that those parties all expected the lower orders,—and I do not confine myself to the freemen,—because the lower orders of householders were infinitely worse than some of the freemen; the lower orders were in the habit of requesting to be employed, and that employment was not given from the central committee, as you seem to imply, but it was given by the districts; if any extra number had been paid, other than those who were actually employed, the employment was given in the districts to which they belonged, and it was with a view of their being more immediately looked after by the district committee, and the more readily taken to the poll, that they had those lists; if they were colourable and large, and the lists were numerous from the central committee, it would not have done; they never knew anything about it, and the payments were made from the districts at 5*s.* or 10*s.*, I do not know what it was that used to prevail. There is another thing, which is the opening of public houses.

77,139. The system was, that the parties should be set down in each district?—Quite so.

77,140. And up to the last week only a limited number should be employed?—Quite so.

77,141. And during the last week the whole of those who were willing to be employed should be?—That is hardly within my knowledge to say so. You ask me what was previous; my impression is that each district would use its own discretion as to the number; I do not say they would employ the whole whose names were down, perhaps one half might have gone to the other side that were put down for employment, and during the last week a certain number would be put down knowing they would vote for them.

77,142. Did they not in the last week employ all they could get to be employed?—No, I do not think it prevailed to such an extent.

77,143. Why not?—Because they would not be open to anything like what I have seen in other boroughs, take Nottingham for instance; I know in some boroughs it prevails that parties shall go and have their names set down to receive money first from one and then from the other. I do not believe that did prevail here; therefore my answer is, I am quite satisfied they would be sure of their men out of the number.

77,144. Would they not find some employment for all who were on?—No doubt.

77,145. Besides this mode of employment, was there a means taken of giving orders to people for goods?—Do you mean publicans?

77,146. To anybody?—I believe the district committees exceedingly foolishly permitted certain parties to have a certain quantity of drink. If it was in the neighbourhood of a ship yard for instance, a beershop keeper would be told generally by the chairman of the district, "Supply your customers whom you know connected with the ship yard to the tune of 5*s.*"

77,147. You are confining it to 1841?—I think so, from looking at that book; I think it would prevail largely in 1841.

77,148. There was a large sum of money expended at the publicans'?—Yes.

77,149. What in the ordinary course of a Hull election are the expenses at a committee room?—At the central?

77,150. No, at a district committee room?—My answer to that is, that they vary with the extravagance of the chairman, it just depends on that; you may have a very injudicious chairman, or a very temperate one; and I have known a district committee's expenses vary eighty per cent. at least.

77,151. Would they generally consist of the payments to messengers?—No, I do not think they would. I am afraid you a little misunderstand that. I am quite satisfied, from my own experience in this borough, that it never prevailed in the manner in which we have had the evidence out before the Liverpool committee.

77,152. Will you tell me what are the items of expenditure at a district committee?—They are before you, and you will see they vary both as to the magnitude of the items and the kind of items; they vary in their kind, and they vary in their magnitude.

77,153. The amount accounted for in that book seems to be about 3,300*l.*; the whole expenses of the election, as far as the evidence has gone, seems to be about 6,500*l.*; will the difference between the two sums represent the amount that was paid to the messengers?—No.

77,154. What would it represent besides?—The current expenses of every committee room during its existence, other than those that appear in that book as bills left unpaid.

77,155. In that book the sum of money paid to the different district committee rooms amounts to 1,250*l.*?—Yes.

77,156. Besides that, there is to be accounted for at that election the sum of 3,300*l.*, making the money paid to the district committees on that occasion 4,500*l.*?—That is not so.

77,157. It is according to the evidence that I understand you have given as to that book?—No.

77,158. You have said, that the money that does not appear in that book, was money paid by the chairman of the central committee to the chairmen of the district committees?—Yes.

77,159. That sum amounts to 3,300*l.*?—That is another amount, you did not say so before.

77,160. Taking the whole expenses of that election to be 6,500*l.*, there is a sum expended upon that election, according to the evidence, not accounted for in that book, amounting to the sum of 3,300*l.* There is in your book the sum of 1,250*l.* paid to the district committees?—Yes.

77,161. Those two sums together make up 4,500*l.*, that will therefore be the sum paid to the district chairmen according to your evidence. Can you at all explain how that money was spent in 1841?—Now I understand the manner you put it to be this: you bring the total expenses up to 4,500*l.*, as against 6,500*l.*, and you ask has the difference of 2,000*l.* gone into the hands of the district chairmen during the election; I say, yes; about that sum would.

77,162. There is a sum of 4,500*l.* given to district chairmen; can you, with your experience, tell me how that sum would be spent in 1841?—Yes; current expenses during the election, which the chairmen of the district committees would receive from the chairman of the central committee.

77,163. Your book contains items for cabs, colours, flagstaffs, and publicans, amounting to 233*l.*?—Is that all?

77,164. And for printers 274*l.* I want to know, those items being accounted for in your book, how the sum of 4,500*l.*, the difference, would be expended in the districts?—You said 2,000*l.*

77,165. I have told you 4,500*l.* remains to be accounted for in the districts?—No, I think you are getting wrong; there is in that book you tell me in the whole 3,300*l.*

77,166. Yes?—That can but leave 3,000*l.*

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77,167. I have told you 1,250*l.* of that is money paid for the district committees?—Quite so.

77,168. Then there is also 3,300*l.*, according to your evidence, gone to the district chairmen during the election, which is not in your book?—I think you are wrong; I think about 2,000*l.* would be the sum paid.

77,169. What is it expended for?—I can only deal with impressions, and I should say one item that you mentioned appears for the entire borough to be very small; that is 270*l.* for publicans' bills; I should say that the bulk of that money was spent. There are district publicans' accounts; perhaps there were advances made, and those may be the balances.

77,170 May we take it, that the whole sum expended in the districts, was expended either in treating or in payment of messengers?—I should not like to go so far as that. I think what you call paying messengers would be exceedingly limited; it would not at all be confined to that; how it was spent would be known to the chairmen.

77,171. Colours, cabs, printing, and all those ordinary expenses being accounted for, I want you to tell me how the money was spent, in your judgment?—As to the colours, and things of that nature, which seem to be there, it does not follow, although that seems to be large, that there were not district accounts of the same nature. I believe there were many paid by district chairmen.

77,172. Did you at that election know or hear during the election, or after it, that money was paid to the voters in the streets, or in any place where concealment was used by the persons paying it?—I never did. I never heard it intimated till I heard it in Court to-day.

77,173. How much were you paid that election?—I really forget whether it was 100*l.* or not.

77,174. Would it be more than that?—I think it would not. I think it was about 100*l.*

77,175. Do you mean paid to you as one fee?—Yes.

77,176. 100*l.*?—Whatever the amount was.

77,177. Would you have any account to render besides that?—No, certainly not.

77,178. Would all the money that came to you personally be 100*l*?—That would be all I should get.

Mr. H. Gibson.

Mr. Henry Gibson sworn, and examined.

77,179. Where do you live?—In Prospect Street.

77,180. What is your business?—A surgeon.

77,181. What rent do you pay for a house?—I live in my own house.

77,182. What are you rated at?—£40.

77,183. Are you a freeman?—No.

77,184. Are you a voter?—Yes.

77,185. At what election were you first entitled to vote?—1841.

77,186. Who did you vote for at that election?—Hanmer and James.

77,187. Did you take any part as a committee man?—No.

77,188. Did you do anything more at that election for those gentlemen?—No.

77,189. Did any money in any way pass through your hands, if not before, at the election?—Not a shilling.

77,190. At the election of 1847 who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown

77,191. A bullet, as it is called?—Yes.

77,192. Were you on his committee?—Yes, at North Myton.

77,193. Very active business during a short time, we hear?—Very.

77,194. Did you take any part in making payments?—Yes; after the election, with Mr. Bannister, I was with him when he paid the voters.

77,195. Where was that?—At the Blue Bell, in Prospect Street.

77,196. What part did you take in the payments?—I was a witness to his paying the money, but I merely went as a friend.

77,197. Did you vouch the payment in any way by your signature?—No, I never wrote anything.

77,198. You sat with him?—I sat with him.

77,199. And perhaps you had the bag?—No, I do not think I did; I sat with him.

77,200. Did you see that he paid the right sum, or what did you do?—I do not know; it was rather that I acted with him on the occasion, and I solicited during the canvass along with Mr. Bannister. I was with him when he engaged the voters.

77,201. You were aware there were people who were put down as runners?—Exactly.

77,202. Had you a list of them?—Yes.

77,203. You were partly active perhaps in preparing it?—Never. I never had a pen in my hand.

77,204. I mean in calling the names over?—I might call them out.

77,205. Previously to their coming for payment, had you been partly active in securing them as voters and getting their names set down at the committee?—Yes; when parties came into the room I was present when they were put down; I do not say I put them down. I never did; I was a party to it.

77,206. You took care they were of the right colour?—I might have asked a few questions.

77,207. When the payment day came; what day was it that you particularly alluded to?—I think it would be a week after Mr. Brown left; the week after the election.

77,208. Were the funds furnished directly to you?—They were furnished directly from the central committee.

77,209. To you?—To Mr. Bannister. Not a shilling came into my hands.

77,210. Your presence was during the time of payment?—Yes.

77,211. You engaged some of them I think?—Yes, popping in occasionally during the day.

77,212. Just tell me, when the payments were going on, what was the course: did the men come into the room, and you ask their names?—A man came into the room and asked to have his name put down; then the question was asked who he intended to vote for; Brown or Baines, and the name was put down.

77,213. If he said "Lord Goderich" you made a bow to him?—Exactly.

77,214. Brown or Baines would do?—Exactly.

77,215. The list having been made in that way, that went on several days?—It might be three or four days.

77,216. A week after came the pay day?—I think about a week.

77,217. Were the payments confined to those persons who had been set down?—Yes.

77,218. You would have the list before you?—Yes.

77,219. When they came in, what would be done?—Their names were called out to see if they had been engaged, and how to be paid.

77,220. Engaged to go to the poll, I presume you mean?—Engaged as runners.

77,221. No question was asked as to whether they had polled or had worn out their shoes and hands in the service?—No.

77,222. If they were down there, and the names identified, the payments were made?—Exactly.

77,223. What amount was it?—As near as I can tell, about 250*l.*, it might be. I do not think more than 300*l.*; it might reach 300*l.*

77,224. Was it generally a fixed sum to each?—No, it depended on the agreement made with the parties. Some would take 1*l.*; some 30*s.*; and some 2*l.*

77,225. Was it an agreement that had been made with the parties beforehand?—Yes.

77,226. When they were first set down for so much?—Yes.

77,227. They were paid upon the sum against their names?—Yes.

77,228. How long did the payment continue?—I think it extended from about one or two o'clock in the afternoon to dinner time, about half-past four or five.

77,229. The fixed sum was about 200*l.*?—I think more than that.

77,230. It might run up to 300*l.*?—Yes, it might.

77,231. Can you give any guess at the number of persons?—They might be 200; no, I would not say so many as that, 150.

77,232. How were they got together?—They were not sought for; they came voluntarily.

77,233. How would they know that was to be the day?—On meeting Mr. Bannister in the street they made a point of seeing him, or by going to the central committee room to ask when they were to be paid.

77,234. Do you think they were paid on an average 2*l.* a piece?—I think most of them would be 2*l.*

77,235. Were you a member of the committee?—I think there was a committee, not of Mr. Brown's; he came a short time. Mr. Bannister and myself almost formed it. We were the only individuals in North Myton who acted.

77,236. You assisted in setting down?—Yes.

77,237. Were you there on the day of payment, in order to check them?—Yes.

77,238. You were there merely as a friend to see it?—I went in, as I thought I should like to see them paid.

77,239. You helped and assisted in paying?—No, I did not; I think Mr. Bannister was going to do it himself; I happened to go there that afternoon.

77,240. Being there, you did help him?—I did.

77,241. At the election of 1852 for whom did you vote?—Moore and Butler.

77,242. Do you know Mr. Wilkinson?—Yes.

77,243. I believe he was active?—He was the chairman of the North Myton district.

77,244. Were you on that committee?—Yes.

77,245. What part did you take?—There were two deputy chairmen; Mr. Jackson was one and I was the other.

77,246. You are probably aware of what we have heard, that applications were made for employment, and names received as runners; that seems to have been the general course?—Yes.

77,247. Did you set the names down of applicants when you were the vice chairman?—No, we had a man of the name of Steeple who acted in every capacity. He took on himself the putting down. I certainly say I never put one down.

77,248. Did any money pass through your hands at that election?—Not a penny.

77,249. You did not make any payments?—Not a penny.

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77,250. Or sat by when anybody else did?—No. I beg pardon, I saw Steeple on the Saturday afternoon, the week of the election. I went in where he was paying the runners; that was after the election.

77,251. On the Saturday afternoon?—Yes, the end of the week.

77,252. Where did you see Steeple paying them?—At the committee room, in Prospect Street; Stephenson's.

77,253. Did you check them by anything?—No, I do not think I was ten minutes in the room.

77,254. Were those runners?—They were all runners.

77,255. You mentioned the name of Jackson?—I think he has been examined.

77,256. What is his Christian name?—John Gildard Jackson.

77,257. Where does he live?—Spring Bank.

77,258. Beyond the payments you mention, did you say you took part in any other payments at the last election?—No, I never saw a shilling of money during the election, excepting on one occasion.

77,259. Did you yourself engage any committee room?—I engaged one. I engaged the one in Prospect Street.

77,260. I mean sham committee rooms?—I think the day before the election I engaged one of a man of the name of Clappison.

77,261. For the purpose of securing his vote?—Yes.

77,262. What was he to have?—He made repeated applications to the central committee; he wanted 10*l.* or ten guineas.

77,263. What did you get him at?—I think he held back until about two days before the election, and he came and said he had had 6*l.* or 7*l.* offered by the other party, I forget which, and we gave him 1*l.* more.

77,264. 7*l.* or 8*l.*?—I think 7*l.* I think he had had 6*l.* offered by the orange, and we gave him 7*l.* I think he had the command of two or three votes.

77,265. That sum was for himself?—For the room. A committee sat there of 25, I believe, three or four times.

77,266. Did you say it was the day of the election?—Two days.

77,267. Who was the chairman that sat there?—Mr. Wilkinson.

77,268. He was not to pay anything out of the 7*l.* or 8*l.* to those two or three men that were under his command?—No; he got no other sum but that; it was paid directly to him.

77,269. You understood that?—I do not know whether he was a voter or not, but three or four of his family were voters.

77,270. You understood that would bind these two or three as well as himself?—Exactly.

77,271. Have you any other communication to make to the Commissioners respecting any matter either on your side or the other?—No, I do not know anything else. I would have great pleasure in telling you what I do know.

Joseph Revell.

JOSEPH REVELL sworn, and examined.

77,272. Where do you live?—Sykes Street.

77,273. What is your business?—A seaman.

77,274. Do you pay any rent for a house?—Yes.

77,275. What rent do you pay?—Eight guineas.

77,276. When were you made a freeman?—I am sure I do not know when it was. I was born a freeman.

77,277. When were you made a burgess?—It was at the time of O'Neil's election.

77,278. In 1826?—Yes.

77,279. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Sir Walter James.

77,280. A bullet?—Yes.

77,281. Did you get any money?—No, I did not get a halfpenny.

77,282. What makes you smile?—Because I got nothing, and I wanted nothing.

77,283. Are you sure?—That I am.

77,284. Quite sure?—Quite sure.

77,285. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay.

77,286. What did you get?—Nothing.

77,287. Are you sure of that?—I am sure of that.

77,288. You changed sides completely?—I did as I liked. I am quite at liberty.

77,289. I thought there might have been a reason?—I just did as I thought proper. I am a freeman.

77,290. Some people go the way the money goes?—I went voluntarily; nobody came to press me. I volunteered for the party.

77,291. Did you get any money?—Not a halfpenny.

77,292. Are you sure of that?—I am sure of that.

77,293. At the last election, 1852, who did you vote for?—Bramley Moore, a bullet.

77,294. You were set down as a runner?—Yes.

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77,295. How much money did you get?—£1.

77,296. When did they pay you?—I am sure I do not know how long after. George Steeple paid me the 1*l.*

77,297. That was afterwards?—Sometime afterwards.

77,298. Did you apply to be set down as a messenger?—Yes.

Henry Leeson.

HENRY LEESON sworn, and examined.

77,299. Where do you live?—No. 16, Hill Street.

77,300. Are you a seaman?—Yes; second mate on board a vessel.

77,301. What rent do you pay for a house?—I live in a house of my own.

77,302. What are you rated at?—£9.

77,303. When were you made a freeman?—About 1846.

77,304. At your own expense?—Yes, at my own expense.

77,305. At the last election did you vote?—No, I was at sea.

77,306. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

77,307. I believe you got your name set down at Minerva Terrace?—Yes.

77,308. When did you apply to have that done?—I think about four or five days before the election.

77,309. How much money did you get?—17*s.* 6*d.*

77,310. Who paid you?—Legitt.

77,311. After the election?—Yes.

Alexander Carr.

ALEXANDER CARR sworn, and examined.

77,312. Where do you live?—Winter's Place. I am a pilot.

77,313. What rent do you pay?—£11 a year.

77,314. Are you also a freeman?—Yes.

77,315. When were you made a freeman?—In 1839.

77,316. At whose expense, the blue or the orange?—The orange.

77,317. In consequence of that did you vote for them at the next election, 1841?—Yes.

77,318. Who did you vote for?—I think for Mr. Clay. I voted for the orange.

77,319. Did you get any money?—Not any that time.

77,320. Neither before nor after the election?—No, not any.

77,321. Are you sure of that?—Yes, I am.

77,322. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Brown.

77,323. Were you a runner?—No; I do not know that I was.

77,324. Did you not receive some money from Mr. Collison?—Yes.

77,325. How much did he pay you?—10*s.*

77,326. When did he pay you?—After the election.

77,327. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

77,328. Did you apply to be a runner that time?—Yes.

77,329. Where was your name set down?—At the Shakespeare.

77,330. How much money did they pay you?—I think I received about 27*s.*

77,331. Before or after the election?—10*s.* before, and 17*s.* after.

W. S. Barron.

WILLIAM STEPHENSON BARRON sworn, and examined.

77,332. Where do you live?—Hope Street.

77,333. What is your business?—A mariner.

77,334. What rent do you pay?—£10.

77,335. Are you also a freeman?—Yes.

77,336. When were you made a freeman?—In 1817.

77,337. At the election of 1841 did you vote?—I was not at home.

77,338. They did not send you away with money?—No.

77,339. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Clay and Brown.

77,340. Did you receive any money for your vote?—5*s.*, I believe.

77,341. Who was it for, Clay or Brown?—Brown's committee, at the Blue Bell, in Prospect Street.

77,342. Did you receive anything from Mr. Clay?—Not a farthing.

77,343. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

77,344. Did you apply to be set down at any committee?—I was on as a runner, or a messenger, as they call it.

77,345. Where did you get set down?—At Mr. Bannister's house yonder; Legitt was the man that set me on.

77,346. How much did you get?—I think about 35*s.* altogether.

77,347. When were you paid?—Before and after the election.

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77,348. Just divide the money, will you?—I got 15*s.* one week, and 10*s.* another, and 17*s.* 6*d.* after the election was over. When I went to poll, in King Street, I was detained in custody, in the charge of a policeman, an hour and a half on a false charge, by the orange party; they were glad to get me out, and pay me a sovereign. I might as well have had 10*l.*

T. Weatherill.

THOMAS WEATHERILL sworn, and examined.

77,349. Where do you live?—Harwood's Place, English Street.
77,350. What business are you?—A cooper.
77,351. What rent do you pay?—£7.
77,352. When were you made a freeman?—About 1820, I think.
77,353. At the last election, 1841, who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.
77,354. Did you get any money for your vote?—I was a runner, and a doorkeeper.
77,355. Did you apply for employment?—Yes.
77,356. Where did you get your name set down?—At St. James's Street.
77,357. At the committee room there?—Mr. Theophilus Carrick and Mr. Miller, deceased.
77,358. How much money did you get?—I think from 15*s.* to 1*l.*
77,359. Do you mean a week's pay?—No.
77,360. Altogether?—Altogether.
77,361. When did he pay you?—I was paid part before, and part after.
77,362. At the next election who did you vote for?—I was out in the country. I did not vote at all,
77,363. What do you mean?—I was eighteen miles out of town.
77,364. Working?—Yes.
77,365. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
77,366. Did you apply for employment then?—Yes.
77,367. Where were you set down?—Waverley Street.
77,368. What money did they pay you?—I think about 30*s.*
77,369. Where were you paid?—Part at the committee room, and part after the election.
77,370. Who paid you afterwards?—Mr. Croft, I think.

James Halcrow.

JAMES HALCROW sworn, and examined.

77,371. Where do you live?—Sykes Street, Hutchins' Court.
77,372. What business are you?—A shipwright.
77,373. What rent do you pay?—£7.
77,374. When were you made a freeman?—1840.
77,375. 1839 or 1840?—1840.
77,376. Was it at your own expense?—No; I did not take it up at my own expense; it was paid for for me.
77,377. By the blues or the orange?—The blues.
77,378. Did you vote for James and Hanmer at the next election?—No; I did not poll at that election at all.
77,379 Why not?—I believe because I had not passed the Barrister at the time the election took place.
77,380. Who did you vote for in 1847?—Clay and Brown.
77,381. When were you paid?—Just before we polled, I went up into the committee room for a polling card, and they gave it to me then.
77,382. Did you get anything for Mr. Clay?—Not anything.
77,383. At the next election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
77,384. Did you receive any money then?—After the election.
77,385. Who paid you?—I fell in with a friend of mine in the street, and he gave me half a sovereign, I think, a month after.
77,386. What is his name?—Stephenson.
77,387. Had you applied to be a runner?—Not anything. I never bothered my head with anything of the kind; only the money was given me, and I took it.
77,388. What did they give it to you for?—I expect for loss of time.
77,389. And for having voted for Moore and Butler?—I cannot exactly tell you. I did not inquire.

James Williams.

JAMES WILLIAMS sworn, and examined.

77,390. Where do you live?—Carr Lane.
77,391. What business are you?—None; I live in the Master Mariners' Almshouse.
77,392. What rent do you pay?—None at all.
77,393. When were you made a freeman?—1812.

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77,394. In 1841 who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.
77,395. Did you get any money for your vote?—None at all.
77,399. At the next election who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
77,397. Did you get any money then?—10*s.*
77,398. Who for?—Brown, I expect, for the election.
77,399. Who paid you?—A man they call Conkerton.
77,400. Did you receive anything for Baines?—I received nothing but that.
77,401. You were a runner for Baines?—I was a runner for him.
77,402. For Baines?—For Baines and Brown together.
77,403. You only got money for Brown?—That is all; I only got 10*s.*
77,404. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
77,405. Did you get any money?—Yes, 1*l.*
77,406. When were you paid?—About ten days after.
77,407. Who paid you?—Mr. Wells, in George Yard.

Marmaduke Hare.

MARMADUKE HARE sworn, and examined.

77,408. Where do you live?—Sculcoates.
77,409. What rent do you pay?—I am rated at 14*l.*
77,410. Are you a freeman?—I am an old freeman. I voted before Hanmer and James.
77,411. Are you also a 10*l.* householder?—Yes.
77,412. At the election of 1841 who did you vote for?—I was in the Customs.
77,413. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.
77,414. Was any money paid you on behalf of the candidates?—No; I never got any.
77,415. Did you take any part in the election?—None, but tendering my vote; nothing more.
77,416. At the last election who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
77,417. Did any money come to your hands for the candidates then?—None.
77,418. Did you take any part in the election?—No; nothing at all.

W. T. Holder.

WILLIAM THOMAS HOLDER sworn, and examined.

77,419. Where do you live?—No. 2, Machell Street.
77,420. What is your business?—A painter.
77,421. What rent do you pay?—The house for which I vote is 12*l.*
77,422. Are you also a freeman?—No.
77,423. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—1847.
77,424. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Brown, I believe.
77,425. Did you receive any money?—Yes; I received 10*s.* before the election.
77,426. Who was it for?—I was a messenger at the Waterworks Street room.
77,427. Did you apply to have your name set down?—I did not. I was asked if I would go and give them my services there.
77,428. Who asked you?—I think it was Daniel Kay.
77,429. When did he apply to you?—Perhaps three or four days before the election.
77,430. To go and give your services at the committee room?—Yes.
77,431. What did you do there?—I delivered out voting papers, and such as that.
77,432. You did not go and apply to have your name set down?—No, I did not.
77,433. He came to you?—He asked me in the street.
77,434. Did he ask you which way you should vote?—No; I do not know that he did.
77,435. Did you state?—I perhaps may have done so. I do not recollect exactly; my mind was made up before that.
77,436. How many days were you employed?—I was there two days.
77,437. The nomination day and the polling day?—No; it was before.
77,438. You got 10*s.*?—Yes.
77,439. They paid you at the time?—Before the election; the night before, I believe.
77,440. Why did they not continue you up to the election?—I do not know.
77,441. Who did you vote for in 1852?—Clay and Goderich.
77,442. Were you set down as a runner?—Yes.
77,443. Did you receive any money?—Yes.
77,444. How much money did you receive?—Four guineas, I believe.
77,445. What did you do for it?—I gilded a flag for them.
77,446. Was it in the course of your business?—Yes, it was.
77,447. Did you send in any bill for it?—I took it.
77,448. Did you give in a bill amounting to four guineas?—Yes.
77,449. Is that the same price that you would have charged at any other time?—It was.
77,450. Did you get anything more?—I got 10*s.*

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77,451. What was it for?—Being a check clerk at the John Street room on the day of the election.

77,452. Was that the only day you attended?—That was the only day I attended.

77,453. Had you applied generally for employment?—No; I had applied for that.

77,454. You applied to be made a check clerk?—Yes, on that day

77,455. Were you engaged all day?—I was engaged from ten o'clock in the morning till half-past three.

John Wood.

JOHN WOOD sworn, and examined.

77,456. Where do you live?—Southcoates, Holderness Road.

77,457. What business are you?—A cowkeeper.

77,458. What rent do you pay?—£103.

77,459. Are you also a freeman?—No.

77,460. What election were you first entitled to vote at?—I have voted at the last two elections.

77,461. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown

77,462. Did you get any money?—No.

77,463. Before or after the election?—Neither before nor after.

77,464. Who did you vote for in 1852?—Moore and Butler.

77,465. Did you not receive some money in 1847 for Brown?—No; not a halfpenny.

77,466. Do you know a man of the name of Stephenson?—No.

77,467. He did not pay you anything?—No.

77,468. Nobody paid you anything?—No.

William Smith.

WILLIAM SMITH sworn, and examined.

77,469. Where do you live?—Sykes Street.

77,470. What is your business?—A cooper.

77,471. What rent do you pay?—I am lodging there.

77,472. When were you made a freeman?—Six years ago.

77,473. Did you vote at the election of 1847?—No.

77,474. Who did you vote for in 1852?—Moore and Butler.

77,475. Did you apply to have your name set down as a messenger?—No.

77,476. Did you get any money at all?—Yes.

77,477. When were you paid any money?—Both before and after the election.

77,478. How much did you get?—35*s*.

77,479. As a runner?—I do not know what it was for.

William Wallis.

WILLIAM WALLIS sworn, and examined.

77,480. Where do you live?—Cogan Street.

77,481. What is your business?—A druggist.

77,482. Are you also a freeman?—No.

77,483. What rent do you pay?—£14.

77,484. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—1847.

77,485. Who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay.

77,486. Were you set down as a runner?—No.

77,487. Did you receive any money?—No.

77,488. Neither before nor after the election?—No.

77,489. Were you not acting in West Sculcoates?—No; I never took any part in any election further than voting.

77,490. At the last election who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

77,491. Were you on any committee?—No.

77,492. Did you receive any money at all then?—None whatever.

77,493. Did any pass through your hands to pay to others?—No.

77,494. Was any room taken in your house?—Never.

77,495. Can you explain how it is your name is set down in West Sculcoates district?—No; I am not aware of that.

77,496. You are set down in the book of the West Sculcoates committee for the orange party at that election?—I am not the individual, it is a mistake.

77,497. Did you not run or do anything?—No.

77,498. Did you stand still and have some money?—I stood still, except tendering my vote.

77,499. You got no money?—No.

WILLIAM ATTLEY sworn, and examined.

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77,500. Do you keep the Paragon?—Yes.
77,501. You are a publican, I suppose?—Yes.
77,502. Are you also a freeman?—No.
77,503. What rent do you pay?—£271.
77,504. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—This.
77,505. Did you vote for Moore and Butler?—I did.
77,506. Was there a committee room at your inn?—Yes.
77,507. Was there a regular committee appointed there?—Yes.
77,508. Who was the chairman?—Mr. Wilkinson.
77,509. Mr. Charles Wilkinson?—Yes.
77,510. When was the committee room taken?—They entered on the 5th.
77,511. The election was on the 8th?—I had four days.
77,512. Your room seems to have been taken a little late?—It was.
77,513. Just before the election?—Yes; but my vote had been given previous to Moore and Butler; it would have been just the same suppose I had not had the room at all.
77,514. Did you make an application?—I did not.
77,515. Who asked you if you would let it?—Mr. Steeple.
77,516. What did Steeple say to you?—He asked me what I wanted for the room, and I said if they chose it I would let it at 1*l.* a day; at the same time I should vote for them, because I had promised before any inquiry was made.
77,517. What day was it Steeple asked you?—Sometime previously.
77,518. Was it a day or more?—Perhaps a day or two.
77,519. At 1*l.* a day?—Yes.
77,520. Did he accept it on those terms?—He said he should report it to the committee, and they and he came back and took the room.
77,521. You received 7*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*?—Yes; I received more than that.
77,522. Steeple paid you 7*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*?—He did.
77,523. What was it for?—It was for the liquors.
77,524. And the room in?—Decidedly so. I have brought my book with me, and you can look at it.
77,525. You have entered it in the book in the ordinary course?—Yes.
77,526. When did you give these refreshments?—A day or two before the election, if not after.
77,527. Who sent the voters to your place?—I do not know.
77,528. Were they voters?—They were chiefly committee men and some runners; I saw no voters, at least none that I knew as voters.
77,529. You did not look to the people who had the refreshment for the money, but to the committee?—I looked to the committee.
77,530. How would you know who were of the committee?—Because they were the parties that gave the orders that such and such things were to be put down; what was sent in was to be put down to their own names.
77,531. Did you receive any more than the 7*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*?—Yes, 16*s.*
77,532. What was that for?—Refreshment the committee paid for themselves.
77,533. Who did you make out your bill to?—I made it out to Mr. Steeple, and he paid me.
77,534. Did he come to your house and pay it?—Yes, he did.

EDWARD BEST sworn, and examined.

Edward Best.

77,535. Where do you live?—In the Pottery.
77,536. What business are you?—A shipchandler.
77,537. What rent do you pay?—I pay 15*l.* the house, and 18*l.* the shop.
77,538. When were you made a freeman?—I am not a freeman.
77,539. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—The last one.
77,540. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
77,541. Were you on any committee?—No; I was not.
77,542. Did you get your name put down anywhere?—Not that I am aware of.
77,543. Did you take any interest in the election?—Yes; I did.
77,544. Did you get some men to vote?—Yes; all that I could.
77,545. Do you know any man of the name of Horsley?—I do not.
77,546. How did you get them to vote; did you send them to get their names set down?—Yes; I went about canvassing for them, and got names put down if I could.
77,547. Set down as runners?—I had nothing to do with that, only for the vote; I canvassed for the district.
77,548. Where did you send them to?—To the central committee.
77,549. Who asked you to do that?—I think Mr. Galloway, from that office.
77,550. Do you recollect sending a man to Spurn?—I do not remember. I do not know the name.

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77,551. I ask you if you remember the name of Horsley?—I do not remember the name.

77,552. Do you remember Horsley being engaged to go to Spurn, and you giving a man some money to go instead of him?—I never remember such a thing.

77,553. Did you employ a man of the name of William Worth?—Yes; I believe I did

77,554. And a man of the name of John Frith?—Yes; I believe I did.

77,555. How much did you pay them?—I think it was 5*s.* or 10*s.*, I have not kept any account.

77,556. How many days?—Something like four days.

77,557. Were they votes for the blues?—For the orange party.

77,558. What did you give them to do?—I am sure I cannot exactly say.

77,559. Did you give them anything to do?—Yes; to solicit for votes, and anything they could do. I cannot say exactly what they did do, but to solicit.

77,560. They were voters themselves?—The vote was the bond no doubt with me. Worth is a waterman. I was engaged for the shipping department; I had a boat and several men; I cannot exactly say how many; I had many engaged.

77,561. I suppose you meant to secure their votes?—Yes; I did, if possible.

77,562. And paid them with that understanding?—I believe I paid them afterwards, to satisfy them.

77,563. They did vote for you?—Some of them did, but some when it came to the time had not a vote..

77,564. You did not pay them perhaps?—I paid them that had votes.

77,565. You did not pay them that had not votes?—To the best of my knowledge I did not.

Robert Oxtoly.

ROBERT OXTOLY sworn, and examined.

77,566. Where do you live?—Colonial Street.

77,567. What business are you?—A cornfactor.

77,568. What rent do you pay?—I live with my father.

77,569. When were you made a freeman?—I am not a freeman.

77,570. Have you a vote?—No.

77,571. I believe at the last election you took some part in the payment, did you not?—Yes.

77,572. You assisted Mr. West I think, did you not?—Yes, at the Holderness ward committee.

77,573. And Henry Whyttal Walker, was he there?—Yes.

77,574. Those were payments made for the blues, I believe?—Yes.

77,575. Where was it you made the payments?—We paid part at Mr. Stephenson's, and part at Mr. Bayley's.

77,576. After the election?—After the election.

77,577. Were the payments made on the same day?—No; separate days.

77,578. Which was paid first?—I think at Mr. Stephenson's.

77,579. What was the course of payment there?—I paid men who had been employed as runners from 10*s.* to 30*s.* each.

77,580. Did they come in separately?—Yes.

77,581. Had you some check?—Yes, I had a list.

77,582. You ascertained if they voted blue?—No doubt.

77,583. If so, they were paid?—Yes.

77,584. According to the scale they were on?—Yes.

77,585. Did some come who had not voted?—None, I think.

77,586. None who had not voted blue?—No.

77,587. About how many do you suppose there were present to be paid?—Between forty and fifty.

77,588. At both places?—At both places.

77,589. I suppose it was ascertained that they had all voted blue?—Yes. I believe we knew that they had voted blue.

77,590. Have you a list of the names now?—I have no list.

William Ayre.

WILLIAM AYRE sworn, and examined.

77,591. Where do you live?—Wellington Lane, Sculcoates.

77,592. What is your business?—A solicitor.

77,593. Are you clerk to the magistrates of the borough?—I am.

77,594. What rent do you pay?—I live upon my own freehold.

77,595. What is it rated at?—I think that I am rated at 42*l.* or 45*l.* a year.

77,596. How long have you lived in Hull?—I have lived in Hull thirty-five or thirty-six years.

77,597. Did you take part in the election of 1841?—I did not, excepting as a friend to the party; officially I did not.

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77,598. What party did you vote for?—I voted for Mr. Clay.

77,599. Only?—Clay and Thompson.

77,600. What part did you take as a friend?—I furthered the interest of those two parties, as far as I could.

77,601. Did you canvass for them?—Not regularly; professionally I did.

77,602. Were you acquainted at that time with the system of employing men in order to secure their votes?—No; I was not.

77,603. Did you take any part in any method of procuring men's votes by the payment of money?—Certainly not.

77,604. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I was one of the attorneys for Mr. Baines, at his election.

77,605. Were you a partner of Mr. Sidebottom?—I was not; Mr. Sidebottom and I were joint attorneys for Mr. Baines.

77,606. How soon before the election were you engaged?—I should think a fortnight. I had a communication with Mr. Baines in London; in point of fact, I was the first to suggest his becoming a candidate for Hull.

77,607. Did you receive any instructions from Mr. Baines as to the manner in which the election was to be conducted?—Mr. Baines stated to me that he would not be concerned in any way with bribery, and he would have nothing to do with Hull, unless it was a pure election.

77,608. Did he state that to you in London?—No; not until he came down to Hull, because in London he had not made up his mind to become a candidate. I think he stated it first to me at York.

77,609. Before he stated that, had you began to act in the election?—Certainly not.

77,610. What reply did you make?—I told him I had not been concerned in any election where there ever was bribery, and I never would.

77,611. Had you been concerned in any election in Hull before then?—I had, several.

77,612. That was before 1841?—Yes.

77,613. Did you, from your experience of those elections, know of the system of employing persons, and thereby securing their votes?—I did not, prior to that time.

77,614. So far as you knew before that time, was the influence in Hull merely a pure influence?—No; I do not say that. The first election I was concerned in, was Hill's election; so far as our party was concerned, it was a pure election. I was aware Mr. Hutt paid money during the election.

77,615. You were aware at the time Mr. Baines spoke to you, that money had been illegally employed in Hull elections?—Most decidedly.

77,616. Did you tell him that?—I have no doubt I have done so, and that it has been the topic of conversation with us.

77,617. Did you tell him so at the time?—I have no doubt at the time, or previously; that there had been a great deal of corruption in Hull, it was notorious.

77,618. He gave you instructions that he would be no party to it?—Decidedly.

77,619. Had you any opinion as to the probable chance of any one who came to Hull, intending not to bribe?—I told Mr. Baines I had no doubt from his popularity with all parties, that he would succeed without any corrupt means whatever.

77,620. After he came to Hull, after seeing Mr. Baines, did you begin to act with Mr. Sidebottom?—Not immediately.

77,621. How soon did you begin to act?—I think I got Mr. Baines' address at the York assizes, and brought it over and then commenced to act with Mr. Sidebottom. I think it would be a fortnight or ten days before the election.

77,622. Were any means taken to secure votes by employment or money payments before the contest began with Mr. Brown?—I believe not.

77,623. Before Mr. Brown was in the field the canvass was a mere ordinary canvass?—It was a mere ordinary canvass.

77,624. When Mr. Brown was in the field was the system altered?—Not to my knowledge.

77,625. Do you mean in your belief, at the time, that Mr Baines' election was being carried on upon the mere influence of words without money?—Yes, I do believe so; and I did believe so.

77,626. Did you hear at any time persons were being set down as runners or messengers, on behalf of Mr. Baines?—No; I did not. I knew there were many applications to us to have the names put down; I invariably said, "No; if Mr. Baines knows there is a single farthing given in bribery, he will not sit if elected." I firmly believe that was Mr. Baines' determination.

77,627. You were aware after the election that considerable sums of money were given on Mr. Baines' behalf?—Yes; I was.

77,628. Were you aware that during the election the expenses were likely to be very large?—I was aware, from the appearances, that a great deal of money was about to be fooled away, and I protested against it when I saw that course.

77,629. To whom did you protest?—To the company about me; it was followed up by sending bands of music and colours round the town, and having a great many committee rooms and flags of every description. Processions are very expensive affairs during an

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election. I made those about me know what my opinion was upon the subject more than once.

77,630. What was their answer?—They did not see it in the same light that I did. I recollect, more than once there was a great crowd about the George; we attempted a procession with a view to get rid of it.

77,631. Did you consult with Mr. Sidebottom about the matter?—I believe he was of a similar opinion to myself, though he was not so averse to processions as I was. I do not think he was aware of the expense they would lead to.

77,632. Did you understand from any parties that they thought that expense necessary? That was the first procession that was sent round to get rid of the crowd that was assembled about the George.

77,633. Did you hear from any one that they thought that large expense was necessary?—Certainly not; when we began to take people on, we began to take people who were not voters, in order that the election might be perfectly correct.

77,634. Some of the out-voters and the Hedon voters, voted for Mr. Baines, did they not?—Yes.

77,635. Did you pay, on behalf of Mr. Baines, those persons?—I did not individually.

77,636. Did you give instructions?—Nor did I give instructions.

77,637. What part did you take in it?—I took no part in the payment whatever.

77,638. What part did you take with regard to the Hedon people?—I had nothing to do with the Hedon voters, nor with the out-voters.

77,639. Were you not aware of the method in which they were treated?—I heard afterwards that they had been paid; in fact, I know they were paid for coming over, probably for the loss of their day.

77,640. What voters were those, the Hedon only?—I think I understood it applied to Hedon and Barton voters.

77,641. How soon did you know it?—I learnt it about that period.

77,642. During the election?—Probably during the election.

77,643. What did you do on that?—It did not fall within my part of the business.

77,644. You did nothing?—I did nothing whatever.

77,645. Did you acquaint Mr. Baines with that?—No; it was the act of the committee who were in communication with him as much as I was.

77,646. You did not make any remonstrance on that?—I do not recollect doing so now.

77,647. Did you have any communication with Mr. Bright?—Mr. Bright was an active member of the committee. I do not recollect upon that subject. I think Mr. Bright was the finance manager.

77,648. Did you at all remonstrate with him as to the expense?—I recollect perfectly well the great expense of the procession, and so on.

77,649. What did he say to that?—He said on one occasion it was necessary to get rid of the men, and therefore he would send a procession round.

77,650. Did it appear to you that during the election Mr. Baines' instructions were being disobeyed?—I am quite satisfied that those processions were sent round not to secure the votes.

77,651. Did it appear, during the election, that Mr. Baines' instructions were being obeyed?—Yes, generally they were being obeyed.

77,652. That was taking Mr. Baines's instructions to be that no money influence should be exercised?—Yes, I think so.

77,653. In any way?—Yes.

77,654. Was it your impression throughout the election that his instructions in that sense were being obeyed?—Most decidedly.

77,655. Did you take any part in the election of 1852?—I did not. I was the solicitor for Colonel Thompson in his first election. I was requested to see if any bribery took place there without his knowledge.

77,656. Will you tell me if you were paid yourself?—On which occasion?

77,657. Mr. Baines'?—Yes; 50*l.*

77,658. Was that all?—Yes; that is all; except that some few payments were included in the bill.

77,659. £50 for yourself and some for small payments?—I believe 50*l.* was all I charged him.

77,660. A list of Mr. Baines' runners has been shown to us, and it contains a singularly small number of voters, about one-fifth or one-sixth; I do believe it is not more than one-tenth; how did that occur; try it in this way: for the first twelve taking them accidentally, we cannot find any corresponding names on the register excepting these first?—As I said before, all those who were employed to go round as runners were selected as far as possible non-voters, and we selected as far as possible non-voters for clerks, and so on.

77,661. Why?—In order that their votes might not be impugned in case of a scrutiny.

77,662. Are you not aware that the contrary is the usual practice in Hull?—Most decidedly.

77,663. Are you not aware that a totally opposite course was pursued by Mr. Clay in

1841, and the same course was pursued by Colonel Thompson?—Colonel Thompson's election in 1835 was the same.

77,664. Are you not aware that Mr. Clay took a totally opposite course?—Certainly I am; but still it appeared to me that every voter who was paid, my own self included (who was an agent), was a bad vote, provided there was a scrutiny.

77,665. What was your opinion upon the subject; was it that the employment of voters in that way was indirectly bribery?—Decidedly.

77,666. I do not ask whether any money was expended for the purpose of influencing the election; but are you aware of any money being expended for the purpose of influencing voters to whom the money was paid?—I am not aware of a single farthing being so expended.

77,667. You have had an opportunity of examining the accounts; can you undertake to say that no bill was incurred or money paid in which the vote of the party with whom the expense was incurred was not considered one element for considering whether you would employ him or not; you say you paid no money to anybody without taking into consideration as an element of calculation whether or no there would be a probability of securing the vote?—I am not aware that one single vote was so obtained.

77,668. Will you go further and say, not a single order was given for the purpose of influencing a voter?—To the best of my knowledge, I believe not one single order was so given.

77,669. How soon did you hear of the arrangement having been made for the Hedon voters coming over to vote?—I think I did not hear of it until either on the day of the election or after the day of the election. I did not.

77,670. Did you hear it before they voted?—I should think not. I knew nothing of the arrangement.

77,671. Did you know Mr. Pack was engaged in it?—Yes; he is a solicitor at Hedon.

77,672. He has sent in a bill for procuring the Hedon voters; were you in communication with Mr. Pack?—I was not.

77,673. Not at all?—Not in the least.

77,674. From whom did Mr. Pack receive his instructions?—I cannot tell you.

77,675. Have you not heard?—I have not indeed.

77,676. It is no secret that he acted on Mr. Baines' behalf, and bought votes wholesale; that is notorious?—I have heard so; no doubt of it.

77,677. It appears from the papers that have come out of the custody of Mr. Baines' committee, the receipt of these voters for the money has been produced, signed by them?—I do not know of the arrangement, nor did I know it at the time.

77,678. I want to know whether you heard of the intention of such an arrangement mentioned?—I did not.

77,679. Where was it Mr. Pack received a retainer or employment?—I think Mr. Pack was retained some few days before the election.

77,680. Who gave him his instructions; did you?—No; certainly not.

77,681. Have you heard since who communicated the instructions to him?—No, I have not indeed.

77,682. Professional gentlemen do not act except they are put in motion?—I am not aware who gave him his instructions; I certainly did not.

77,683. You say he was employed two or three days; I suppose you knew at the time of the election he was making some arrangement for bringing over the Hedon voters here?—I think I heard on the day of the election he was making some arrangements.

77,684. You heard it before the poll; did you not hear it the day before?—My impression is, they came over the first thing in the morning of the polling day, and that they voted early, and therefore I should not hear it till after they voted. My impression is, I heard that day that some arrangement was made.

77,685. Did you hear then for the first time that Mr. Pack was confidentially arranging the bringing up of these voters?—I did not know that Mr. Pack had made an arrangement at the time, nor did I know till you have mentioned it now.

77,686. But that somebody was doing it, did you not?—I knew that some arrangement had been made whereby the Hedon voters and the Barton voters were brought over here.

77,687. Did you hear the instructions?—I did not hear.

77,688. Did you hear some one had a carte blanche to make such arrangements as he thought fit?—No; I did not indeed.

77,689. Do you remember the payment to Mr. Pack of his bill?—I know I took no part whatever in the payment.

77,690. Did you not assist Mr. Sidebottom in the final requisitions?—No, I did not. As soon as the election was over I retired; I had public business to attend to, and I left them to settle all the accounts.

77,691. Did you know that the gentleman, whoever he was, that made an arrangement with the Hedon voters on behalf of Mr. Baines, was in communication with the agent of Mr. Brown?—No, I did not.

77,692. You never heard of it?—No.

77,693. Not even on the day of the election?—No.

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77,694. Did you hear he was in communication with any of Mr. Brown's agents?—No, I did not.

77,695. Were you in any communication with Mr. Brown's agents?—No.

77,696. Or the agents of Mr. Clay?—No.

77,697. Did you hear of William Henry Nicholson?—I do not know him.

77,698. I mean the sailmaker and farmer of votes?—I do not know him.

77,699. Did you hear of him at Mr. Baines' committee room?—No; I do not recollect the name. I do not know the man.

J. W. Smithson.

JAMES WILLIAM SMITHSON sworn, and examined.

77,700. Where do you live?—I lodge in Waterworks Street.

77,701. What business are you?—I am at present out of business.

77,702. Do you pay any rent?—No.

77,703. When were you made a freeman?—I am not one.

77,704. Were you entitled to vote as a householder at the election of 1841?—Yes.

77,705. Who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.

77,706. Did you get some money at that election?—Yes; for goods delivered.

77,707. What did you deliver?—Such commodities as I had for sale in the house; refreshments.

77,708. Not voters?—No; different parties that came to my place.

77,709. I want to know whether the goods meant voters?—Such as were sent to me.

77,710. Did you pay any money to any voters?—No.

77,711. Did you receive any money excepting for what you call for refreshments?—No.

77,712. Did they pay you all your bill?—Yes; the bill that was charged I received the money for.

77,713. You claim a balance still?—There is a slight balance I claim, which ought to have been paid before by Mr. Farthing.

77,714. At the election?—Yes.

77,715. Why is it not paid?—I cannot tell you; he made a dispute about the names.

77,716. He is a committee man?—He is.

77,717. He made payments that election?—I am sorry to say I never received any from him.

77,718. What did you receive?—What I did receive I received from Mr. Conkerton.

77,719. Was this entirely for refreshment?—Yes.

77,720. Did Conkerton give you any money to pay voters?—No.

77,721. Did you pay any?—No.

77,722. How much was your bill?—My bill at the Saville Street committee room was 3*l.* 15*s.*

77,723. Who sent the voters to your house?—I am told Conkerton and Mr. Farthing sent them.

77,724. Why did he not pay the whole of the bill?—He disputed it, saying that he had done so.

77,725. Had not sent them?—No.

77,726. He would not pay any of it?—He paid none.

J. H. Ellerman.

JOHAN HERMAN ELLERMAN sworn, and examined.

77,727. Where do you live?—No. 2, Regent Street, Anlaby Road.

77,728. What business are you?—A merchant.

77,729. What rent do you pay?—I am in lodgings.

77,730. When were you made a freeman?—I am not a freeman.

77,731. Are you not a voter?—No.

77,732. Were you interested in the last election in canvassing for the blues?—Yes, I was.

77,733. Did Mr. Kemp employ you?—No; Mr. Kemp and I were together in a committee room. Mr. Kemp had to leave, and he left it entirely to me.

77,734. Were you deputy chairman?—Yes; I was deputy chairman of the committee.

77,735. At which committee?—It was at the Black Horse, in Carr Lane.

77,736. You paid some of the parties I believe?—I paid nothing but three runners that were at our committee. They wanted something extra; they wanted 5*s.* a day; the central committee would not allow more than 3*s.* 6*d.* I think it was three days or four days.

77,737. Who were these men?—One was called Millbank, and the other was Robinson. They would not stop, they said; the orange party had offered them 5*s.* a day if they would come. I wrote to the central committee room for instructions; I said I should not interfere, but leave it to them; and so soon as I saw Mr. Wells, of the South Myton district committee room, he said the fact was they would not work any more, and they

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could not get any more. I thought I had better not let them go, and I paid 1*s.* 6*d.* a day myself, out of my own pocket. If I did not get it from the committee room or Mr. Wells I should pay them. That is all I did.

77,738. In order to prevent their going over to the orange?—In order to prevent their running away; I was so hard worked I could not go myself.

77,739. Were they blue voters?—Yes; I presume they were. I did not inquire into that.

77,740. You knew it?—I had reason to believe, because they were sent to me from the central committee room.

77,741. You gave them one shilling more and got them to stop?—18*d.* a day I think I paid for three days.

77,742. You mentioned those two names, what is the other name?—I really cannot tell you, I was so very much at work that I took no particular notice.

77,743. Where does he live?—I do not know that even.

77,744. Were you once clerk to Mr. Bright?—Yes.

77,745. Did you pay any money away for him for the election?—No, not any.

77,746. You canvassed?—Yes, I canvassed.

77,747. Did you send people to have their names down?—I was not aware of that till the last election. I merely went round with another gentleman. I canvassed at the previous election.

77,748. Do you know if Millbank voted for you?—I know he had not voted till eleven o'clock in the morning, and one of them never did come back. I said to him, "Millbank, how is it you have not voted?"

Timothy Maloney.

TIMOTHY MALONEY sworn, and examined.

77,749. You are a seafaring man, are you not?—Yes.

77,750. Where do you live?—No. 17, Castle Street.

77,751. What rent do you pay?—£30.

77,752. Are you a freeman?—No.

77,753. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—Before this last.

77,754. Did you vote in 1847?—Yes.

77,755. Who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.

77,756. Did you receive any money at that election?—No.

77,757. Nothing?—Nothing.

77,758. Before or after?—All I received was when I voted in Mytongate, from Thistleton. John says, "Thankee, Maloney;" that is all I received for that election.

77,759. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

77,760. You got your name set down at Lidgard's?—Yes; Mr. Bannister's.

77,761. How much money did you get?—After the election they made me a present of 15*s.*

77,762. For your vote?—No; it was for placing a blue flag at the masthead. I hoisted it in the morning, and pulled it down at night.

77,763. Where did you splice it?—I do not know where it was spliced.

77,764. You did not?—My wife did.

77,765. You got how much?—15*s.*

77,766. Did you get any more money that election?—No.

77,767. You pulled a rope and sent it up to the masthead?—Yes.

77,768. You got 15*s.* for that?—Yes.

77,769. Was it before or after you voted?—After I voted, and after the election, a fortnight.

77,770. When did you hoist the flag?—A fortnight or three weeks before the election commenced.

77,771. Where did you hoist it?—At the mainmasthead.

77,772. That was a signal for all people at sea that you were of the blue party?—Yes.

77,773. Did a good many rally round your flag?—No; there was rather a deficiency; there were not so many had the same principle as myself.

77,774. Those who sailed under your flag, what did you promise them?—Nothing. There were four voters in our ship, all for the blues.

77,775. You told them it would be all right?—I never asked one for a vote.

77,776. Did they come to you and say they were all blues?—I never took any interest in that at all. It was independent of me what they did.

77,777. How much did they get?—I never inquired.

77,778. Did you help the blues?—No; I was not employed.

77,779. Not employed at all?—No; I was not.

77,780. You got some money, did you not?—I cannot inform you about that.

77,781. Did they not tell you that they had?—No.

77,782. Not one?—No.

77,783. Did they not go and vote on the polling day?—Yes.

77,784. And came back again?—Yes.

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77,785. Did they not tell you that they had a little money?—No; they did not.
77,786. I do not mean that day?—They did no such thing.
77,787. You never heard them say?—No.
77,788. Any of them?—Not one.
77,789. Where they got the money?—I had nothing to do with it.
77,790. When did you lower your flag?—After the election.
77,791. On the same day?—The same day.

Richard Bower.

RICHARD BOWER sworn, and examined.

77,792. Where do you live?—Air Street, Sculcoates.
77,793. What is your business?—A blockmaker.
77,794. What rent do you pay?—£5 10*s.*
77,795. When were you made a freeman?—1825.
77,796. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.
77,797. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Thompson.
77,798. Did you receive any money that election for your vote?—No.
77,799. No money at all?—No money at all.
77,800. At the next who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay.
77,801. Did you receive any money that time?—No.
77,802. At the last election who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
77,803. We were told you got some money then?—No.
77,804. Do you know a man of the name of Warrener?—No, I do not.
77,805. Are you sure you got no money at the last election?—Not a halfpenny.
77,806. Neither before nor after?—No.
77,807. Was your name set down?—I believe it was set down at the last election, at the committee room.
77,808. What for?—For a messenger; but I was not employed, therefore I never got any.
77,809. Did you go and apply to have your name set down?—They set me down, and said I was to act as a messenger.
77,810. Did you go and ask to be set down?—I went to the committee room, certainly.
77,811. You asked them to set you down?—Yes; I did.
77,812. For employment?—Yes.
77,813. What room was it at?—Chapel Lane.
77,814. When you found that they offered you employment you offered your vote at the same time?—I promised my vote before then.
77,815. They knew it probably?—Yes, I dare say they did; I promised my vote when I was canvassed before.
77,816. Did you get any money?—No.
77,817. Did you ever apply for any?—No.
77,818. Do you believe that others had been paid?—I do not know; I had nothing to do with those people.
77,819. Did you expect to be paid after the election?—I did not do any work.
77,820. Should you expect to be paid?—I do not know that I should. If my name had been down to be paid, and they gave it, I should have taken it.
77,821. Suppose they were to get paid the day after to-morrow. Your name is set down to get something?—I should, if they set my name down.
77,822. You say your name was down?—Yes.
77,823. And put down at your request?—Yes.
77,824. At the time when you voted did you not expect that, if you voted for Clay and Goderich, sometime after the election you would be paid?—No; I should not know that I should get anything.
77,825. Did you not expect, in consequence of having your name set down, that you would be paid after the election was over?—If the other parties had been paid, most undoubtedly I should look to be paid as well.
77,826. Did you not expect that other parties, and all parties, would be paid whose names were down?—I do not know; if I had been employed I should apply most decidedly.
77,827. When you gave your vote did you expect that all the persons who like yourself had had their names put down, would be paid after the election was over?—My impression would be, perhaps they would be.
77,828. Warrener has sworn that he paid you some money?—I do not know; I never received any.
77,829. You had no money?—I told you before I had not received a halfpenny.

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77,830. Where do you live?—At Trippett.
77,831. What is your business?—A clerk.
77,832. To Mr. Barkworth?—Yes; Messrs. Barkworth and Spaldin.
77,833. Are you a voter?—No; I am a freeman. I have not had a vote yet.
77,834. Did you take any interest in the election of 1841?—No.
77,835. Did you in 1847?—No.
77,836. In 1852 you did?—Yes; a little.
77,837. I believe you set down names for Mr. Bamford, did you not?—Yes.
77,838. Where did you set their names down?—At the Kingston.
77,839. For Mr. Bamford?—Yes.
77,840. That was in the Market Place?—Yes.
77,841. Where were those persons who applied to be employed?—I do not know where. Mr. Bamford merely told me to put them down; I never saw the men.
77,842. Did you not take the names from themselves?—No.
77,843. How did you know them?—Mr. Bamford told me the names; they did not come into the room; Mr. Bamford came into the room and told me.
77,844. You did not see the parties?—No.
77,845. Did you make any payments?—No.
77,846. Did any money payments pass through your hands?—No; none at all.
77,847. I ask you whether any of the people came into the room in which you were?—Not that I am aware of.
77,848. Were you sitting in the room by yourself?—I was sitting in the room, and some gentlemen came in.
77,849. But, applicants to have their names set down?—No; not at all.
77,850. Did Mr. Bamford give you a paper to copy?—He would come in and mention a man's name, one at a time, and say "Put them down."
77,851. You never saw the men?—I never saw them at all.
77,852. How many days were you there?—Only the election day.
77,853. How many did you set down?—About two dozen.
77,854. Did you keep a list?—No; I left it with Mr. Bamford.
77,855. Were they on separate pieces of paper?—They were on a sheet of paper.

RICHARD CARTER CATTLEY sworn, and examined. *R. C. Cattley.*

77,856. Are you a voter?—No.
77,857. I am told you paid some money to a man named Conkerton?—I daresay I did; I paid several people; I do not remember the names.
77,858. At the last election?—Yes.
77,859. Had you a room at which you made the payments?—I paid two or three at my office; to the others I sent the money by Brown, a clerk.
77,860. When did you make any payments?—A few days after the election; the next day and two or three days after; some rather later than that.
77,861. Who supplied you with the money to make the payments?—I got the money from Mr. Ward, the chairman.
77,862. Were those persons that had been down?—Yes.
77,863. Had you a list of them?—We had directions to take down names of the runners.
77,864. Prior to the election?—Prior to the election.
77,865. And the payments you made at the same room where they had been taken down?—The names were taken partly in the Saville Street room, and partly the Charles Street committee room.
77,866. Where were they paid?—Some I paid at my office, those that came; to the others I sent the money by Brown.
77,867. Do you know about the number you paid?—Brown and I paid together, I suppose, about thirty-five, or something of that sort.
77,868. Was it a fixed sum?—Generally 30*s.*, some 1*l.*, and some 10*s.*, according to the time employed.
77,869. Had you a list of the names?—I had one small list my father sent in.
77,870. You had no further list?—No further list.
77,871. Had you a separate room besides that of Page's?—No; it was his room I was at.
77,872. The room for the committee?—Yes.
77,873. Was there a regular committee there?—Yes.
77,874. Was it not principally for the purpose of receiving names as runners?—Not at all; it was to work the district. We divided the West Sculcoates into two.
77,875. One division met at this house?—One in Saville Street, and the other at Page's, in Charles Street.
77,876. Applications were made?—Men came and said they wanted employment. We

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told them we would take their names down, and when we wanted their services we would send for them.

77,877. Those persons who were paid by you and Brown after the election I suppose were paid with reference to their colour?—I do not suppose we should have paid them unless they had voted blue. I believe some were paid that had not voted blue.

77,878. Paid by mistake?—Yes; we did not check some of them.

77,879. Were you the chairman or vice chairman?—I was chairman.

77,880. When you found the mistake out you did not pay them?—Certainly not.

77,881. You were chairman. Had you a staff of the ordinary kind?—Yes; I had several to assist me.

77,882. Runners and messengers?—Runners and messengers, and committee men.

77,883. I suppose during the latter part you made what employment you could for them?—We had orders to take a much larger number of men than we could get. The orders came too late. We had orders the day before to take on sixty runners for the clearing house; we did not get above two or three.

77,884. That would have no reference to your need of them?—It was Mr. Wells' need of them at the clearing house.

77,885. You could not get enough?—I do not know that we took one on after the orders came to take sixty.

77,886. Did you agree with Page for the room?—My father and Mr. Ward agreed with him; I did not take it; he had two guineas.

77,887. As far as you are aware, is it always understood when a person gets employment he means to give his vote into the bargain; that it is made part of the special contract?—Yes; there were various bargains at the last election.

77,888. It has been repeatedly stated that a great number of your runners ran away from you. It is an assertion easily made, but nobody can prove it, further than it is said the first hour no less than 200 ran away?—I cannot say; we were much disappointed, and I believe they were; I have no doubt they were.

77,889. We found that many did?—We found some men had actually applied to both committees.

77,890. Have you heard of a large number of persons?—I heard in the course of the election; I cannot speak of my own knowledge.

77,891. Who was the gentleman so active as to be able to vote both sides at once?—I cannot mention his name; there were more than one in the same way. We found we had taken men on as runners, and after that they were standing at the orange committee room door.

77,892. You considered that breaking faith with you?—Decidedly.

77,893. You consider they should have done the work if engaged by you?—If they applied to me for us, and took our money, they ought to have voted for us.

Mr. JOHN ROLLIT recalled, and examined.

Mr. John Rollit.

77,894. Did you hear when you were about getting the case for the petition, that 300 men who were promised to you had gone over to the orange, and had voted orange the first hour in the morning?—I heard that a great number from the different committee rooms had forfeited their promises, and had gone over to the other side; early in the morning, I did not hear that.

77,895. Did you endeavour to have that out?—No; I did not.

77,896. Did you think it was rather one of those vague surmises that were afloat?—It did not become necessary for me to have it out; I had other evidence on which I relied.

77,897. More trustworthy evidence?—Yes; and not exactly so; I had other evidence for supporting the case.

77,898. Evidence which was less doubtful?—Not less doubtful, but which was less trouble to get up, as well as less expensive. My view was to contract the expenses as much as I could.

77,899. I thought one of those solutions was more likely to be the case?—I heard of it in many quarters; but as this was not a scrutiny of votes, it was not necessary for me to carry the inquiry further.

77,900. It caused a strong suspicion it was attained by unfair means?—It raised a strong suspicion in my mind that there had been corrupt practices, and if I had traced it out in detail in the particular cases, it would have involved a great number of witnesses to have proved it to support our case.

77,901. You had better evidence, and of a more cogent character; more easily obtained and less expensive?—Yes.

HENRY FRENCH sworn, and examined.

Henry French.

77,902. I see you are orange?—Ay, to the back bone.

77,903. What business do you carry on?—I am a seafaring man.

77,904. Where do you live?—I live in Neptune Street.

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77,905. What rent do you pay?—£11.
77,906. Are you also a freeman?—No.
77,907. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—Hutt's, in 1832.
77,908 Did you vote in 1841?—No; I was not at home.
77,909. At the last election I believe you took an interest in it for Mr. Clay?—Mr. Clay.
77,910. Alone?—Alone.
77,911. Were you on either of the committees?—Yes; I was appointed chairman for one at the Whittington and Cat, Wood's.
77,912. Did you attend as chairman?—Oh, strictly.
77,913. Had you a good many applicants for employment?—A great many vagabonds, that got much more than I got.
77,914. Did you employ them?—I had several applications, to the tune of twenty or thirty men at the Baltic Tavern; some came, and it was privately spoken; they said they would take 3*l.* apiece, so I said, "You may take yourself off." They came back again, and they said they would take 1*l.* apiece, and I said, "You take yourselves off," again. Then they said they would take less and less. I wrote to Mr. Galloway, and said they would take a day's work. Mr. Galloway gave me orders to give them a day's work, and I gave them two or three days' work.
77,915. Perhaps it was rather high; how much was it?—I suppose about 10*s.* each.
77,916. A good day's work for a vagabond?—Oh! too good, a great deal.
77,917. Do you remember their names?—No; I do not.
77,918. They voted all right, I hope?—No; a parcel of them ran away, and I put the broad arrow before those gentlemen.
77,919. There were only three that did vote?—Only three did vote; the rest all ran away.
77,920. How many had you promised?—I daresay about twelve.
77,921. Can you tell us what made them run so quick?—For want of more cash, I think.
77,922. Did you hear from them that they got money from the other side?—Yes; they went to Mr. Brown, poor man, to get some of his browns.
77,923. Did you hear that they got some?—I am not aware of it.
77,924. Did you make any payments besides?—None whatever, excepting that man's bill, Wood's.
77,925. Can you tell us anything else about 1847?—Nothing particular, excepting there were a variety of proceedings in 1847; places looked sharp after by people that changed their colour for the purpose of getting places.
77,926. In 1852 did you do anything?—I had nothing to do particularly in 1852.
77,927. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich, I suppose.
77,928. Were you on any committee?—I was not.
77,929. Did any money pass through your hands?—None whatever. Yes; there was, too; I was authorized by Mr. Galloway to keep the election matter alive, but not by any means to promise money on account of votes. I had strict orders from Lord Goderich and Mr. Clay that they would rather stay out of Parliament altogether than run any personal risk, or buy any vote.
77,930. How did you keep them alive?—I had to visit various societies; there was a fine promise made by a gentleman, who forgot to fulfil it.
77,931. You did not pay any money?—Oh yes; I bribed a good deal; I did, I can assure you.
77,932. What for, and who?—A parcel of poor old women that were promised to have a tea party given to them by Mr. Blundell, and they never got it. They plagued my life out, and I was glad to get clear of them by giving them 15*s.*
77,933. The tea party was after the election?—After the election of course, but the promises, like piecrust, were broken.
77,934. Did you not preside over the ladies?—I provided a little gin, and they gasped at it like frogs in an air pump.
77,935. Did you assist at Saville Street?—I do not know it; it belonged to Serjeant Wilde.
77,936. Did you assist the serjeant?—No; oh dear forbid.
77,937. Are you sure of that?—Quite sure.

J. W. Holmes.

JOHN WARD HOLMES sworn, and examined.

77,938. Where do you live?—No. 47, Mill Street.
77,939. What is your business?—A shoemaker.
77,940. What rent do you pay?—£6.
77,941. When were you made a freeman?—In 1839.
77,942. In 1841 did you vote?—Yes.
77,943. Who for?—Hanmer and James.
77,944. Did you receive any money for your vote?—I received it for employment.

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77,945. How much?—Two weeks; I believe 30*s.* a week. I am not certain what the amount was.

77,946. Did you apply to get your name set down?—Yes.

77,947. You applied for employment?—Yes, I did.

77,948. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I did not vote at all.

77,949. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

77,950. Your name was set down, I believe?—Yes.

77,951. At Mr. Wilkinson's?—I was doorkeeper from the 10th of June till the election was over.

77,952. Did you apply for it?—Yes, I did.

77,953. What were you, as doorkeeper, to do?—I had messages to run as well as keeping the door.

77,954. How much were you paid?—£1 a week for the first two weeks, and a guinea afterwards.

77,955. How much would it be?—£5 as near as I can tell.

77,956. What directions were given as to the doorkeeper, what has he to do?—A doorkeeper has to remain at the door to see people go in and out, but I was sent out as a messenger.

77,957. You were not the doorkeeper?—We had one man that could not read the papers, that had to go out, so he remained at the door while I went out.

77,958. Who paid you?—It was Mr. Stephenson.

77,959. After the election?—No, every week; every Saturday night.

William Horner.

WILLIAM HORNER sworn, and examined.

77,960. Where do you live?—Fish Street Court.

77,961. What business are you?—A plumber and glazier.

77,962. What rent do you pay?—None.

77,963. When were you made a freeman?—In 1835, I believe.

77,964. In 1841 did you vote?—Yes.

77,965. Who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.

77,966. Did you receive any money for your vote?—No.

77,967. Did you receive any money at all?—Not at that time.

77,968. Did you afterwards?—Yes; at Brown's election.

77,969. But not at that election?—No.

77,970. The next election; who did you vote for in 1847?—Baines and Brown.

77,971. Did you receive any money?—10*s.*

77,972. Where were you paid?—In the Market Place; Stamps's, Hales Entry.

77,973. After the election?—Yes.

77,974. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Moore and Butler.

77,975. Did you apply for employment?—Yes.

77,976. Where did you apply?—At the central committee room.

77,977. Did they employ you?—Yes.

77,978. How much money did you get?—I got at the rate of a guinea a week, and 10*s.* extra.

77,979. How many weeks?—A fortnight and a day.

77,980. Did the orange try to get you?—They solicited, but it was of no use.

77,981. You stuck to the blues?—Yes.

William Jackson.

WILLIAM JACKSON sworn, and examined.

77,982. Where do you live?—In the Beverley Road.

77,983. What business are you?—A soap manufacturer.

77,984. What rent do you pay?—Thirty guineas.

77,985. Are you a freeman?—No.

77,986. You are a voter?—Yes.

77,987. At which election did you vote first?—Thompson and Clay's, in 1841.

77,988. Did you receive any money?—No.

77,989. Were you on any committee?—No.

77,990. Did you make any payments?—No.

77,991. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Clay; a plumper.

77,992. Did you receive any money then?—No.

77,993. At the last election you voted for Clay and Goderich?—Yes.

77,994. Were you present with Mr. Wilde when he paid the Barton men?—Yes.

77,995. He has told us where he paid them?—At the Royal.

77,996. Did you make any other payments?—No.

77,997. What else did you do connected with the last election?—I went down to Wharam's with Mr. Walker to look after Wharam's lot.

77,998. John Walker, the Barton Walker?—Yes.

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77,999. What passed about them; did you engage them?—No, I did not see them; they were in another room, and Walker went in to them.

78,000. Did you go to help to buy them?—I went to see that Mr. Walker did not buy them.

78,001. Why should you do that?—I went at Mr. Walker's suggestion.

78,002. Did you see Mr. Wilde there?—Yes, I went with him.

78,003. Did you go to see whether they were willing to be bought, but he was not to buy them?—Not to buy them.

78,004. What did you want to know whether they would be bought for without buying them?—We thought we had sufficient to gain the election without them; they wanted too much money; something like 100*l.*

78,005. How many of them?—Twenty or thirty.

78,006. You were to make some sort of bargain, but not to close it?—We were to make no bargain at all; we were not to have anything to do with them.

78,007. To keep them in check in case you wanted them?—Yes.

78,008. It was left open to the following morning, the morning of the poll, because you had thought you had got enough?—Yes.

78,009. Mr. Wilde thought them too dear?—I believe he did. He thought he had got to the end of his purse.

William Leake.

WILLIAM LEAKE sworn, and examined.

78,010. Where do you live?—Atkinson Lane, Anlaby Road.

78,011. What business are you?—A shoemaker.

78,012. What rent do you pay?—£7.

78,013. When were you made a freeman?—1840.

78,014. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.

78,015. Who took up your freedom for you?—The Tories.

78,016. Did you vote for them in consequence at the next election?—Yes.

78,017. You voted orange?—Yes.

78,018. Did you get any money?—I got a sovereign for being set down as a runner.

78,019. Where were you set down?—I was set down in Scale Lane.

78,020. Who paid you?—A man of the name of Beuls, who kept the Bonny Boat; the landlord.

78,021. After you voted?—Yes; after the election.

78,022. Who did you vote for in 1847?—Clay and Brown.

78,023. Did you receive any money at that election?—10*s.*

78,024. Who for?—Mr. Brown.

78,025. When?—The night before the election.

78,026. Who by were you paid?—A man of the name of Norris, of the Yorkshire Grey.

78,027. At the last election who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

78,028. You applied to be set down in South Myton?—No, I did not.

78,029. Were you set down there?—No.

78,030. Were you set down nowhere as a runner?—I have made a mistake. I did not vote for Clay and Goderich; I voted for the Tories.

78,031. Moore and Butler?—Yes.

78,032. How much money did you get?—20*s.*

78,033. Who paid you?—Mr. Wells.

78,034. How came the blues to take up your freedom; were you asked by Mr. Brown; did he tell you he would pay for it if you liked?—No.

78,035. How came the blues to pay for your freedom?—Two gentlemen came down to our house, and told me I was to go down to Mr. Hammond's, at Witham, and he was there.

78,036. Charles or Thomas Hammond?—An old gentleman.

78,037. And he sent you up to the Mansion House to have your freedom taken up?—He came with me.

78,038. Do you know Mr. Wilde?—No.

78,039. Look at him?—I do not know him.

George Lowry.

GEORGE LOWRY sworn, and examined.

78,040. Where do you live?—No. 8, East Street.

78,041. What business are you?—A labourer.

78,042. What rent do you pay?—£5 10*s.*

78,043. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—No.

78,044. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

78,045. When were you made a freeman?—At the election before the last.

78,046. Did you vote at that election?—No.

78,047. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

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78,048. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
78,049. Did you apply for employment as a runner?—Yes.
78,050. Did you go to Mr. Wells?—No.
78,051. Where were you set down?—Drypool; Upper Union Street.
78,052. Samuel, John, and Charles Lowry; were they set down?—I do not know.
78,053. Are they your relations?—Yes.
78,054. You got your name set down?—Yes.
78,055. Did they get their names set down?—No.
78,056. Did you see Mr. Wells yourself?—No.
78,057. Did Samuel, John, and Charles tell you they had had their names set down?—No.
78,058. Did you apply to Mr. Wells?—No.
78,059. Who to?—West; Mr. Stephenson's clerk.
78,060. At the time you made application for employment, did he say anything about the way in which the others gave their vote?—No.
78,061. Are the others your brothers?—Yes.
78,062. You applied to West?—Yes.
78,063. How much money did you get?—30*s.* before the election.
78,064. How much afterwards?—I got 10*s.* afterwards.
78,065. Did you ever tell West your brothers would vote if you were employed?—No.
78,066. Did you ever tell Mr. Wells so?—No.
78,067. Did you ever tell West or Mr. Wells anything about your brothers?—No.
78,068. Are you sure of that?—Yes.
78,069. Did they go with you when you applied?—No.
78,070. Did you hear them say that they had applied at any time?—No.
78,071. Where are your brothers?—They are away.
78,072. Where are they?—They have gone to St. Petersburg and Riga.

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EDWARD HIND MITCHELL sworn, and examined.

78,073. Where do you live?—At Sutton.
78,074. What business are you?—A tobacco merchant.
78,075. What rent do you pay?—£160.
78,076. Are you also a freeman?—No.
78,077. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—1847.
78,078. Who did you vote for?—I did not vote at all.
78,079. At the last election who did you vote for?—Lord Goderich.
78,080. Did you attend at the committee room in Minerva Terrace?—No.
78,081. Do you recollect paying a man named Whitaker?—No.
78,082. A runner for seven days?—No.
78,083. At 3*s.* 6*d.* a day?—No.
78,084. Do you know the man?—No.
78,085. Did you pay any man 3*s.* 6*d.* a day for running?—For the last election?
78,086. Yes?—No one.
78,087. At the former election did you pay a man named Whitaker?—No.
78,088. Any man?—I do not know that I paid any man.
78,089. Did you make some payments at the election of 1847, in Waverley Street?—No.
78,090. Do you know Mr. Pulleyn?—No.
78,091. Do you know the Baltic?—I do; I went down to the Baltic.
78,092. Did you make some payments there?—No.
78,093. When did you go to the Baltic?—The day before the election.
78,094. What did you go there for?—There were eighty men lodged there. I saw the landlord, and agreed with him that those were to be paid 5*s.* a man; 5*s.* a day, and put on as runners. He sent the bill to the general committee, and it was paid by Mr. Burstall.
78,095. How long was it before the election?—It was to be eleven days.
78,096. 5*s.* a day for eleven days?—Yes.
78,097. Eighty of them?—Eighty of them.
78,098. The landlord made the bargain with them?—Yes.
78,099. Were they upstairs?—Yes, upstairs; somewhere in the house.
78,100. Did you see any of them?—No.
78,101. Did the landlord give you a list of them?—No.
78,102. Who authorized you to go and make that agreement with them?—It was some of the committee.
78,103. Who was present?—Mr. Digby was one I saw; my father was another.
78,104. What were you to do?—To go down and canvass them, and do the best I could for them.
78,105. To secure them with money?—Yes.

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78,106. You promised them?—I promised the landlord. I made the bargain with the a ndlord. Mr. Pulleyn was with me.

78,107. You made the bargain with the landlord, at 5*s.* a head, for four days?—Yes.

78,108. Do you call that securing votes for money?—It is if they paid them, it was not paid till after they had polled.

78,109. I ask you whether you call that securing votes for money?—No.

78,110. What do you call it?—Paying the money for the runners; putting them on as runners.

78,111. If you engage a man on the election day, and pay for four days on the polling day, that is paying for labour?—No; unless you engage him.

78,112. Explain what you mean by saying if you engage eighty men on the polling day, at 5*s.* a head, for four days, you consider that as labour?—It is paying them for their votes.

78,113. You say you call it paying a man for his vote. Did you pay for Mr. Pulleyn any money?—No.

78,114. What did you do for him?—Nothing.

78,115. What did you do with him?—I did not know he was there. He said he went down in the cab with me to bargain.

78,116. Did you pay any money in Waverley Street?—No.

78,117. You made no payments there?—None at all.

78,118. Do you know a man of the name of John Barker?—No. Several parties made applications to me, and I said I would get their names put down.

78,119. I believe your father was active?—He was.

78,120. He is not alive?—He is not.

78,121. Did you live with your father at that time?—No; my father lived in Sutton, and I lived in Hull.

78,122. Have you looked to see if you can find any papers?—I have searched all over the house, and I cannot find anything belonging to it.

78,123. You are his executor?—I am now

78,124. You cannot find anything belonging to the matter?—No; I have searched for them.

78,125. Tell us who else was in the committee room when you received this direction; you think Mr. Digby was there?—I believe I got it from Mr. Digby and Mr. Burstall. Mr. Lockwood was there, I think; there were three.

78,126. What time in the day was it?—As near as I can tell, it would be nearly twelve o'clock.

78,127. On the polling day?—On the polling day.

78,128. Did the landlord come to the room?—He did.

78,129. And stated that the men were there?—I went down to the Baltic; saw the landlord; brought the landlord back with me, and he received the money, to the best of my knowledge, of Mr. Burstall.

78,130. How did you know they were there?—The landlord came previous to that.

78,131. The landlord came to the central room and said the men were there?—Yes; to make the best he could of them.

Richard Mitchell.

RICHARD MITCHELL sworn, and examined.

78,132. Where do you live?—Manor Street.

78,133. What is your business?—A hairdresser.

78,134. What rent do you pay?—Six guineas.

78,135. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

78,136. When were you made a freeman?—In 1818.

78,137. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.

78,138. Who for?—James and Hanmer.

78,139. Did you get any money then?—No.

78,140. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.

78,141. Were you on any committee?—No.

78,142. Did you receive any money at that election?—I got 5*s.* about six months after the election.

78,143. Who for?—Mr. Baines.

78,144. Who paid you?—Mr. Sidebottom.

78,145. What was it for?—I do not know. They were paying 5*s.* apiece for those that gave a split vote, and those that gave a bullet, 10*s.*

78,146. Did you receive nothing from Mr. Clay?—No.

78,147. At the last election did you get your name put down?—Yes.

78,148. Who was it for?—Moore and Butler.

78,149. Did you take a note with you from Mr. Wells to Mr. Gleadow?—Yes.

78,150. Did he put down all the names that were mentioned in the note?—No, not all. I did not see Mr. Wells write the note, nor could I read it.

78,151. You took it with you?—I did.

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78,152. The others went with you and got their names put down?—They went to Lowgate. I was put down at the central room.

78,153. Yourself and your son and John Johnson?—Yes.

78,154. What is your son's name?—Richard.

78,155. Where is John Johnson?—Some one came for him last week, but he has left the town. I do not know where he is.

78,156. Have you a son who is a voter?—Yes.

78,157. A brother?—No.

78,158. What is your other son's name?—James Henry.

78,159. Did Mr. Gleadow give you employment at the time?—He gave me employment.

78,160. I believe it was considered enough to secure all your votes?—I do not know for that; of course I polled for him, so did my son. I do not know whether the others did or not.

78,161. Your two sons?—No, only one; the other had nothing to do with it.

78,162. John Johnson, he voted?—He got on at the other committee room, therefore I never saw him after.

78,163. How much money did you get?—24*s.*

78,164. Did Mr. Gleadow give you the choice of which should be set on; you or your son John?—No; when I went into the room there was Mr. Ward there, he said, "Here is Mitchell, you may put him on this committee room." I had been with Mr. Ward four elections, and he wished to have me there.

78,165. When were you paid?—Saturday week after the election.

78,166. How much?—24*s.*

78,167. Did you receive money for anybody else?—No.

78,168. Only for yourself?—Only for myself.

Charles Ware.

CHARLES WARE sworn, and examined.

78,169. Where do you live?—No. 74, Osborne Street.

78,170. What business are you?—A hairdresser and furniture broker.

78,171. What rent do you yay?—£12.

78,172. Are you a freeman?—No; I have not taken it up. I am a householder.

78,173. Were you entitled to vote in 1841?—I almost forget. I think I split my vote for the first election. I voted blue and orange. I have voted twice for Mr. Clay.

78,174. That is in 1847?—Yes.

78,175. Did you receive any money?—Not a farthing.

78,176. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

78,177. Was your room engaged?—No; it was not engaged. Dr. Bell came down to my house and asked if I had a room to let. I told him I could let him have one, and he agreed to give me 2*l.* for the use of it, and they never occupied it.

78,178. You got two guineas?—Two guineas, I think it was.

78,179. Did you have any list of a committee?—No.

78,180. Nobody ever attended it?—No.

78,181. You intended to vote for them?—I did.

78,182. Dr. Bell understood that, probably?—No, he did not. I did not promise any one till the election day.

78,183. Did you tell him you always intended to vote for him?—I did.

78,184. When were you paid?—About a fortnight after the election.

78,185. Had you got a chair you wanted to sell?—I had plenty of chairs.

78,186. You do not deal in chairs?—Yes; I am a furniture broker.

78,187. Did you offer the blues a good chair?—I might offer many a good chair.

78,188. Did you offer the blues; Dr. Bell?—I do not know that I did.

78,189. Did he buy one of you?—He has bought many things of me.

78,190. Did he buy a chair?—I do not think he did.

78,191. Did the committee ever meet at your place?—Not one.

78,192. You never expected them there?—I did not know. I made the room ready for them, but they never came to it.

78,193. When was it taken?—About a week or ten days before the election.

Adjourned to to-morrow, at ten o'clock.

FIFTY-FOURTH DAY.—Tuesday, August 9, 1853.

[*The Chief Commissioner* stated that they had had a communication from Mr. O'Neill, with respect to some statements which had been made in the course of Captain Walton's evidence, with regard to his election for Hull; certain observations had been made which they had directed to be expunged from the notes, but they having found their way into the newspapers, Mr. O'Neill had written to the Speaker of the House of Commons, and also to them, two letters to the following effect] :—

"In great haste. "Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, London, August 8th, 1853.

"Gentlemen,—I have the honour to submit to you the enclosed copy of a letter I this day caused to be laid before the Speaker of the House of Commons, who informed me through his secretary that he could not in his official capacity interfere. The secretary added that he advised my sending a copy of the letter to the Commissioners, and that it would certainly be a case of great hardship if I either were not examined, or that my letter contradicting the statements made by Mr. S. Walton were not annexed to your report, in order that it might appear with it on record.

"I am ready to enter into the fullest details, and shall by to-morrow's post, D.V., write more fully; meantime, I pray that this letter may be acknowledged.—I have, &c.,

"To the Honourable the Commissioners." "J. A. O'NEILL."

"London, August 8th, 1853.

"Sir,—I saw by mere accident, on Saturday morning, the 6th instant, a report of evidence alleged to have been given on the 25th ult., at Hull, by one of the witnesses examined before a Commission, which I conclude (but did not before hear of) was issued by the House, to inquire into the Hull election matters.

"In the report, the witness is made to state that a peer of the realm, whom he named, bore the expenses of my election for Hull in 1826; that some other peer sent down 1,000*l.* during the election, and that the expenses for my return amounted to above 12,000*l.* There is not one fact in these three statements, and I submit to you that they ought not to be placed uncontradicted on the records of Parliament.

"In justice, therefore, to the cause of truth, to my own character, and to that of peers charged with unconstitutional proceedings, I respectfully solicit that my evidence shall be received.

"I am ready to depose on oath that the expenses of my election were under 4,700*l.*, and that they were at my sole cost; and that neither peer, peers, nor commoners bore one shilling of these expenses, save a sum which my agent stated he had expended out of his own pocket, for which I settled with him, as well as for his services and that of his staff, immediately after the election.

"The same witness is represented as saying that I had no property (though I took the oath); I am ready to swear and to prove that this assertion is utterly untrue; but attribute error, not intentional misstatement, to the witness.

"I do not know who form the Commission, my appeal is to you, and through you. I earnestly entreat it may go to the Commisssioners,—I have, &c.,

"JOHN A. O'NEILL, formerly member for Hull,
"Anderton's Hotel, 164, Fleet Street."

"To the Right Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons."

[Having received those letters and made this public statement, the Commissioners had sent a telegraph message to Mr. O'Neill, stating what they had done; and also that if Mr. O'Neill wished to be examined upon the matter, they would be prepared to examine him on his presenting himself before them.]

Sir JOHN HANMER, Bart., M.P., sworn, and examined.

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78,194. You are now a member of Parliament, I believe?—I am at present a member of Parliament.

78,195. And formerly represented this borough?—I was for six years the representative of this borough.

78,196. Having been elected in 1841?—Having been elected in 1841.

78,197. After a very severe contest?—Yes.

78,198. I believe that previous to that time, you were a stranger to Hull?—I had never been in Hull before that time.

78,199. And the proposal that you should become a candidate was probably due only to political reasons?—The proposal; if you wish to have the particulars, I can give them.

78,200. No; merely that it should appear upon the minutes that you are not a merchant or carrying on business here; but that you came merely as a political candidate

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to represent certain political opinions?—A bencher of one of the inns of court had some connexion with this town; he was a friend of mine, and through him I became introduced here.

78,201. How long before the dissolution was your attention called to the representation of Hull?—You are aware that when one speaks of matters that happened twelve years ago, it is not always quite easy to give an accurate answer; but to the best of my memory it was some time in the early part of the month of May, or the latter part of the month of April, 1841.

78,202. Did you receive a requisition?—Yes; I believe I did.

78,203. I believe you were not acquainted with Sir Walter James at that time; you had no personal acquaintance with him in the first instance?—My personal acquaintance with Sir Walter James undoubtedly arose out of the proposal that I should stand for Hull; it was necessary, before I acceded finally to that proposal, that I should see Sir Walter, and that we should become acquainted with each other, and personally ascertain whether we were likely people to stand in a friendly manner together in a candidateship which was one and indivisible.

78,204. At that time, had you heard that Hull was, to use a common expression, rather an expensive place to represent?—I had not.

78,205. Or had you heard that the representation of Hull had become the subject of Parliamentary inquiry?—I was aware of that.

78,206. Were you aware to any extent that the inquiry extended over many days, and that there were allegations of bribery, corrupt practices at all events?—The Hull committee to this day is a committee well known among members of the House of Commons.

78,207. For its almost unparalleled duration?—I do not know about the duration; I know it is a leading case, you are not to follow any decision that is generally urged upon you, if you sit upon an election committee yourself, by the counsel,—that you are not to follow any decision that was come to by that committee; but I did not know that at the time.

78,208. You knew that such an inquiry had been, and was tolerably notorious?—I did not know that at the time.

78,209. You knew there had been an inquiry?—Yes; I knew there had been an inquiry. Sir Walter James told me so, I have no doubt.

78,210. Your attention being drawn to the representation, you had an interview, I suppose, with Sir Walter James?—I had an interview with Sir Walter James, but not for the purpose of receiving a *carte du pays* for this town, but for the purpose of receiving personal information from Sir Walter James with regard to the affairs of the town; because my decision to stand, subject to finding Sir Walter James a gentleman with whom I could stand satisfactorily, was formed upon the representations made by Mr. Barkworth and Mr. Ward.

78,211. What brought you into communication with those gentlemen; Mr. Ward came to town and saw you at your hotel?—He did.

78,212. At Hanover Square?—Yes.

78,213. Do you recollect what took place then, if anything, upon the subject of the expenses?—Yes; I can say that I remember, but I am afraid that I cannot give any very definite answer; but I will give you the best I can. I perfectly remember this, that the expenses of the election were discussed, as I think was very natural they should be discussed between us; it is a very necessary thing, before you go down to an election, that you should know what expenses you are likely to be put to; and it was stated to me that the return of two candidates on the interest prepared to support Sir Robert Peel,—supposing two candidates could be found who would agree with each other and were eligible in all respects, and likely to be accepted by the town,—this position was in the first place offered us to the best of my remembrance. I believe it was stated that the expenses should be 1,400*l.*, with some liability beyond.

78,214. £1,400 each?—£1,400 each, with some liability beyond; but I have ransacked my memory in vain to light upon what that liability was; but if we did not choose to accept 1,400*l.*, and some further liability, we were to be guaranteed all expenses whatsoever for the payment of 1,600*l.* each; that I most perfectly and distinctly remember. I am prepared to depose it, and I do depose it.

78,215. Before you finish this interview, was there not something said as to the mode in which that money was to be expended?—That is one of the questions that it is so difficult to answer after a lapse of twelve years; but to the best of my recollection and sincere belief I cannot say that I think, upon that occasion, anything was said which would give me a definite idea of what was the mode of elections in this town. I was simply to pay my money, and take my chance, I believe.

78,216. Do I understand you that it is more than probable some conversation did take place, but that it has escaped your memory after the length of time that has elapsed?—That is a very difficult question to answer. I must have asked questions, of course.

78,217. It is more than probable that you would, before undertaking to pay so large a sum of money, enter into a more minute inquiry?—As to a large sum of money, I have known a very pure election cost a great deal more. My opinion is this: that the sum of money did not appear to me to be a very large one for a contested election, and that my questions, I should say,—but really, I say it with all the deference that one ought to give

to any evidence as to what happened twelve years ago,—my questions, I think, rather related to the prospects of the election and to the strength of the blue party, than to how the 1,400*l.* was to be expended; and it was my belief, that although no doubt candidates at elections are apt to draw upon their imaginations rather than upon their reason, when one has a retrospect one looks at a thing in a different point of view than when one has a prospect. I did believe that I was to have an honest honourable election; and I do believe, notwithstanding any defects that attached to it, that I had one,—that it was an honourable election, of which I was proud at the time; and although I cannot appear here without some degree of regret, I think, upon the whole, I am not sorry that I represented the town, and I hope it will mend.

78,218. I believe, in point of fact, you paid 2,800*l.*?—The sum I ultimately paid was 2,890*l.*

78,219. You preferred the 1,600*l.*?—Yes.

78,220. But no fixed agreement was come to at that time?—There was nothing like writing, or anything of that sort. I considered I was dealing with gentlemen, and I am sure I was; and I never saw a better specimen of a mercantile gentleman than the late Mr. Barkworth; he was a good man if there ever was one, and I am sure that any guarantee that he gave, or that Mr. Ward gave, was with good faith, and if it fell through it was owing to the chapter of accidents, and I did not scrutinize too strictly what the cause was.

78,221. Your impression is that no definite arrangement was come to then?—I came down to Hull with the impression and understanding, and an arrangement, as far as words went, that I ought not to pay more than 1,600*l.*; that is what I understood.

78,222. You were under the belief that 1,600*l.* was to be expended?—Yes.

78,223. And the rest was to be guaranteed?—Yes; and the rest was to be guaranteed.

78,224. In case there was a surplus?—Yes; in case of a surplus that the rest was to be paid from a fund derived from other sources in the town.

78,225. Did you understand upon that occasion it was more than probable that some additional aid would be required, over and above the 1,600*l.*?—Yes; I think I did, certainly. I think that follows as a matter of course; I think so.

78,226. Do you remember whether anything was said as to the amount of the subscription?—Yes; to the best of my remembrance—I state it with doubt—but to the best of my remembrance I think that it was said that 1,000*l.* had been subscribed, or was to be, or something of that sort.

78,227. Had been, or was to be?—Yes; there was to be, but I never saw any subscription list.

78,228. Was there any alteration made about this sum of 1,600*l.*, before your arrival in Hull?—No.

78,229. I believe you came down to Hull something like a month before the election?—From a memorandum which I casually found in an old almanack, I find that I came to Hull upon the 31st of May, 1841, and the election was the 1st of July.

78,230. The usual preliminaries were made, I believe, of committees being formed?—Yes. When I came down into the town,—I never saw such another town, excepting a French town just after the French revolution,—it was strewed with banners and flags to such an extent. I was in France after the revolution, and I compared Hull to that the moment I saw it; there were flags out of almost every other window.

78,231. Did it not then strike you that you were entering upon rather an expensive contest, or rather a lavish expenditure of money?—No, it did not strike me in that point of view. I did not think about the money; I wanted to get elected. Do not think that I came down to spend money; but I mean that money was not the prominent consideration in my mind.

78,232. It might have struck you that more than usual energetic measures were being adopted?—No. I said before one's imagination rather than one's reason is active upon those occasions, and I do not think one scrutinizes and looks into things as clearly as you may do now, in the position that you occupy.

78,233. It is a very different thing to look back?—It is. I deny, in the strongest manner, that I came down to this town with a view of becoming its representative mainly, or prominently, or particularly by dint of money. It would be perfectly contrary to every view which I have ever entertained; and I would not take the trouble of sitting in Parliament if I did not think it an honourable position, and I should not think it an honourable position if it was due to money; at the same time I did not scrutinize the expenditure very strictly at that time, but I have since.

78,234. How soon was your attention called to a class of people in Hull, called runners or messengers?—There again I have some difficulty, and I will give you the best answer that I can. I have read Sir Walter James' evidence, and for Sir Walter James no man can have a greater respect or friendship than I have, and I am perfectly certain that his evidence is as good as any man's can possibly be; but if he means to say that he told me before I came down to Hull, or if any inference is drawn from any part of his evidence that he told me before I came down to Hull anything about these runners, or anything about the machinery of elections at all, I can only say that my remembrance does not correspond with his, and I do not believe that he did tell me; and I come to that conclusion for this reason: that my interview with Sir Walter James was not upon the subject

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of the machinery or business. I wanted to see what sort of a man he was, and he wanted to see what sort of a man I was; we wanted to see if we were persons who could stand together in a friendly manner, and I am proud and happy to say that we were.

78,235. I have it "That Sir Walter James did not communicate to me, to the best of my recollection, any details"?—Yes; before I went to Hull. I think not.

78,236. I observe that you particularly guard yourself by saying fairly that your memory does not agree with Sir Walter James's?—I know nothing of Sir Walter James's deposition or evidence excepting what I saw in the newspapers; but I read it in the newspapers, and I should say, to the best of my remembrance, that an inference was drawn from Sir Walter James's evidence rather more than he might have intended. I think that the gloss was a little more than the text; at any rate, my belief is that Sir Walter James did not communicate with me upon the subject of the machinery of the election before I came down to Hull, but rather our conversation ran upon such matters as two gentlemen might talk about; I dare say the public politics of the day more than anything else. We trusted to our committee, who were gentlemen of the highest respectability, and several of them much better capable of representing this town in Parliament than either of us were.

78,237. How soon was your attention drawn to the machinery; I mean, as part of the machinery, the pratice of securing votes by means of employing people?—When one is asked a question of that sort, going back to so remote a period, one strives, if one can, to light upon something that is definite, and my definite recollection, I am afraid, must commence at a later period than 1841. I remember, in 1842, when Lord John Russell brought in that bill which passed on the 10th of August, 1842, and which I know very well, because ever since I have always given a copy of it to my agents as their instructions at the election,—I remember saying to Sir Walter James, in private conversation in the House of Commons, "Unless our friends at Hull alter their mode of election, we shall never be able to stand for Hull again under this bill;" and I should say that it was highly probable that I must have known something or another about the runners during the contest. I do not want at all to fence off any knowledge of that sort, but I cannot strictly say that I did know it. I dare say I did know it, and if I did, I should think I derived it more from my eyesight and hearing than anything else.

78,238. The practice detailed to us is a practice of engaging a large number of runners, and it is an understood thing that part of the bargain is the vote; and that is understood on both sides?—All that would be understood much more between the committee men and the runners, than between the candidates and the runners.

78,239. What I wish to know is, whether at some time or another you became pretty well acquainted with the circumstances that that was one of the modes of electioneering tactics in Hull?—I think I must repeat what I have said, that I have no doubt, and I think there is no reasonable doubt but what I must have known it, and I do not wish to defend myself from the imputation, if imputation there be, of having known it. I cannot say that I exactly did know it. I am sure that no member of my committee, or any person engaged in the machinery of the election ever communicated one bit of it to me; not the least upon earth; but if you go about the streets you hear and see many things.

78,240. Sir Walter James stated that you could not go round Hull without observing it?—I should think so.

78,241. Without noticing that the system prevailed?—Yes.

78,242. The note I have is, "I have no reasonable doubt that I became aware of the system, although not mentioned to me by my committee"?—I give you evidence that I did know it in 1842, and I must have known of it some time previous, and I suppose that must have been in 1841; but nobody ever made to me a business communication of the machinery of the election. I never had a map of the proceedings.

78,243. I have it down, "I have no reason to doubt that the system became known to me during the contest, although it was not communicated to me by any of the committee"?—Yes; I think that would convey my meaning. I would not say that I did not know it on any account; but I believed that it was legal in those days, or at any rate a very questionable illegality. I beg to refer to Lord John Russell's Act, which distinctly lays down that, and I distinctly deny that it was a clearly illegal practice in those days. I say it is now, and has been ever since the 10th of August, 1842. I say to the best of my knowledge and belief it was before that time, at the most, a questionable illegality.

78,244. You put it upon the same ground as head money?—If it had been there would be no necessity to declare it was illegal.

78,245. I believe that on the 10th and 14th of June, respectively, you paid to the credit of your committee the two sums of 500*l.* each?—Yes; I have got an account from my banker's. I think it was on the 10th and 14th of June that I paid 500*l.*

78,246. On each of those days?—No; it all came in half notes for the security of the post. I paid 500*l.* between the 10th and 14th of June.

78,247. On the 10th you sent one half, and on the 14th you sent the other half?—Yes.

78,248. You remitted these to Mr. Barkworth?—Yes.

78,249. On the 29th of June the first half, and on the 5th of July the second half of another 500*l.*?—Yes; that made 1,000*l.*

78,250. Then on the 20th and 22d of July?—He had 1,000*l.* in half notes.

78,251. And on the 19th of November 890*l.*?—Yes, on the 19th of November, 890*l.*; that was in a cheque.

78,252. How soon did you become aware that you were likely to be called upon for a larger sum than 1,600*l.*?—To the best of my judgment, and speaking as nearly as I can, —I have not the least memorandum of it,—but to the best of my judgment, I should say that I had been in Hull ten days or a fortnight; I should think so; perhaps a little more, because I seem to have been here ten days when I paid the first 500*l.*

78,253. Between ten days and three weeks?—Yes; I should think so. About a fortnight you may say.

78,254. About a fortnight after your arrival you became aware that you were likely to be called upon for more than 1,600*l.*?—Yes.

78,255. Can you remember any of the communication that took place between you and any of the gentlemen here upon that subject?—The communication did not occupy five minutes, and perhaps not two. It took place between me and Mr. Barkworth, in a room I know very well, in the George Inn in this town, where I was then staying. Mr. Barkworth told me with some degree of hesitation and evident regret, that the guarantee which he had given me could not be fulfilled; and I had that degree of regard and respect for Mr. Barkworth that I asked no more questions, because I thought he was in a personal difficulty. He had undoubtedly given me as strong a guarantee as one man could give another, in words, that I should not be called upon for more.

78,256. You drew the conclusion from that communication of Mr. Barkworth's, that in all reasonable probability you would have to pay something more?—Certainly; he told me so.

78,257. Did he give you to understand how much more you were likely to be called upon for?—It seems curious that I should be able to depose with accuracy to some sums and not as to others. Sir Walter James says he understands it was 2,000*l.* at first. He is quite wrong there, that I can declare most positively. I have a remembrance, but I should not like to depose to it strictly, that 2,000*l.* was mentioned as something like the sum; but there is a difference as between the 1,600*l.* and the 2,000*l.* There is this difference, that the 1,600*l.* was mentioned to us as strictly a thing not to be exceeded and a guarantee beyond; and when the 2,000*l.* was mentioned, the guarantee had vanished into thin air.

78,258. Was it at this time that Mr. Barkworth communicated that you were likely to be called upon for more; that, according to your memory, the circumstance of the 2,000*l.* was mentioned?—According to the best of my remembrance I should say so. I never consulted any other person about it. Sir Walter James was present; in fact, we lived in the same room.

78,259. Do you recollect anything more that took place upon that occasion between you and Mr. Barkworth?—Nothing. I dare say I might have told him to take care not to spend too much money, or something of that sort, but I do not remember anything about it. I certainly did not want to spend any more money than I could help.

78,260. During the course of the contest, up to the day of the election, was anything definite stated to you by any member of your committee, or by Sir Walter James to you, upon the subject of the previous practices; the practice which has been described here as the setting down practice?—That is the same as the runners, is it not?

78,261. Yes; runners?—I really think that there was as little said as you can imagine about the former elections, and for this reason, I think there must have been a general reference to the previous election. It had cost Sir Walter James, as he told me, what between the election and the petition, 8,000*l.*; and we naturally neither of us wanted to run into that sort of expense again, and we had every desire to avoid it; but we brought down, I think you have heard, a professional gentleman for the purpose of keeping us clear of scrapes as well as he could.

78,262. That was for the sake of being upon the safe side if possible?—If possible, certainly; we were in the condition of the captain of a ship who takes a pilot on board.

78,263. And the scrapes that were apprehended were the scrapes of getting on the wrong side of the law?—That is a scrape that any gentleman will be very right to take into his consideration at any election whatever, whether at Hull or anywhere else. It is a very hard thing to do to keep the right side of the law, very hard indeed, and I doubt whether anybody ever did it; but I hope they will. I think we were exactly in the condition of the captain of a vessel who takes a pilot on board. The captain does not trouble himself about the shoals and rocks. He says to the pilot, "Take me into Hull, and mind you do not run us against the Spurn Sand;" and so we took this pilot and said, "Run us into Hull."

78,264. Then did you consider that you threw yourself in a great measure into the arms of your committee and the professional gentleman?—Not as to the professional gentleman, because it was perfectly evident he could do no good. He had not been in Hull a day, when I say, with great respect to him, he was perfectly useless. He had nothing to do. He was misplaced, poor man, but I dare say he is a good and honourable gentleman.

78,265. Was it that the committee would have it their own way?—Yes; I think it was. We had nothing to do with the committee's proceedings.

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78,266. Did he attend the committee?—Oh no, certainly not; and they would have turned him out if he had, I have no doubt.

78,267. You do not know whether any questions were put to him at all?—No. I remember this about him, that on the day of the election it had been a very rainy day, and there was a quantity of mud in the front of the hustings, and we were very much pelted; and our friend would not come upon the hustings, and I thought that was very hard. I thought he ought to have taken his share of the pelting.

78,268. Did they consult him at all?—Not the least. They had nothing at all to do with him.

78,269. Did the committee make any remarks about his being of no use?—I thought they seemed to consider that we had no business to bring him; it was a highly unpopular act. No doubt they managed their own affairs, and we could not interfere with them.

78,270. Your committee seemed determined to win at all events?—Yes; I have no doubt they were, and so was I too.

78,271. I dare say the employment of these extra runners was one of the means that they used?—Really, Sir, I must repeat what I said before. You may think it rather a paradox, but upon my word, I do not think that the main character of the Hull election of 1841 was a corrupt character; I do not think it was.

78,272. We are talking of minor details. A very small number would have turned the election?—I have no doubt in the world that it would. It was a very hot contest,

78,273. I mean to a limited extent?—It was an ardent, hot, violent contest, as ever I saw in my life.

78,274. And in so near a contest, so closely matched as you were, it was one of the systems that would be resorted to, to employ runners for the sake of securing some votes?—I was not a member of the committee, I was a candidate, and I did all I could. All things in the world go by division of labour. I did my part and they did theirs.

78,275. Still I understand you became aware that that was one of the means resorted to by the committee to some extent; I do not mean that they told you, but that you became aware of it?—I think that would be an erroneous inference to draw, if you think at any time that I considered with myself,—"Now I am fifty short, or 100 short, or any number short, and I want so many runners to be employed,"—I do not think anything was ever so definite in my mind.

78,276. I do not put anything so definite as that; but that in a contest, obviously a very severe one, likely to terminate one way or other by a very small majority, that that was a mode of securing success which would not be neglected?—I have no doubt it was resorted to, not the least in the world.

78,277. How soon did you become aware that 2,000*l.* would not cover the expenses?—I should think the 16th or 17th of November.

78,278. Upon the 17th you sent the balance; you had then paid 2,000*l.*?—I had then paid 2,000*l.*

78,279. I will put the question this way: when you paid the sum of 1,000*l.* by the remittances of the 20th and 22d of July, were you then under the impression that you had covered it?—I should say I was much more under that impression than not.

78,280. You did not feel yourself quite safe?—I should have said, if anybody had asked me, that I had paid the expenses of the election. I should have said so.

78,281. But had some little doubt that probably you might be called upon for something more?—I do not think the doubt was present in my mind at all. My opinion is, that I considered that the 2,000*l.* covered everything; but, as I think I have stated to you before, it is not like a mercantile transaction, or a transaction with your banker, where everything is reduced to the most definite amount.

78,282. You were under the impression that you had covered it?—Yes; more so than not.

78,283. How soon were you made aware that you were to be called upon again?—I should think on the 19th; that was the day I received the letter.

78,284. The day you made the remittance was the 19th of November?—I made the remittance upon the same day that I received the intimation that I was to pay more money. I did not make more work about it; I did not hesitate half an hour, I am certain, upon the subject, that is to say, to the best of my remembrance.

78,285. On or about the same day?—On or about the same day, I think. I cannot remember that anybody said anything to me about money until then, and I was not very well pleased with it either.

78,286. Did you hear, shortly after the election was over, that a large number of men called runners had been paid at the rate of 1*l.* apiece?—I did not.

78,287. Did you authorize that payment?—As a special payment? If you speak of a special payment, or if you speak of a special authority, certainly not; I considered I was merely bound by the act of the friends who were acting for me, which I showed by making the payment when I was asked for it. I did not like to make any work about it.

78,288. We wish to call your attention to these payments. It is proved that these payments continued after the 22d of July, and up to the very time that your 800*l.* was paid. I wish to know whether you knew the purpose for which your money was to be specially applied; whether it was for the payment of these sums of 1*l.* each?—No, I did

not; I paid the money and left Mr. Barkworth to appropriate it as he liked. You see the fact is, I had a perfect and thorough confidence in Mr. Barkworth. I am sure he did the best for me that he could.

78,289. Did you at any time learn that a considerable sum of your money was expended in the payment of 1*l.* each to the voters after the election, at intervals, from the polling day, and continued for some months?—I have heard from your lips, for the first time, that that is the fact.

78,290. I am obliged to state what is given in evidence?—I have not the least doubt that it was done.

78,291. You did not sanction it before it was done?—I did not.

78,292. And at the time, I understood you to say, when you paid the 890*l.* you were not aware of the details?—Most undoubtedly I was not, but the details were sent to me. I received a packet of papers by that same post; I cannot tell you from whom I received it, or to whom I sent it; but I remember being displeased at two things: first of all at the money being demanded from me, and, in the second place, at the particulars being sent, because I thought I had nothing at all to do with it. If the money had been spent, and anybody had anything like an honourable claim against me, I might shrug my shoulders and pay the money; but I did not want to look into the details.

78,293. These would show that that large number of voters had been paid 1*l.* apiece?—I assure you I did not open the papers, and I would not.

78,294. Sufficiently to see what they were?—It was a roll of paper, and I received a letter from somebody or another; whether Mr. Barkworth or not, I do not know, but I received a communication that I was to pay 890*l.* The roll of paper was sent purporting to be the accounts. I said, "What have I to do with the accounts; I will pay the money if I must, but I will not look into the accounts." None of the things were done with my particular and special sanction, and I did not choose to give a sanction afterwards; at the same time, I did not wish to be in anybody's debt.

78,295. Do you remember what you did with those accounts?—I sent them back to the gentleman who sent them to me; whether it was Mr. Barkworth, or any other, I cannot tell, but I sent them back by the same post; the whole thing; cheque, drafts, and everything by the same post. Those were only the accounts for the 890*l.* I never in my life saw an account for the 2,000*l.*

78,296. It was that 890*l.*, judging from what has been detailed to us, which was the sum expended in paying the 1*l.* apiece?—It is very likely, but I know not half as much as you what was in the 890*l.*

78,297. All that you remember of it is, that these accounts were stated to be the accounts relating to the 890*l.*?—The fact is this; if it had not been a gentleman who asked for the 890*l.* I would not have paid a farthing; but it being a gentleman, and a man in whom I had the greatest confidence, and to whom I felt obliged, I did not want there to be any question of money between us, and when he said, "You will do me the favour to pay 890*l.*," I paid the 890*l.* I had no particulars; at least they furnished me with those things which I refused to look at.

78,298. It has been stated in evidence to us, that a person came down from London, who made payments at the house of a person named Dalton?—I saw that stated in the evidence in the newspaper.

78,299. I mention it for the purpose of drawing your attention particularly to the fact, in order to know if you can throw any light upon the subject?—I assure you I can depose most distinctly and positively, that I never heard of that person, or of any similar transaction, until I read it in the newspaper last week; and I do not know either that it was done, or by whom it was done, and that no person having any connexion with me did it.

78,300. The man is described as having appeared to be a lawyer's clerk?—Very likely; it was not any lawyer of mine.

78,301. Did you instruct any solicitor?—I never spoke to my solicitor in my life about any election whatever, either Hull or any other.

78,302. That brings me to ask the question, did you employ a solicitor to conduct this election?—No, I did not. There may have been solicitors employed by the committee, for anything I know to the contrary, but I employed none at all; my whole consultations were with Mr. Barkworth, who, as I say, was my pilot.

78,303. Probably you knew to some extent that Mr. Sidebottom had the management?—I had no doubt that he had; he frequently came in with Mr. Barkworth, and his manner was that of a man in confidential relation with Mr. Barkworth and other people; but he was not employed by me. He would have had no legal claim against me, I am sure.

78,304. A person of the name of Samuel Brown was examined yesterday, and described himself as a political agent; did you know anything of him?—Not the least in the world. I remember seeing such a man in the town, and he seemed to me as if he had had something to do with the former election; that was my notion of him. I remember there was such a person, but I had nothing at all to do with him individually; if anybody had anything to do with him, all I can say is, that that was entirely without my knowledge, the least in the world.

78,305. Did you sanction the employment of a person calling himself a political agent?

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—No; I did not indeed; I did not sanction any employment of Mr. Brown, or anybody else in that capacity.

78,306. He described himself as secretary to a Conservative association?—I remember Mr. Brown quite well.

78,307. You did not employ that person?—No; indeed I did not.

78,308. I will ask you, having called your attention to one; I must, as a matter of duty, put the question in a general way. Did you sanction, or were you aware of the payments that were made after the election, in several places in the town of Hull, to persons who voted for you; such payments being made in secret places, through holes in doors, behind screens, and by hands put through windows?—I have read with some amusement those statements in the newspapers, but I assure you that the secrecy of the transaction is perfect as far as I am concerned; I knew nothing at all about them.

78,309. Did you authorize beforehand, or sanction afterwards, such a mode of dealing with the voters?—No, I did not; I did not know of it.

78,310. Just after the election, a small number of freedoms were taken up and purchased, as the people have described it, by the blue party; were you in any way cognizant of the purchase of those freedoms?—I cannot remember that I ever was, and I do not believe that I was.

78,311. Have you any recollection of contributing money for such purposes?—I think while I was member for Hull, I used to pay 50*l.* a year for the registration. I think Sir Walter and myself paid 100*l.* a year between us for the registration, for keeping up the voting lists. I have no remembrance, and I do not believe I ever contributed to the taking up of any freedoms, and I do not think that the question was ever mentioned to me, directly or indirectly. I certainly have no remembrance of it.

78,312. I believe Sir Walter James had been elected as representative of this borough at the election of 1837?—He had, I believe.

78,313. He was the sitting member at the approach of the election at which you were to be a candidate?—He was.

78,314. Sir Walter James stated to us, that previous to the Reform Bill, a custom had prevailed in the borough, of giving four guineas for plumpers and two guineas for a split vote; and after the Reform Bill, something like a commutation of 5*s.* for a day's work?—That is, the runners?

78,315. Do you remember whether he made any communication in substance, like that to you?—I have already answered that question, I believe.

78,316. I think the system previous to the Reform Bill has not been alluded to?—I knew nothing about the system. I remember hearing people rather regret it; some of them; which is very contrary to my view.

78,317. Sir Walter James informed us, that previous to the Reform Bill that had been the custom?—I have heard it, but no communication of that kind was made to me, as a matter of business, connected with the election, not the least in the world.

78,318. But whether it was one of the matters of information that you received about the borough previous to your election?—I do not think that that was mentioned; I have the greatest confidence that it was not.

78,319. Sir Walter James also spoke of the system of employing the runners, and that it was a mode adopted by both parties of securing votes; and he went on to say: "I communicated that to Sir John Hanmer, that he might know what he was about"?—I have already stated, I think, Sir Walter James is in a complete error about that. I do not think that anything like a formal communication between Sir Walter James and myself ever did take place, and I feel the greatest possible confidence that before I went down to Hull it did not take place.

78,320. I do not think Sir Walter James states that it was before you came to Hull?—When you live in the same room and dine at the same table with a man for a month, and are engaged in the same undertaking with him, and when the candidateship is one and indivisible, it is almost impossible but what if one man has some knowledge the other gets it; therefore, I feel very little doubt, that while Sir Walter James and myself were standing here as candidates, that I must have known something about it; but that I knew anything about it with anything like precision or distinction, or made it the subject of anything like a formal or definite conversation or communication as a matter of business, I cannot admit at all. As I have already stated, we were in the hands of our committee, and the machinery of the election we entrusted entirely to them; and one of the former members for this town, who was my opponent, Mr. Clay, has stated that which is perfectly true, which is, that the life of a candidate for this town is one of incessant labour; that you have to get up with the daylight, and go out as early as you can find people in their shops canvassing, until your tongue sticks to the roof of your mouth, and make speeches until you have not an idea left in your head; so that you have not time for these matters that arise in retrospect.

78,321. Mr. Clay also stated, that in his judgment, the system of open bribery had not prevailed, but a system of employment, of the kind we have alluded to, had extensively prevailed?—I should think that was the correct estimate, as far as I can judge.

78,322. You concur in that observation of his?—Yes.

78,323. You have said there was a good deal of communication between yourself and Sir Walter James?—The most perfect and unreserved.

78,324. In order to see if you could, if I may use the expression, pull together?—No; there was a good deal of communication, that lasted perhaps for a quarter of an hour.

78,325. You had frequent communications, I understood you to say, to see whether you were persons likely to act together?—No; that is just the mistake. We had not frequent communications, we had one communication. We had frequent communications afterwards, but being both of us men of the world, and gentlemen able to come to a conclusion, I could see what sort of a man he was, and he was satisfied with me, and we settled our matters in less than ten minutes I have no doubt.

78,326. I am not at all confining my question to the time before you came to Hull?—When we once came down to Hull, we were absolute and indivisible. We stood to win both seats or neither; and the same people acted for both of us.

78,327. A joint committee and joint management throughout?—Yes. That which was done for me was done for Sir Walter James, and that which was done for Sir Walter James was done for me.

78,328. Did you become aware at any time that a considerable number of committee rooms were engaged?—Yes; I became aware of it by my own eyes.

78,329. Did you think more than would be necessary for the proper conduct of the election?—I was not a good judge of that; but I should think that the committee rooms was a mode.

78,330. A mode of securing votes?—I think it was a means or appliance; but I was not a good judge.

78,331. A means and appliance for what end?—Towards winning the election. I have not the least doubt that committee rooms were engaged, to secure the interest. There is one thing that makes pure elections very expensive now; you are obliged to employ all the lawyers in the county, in order to be able to come in and neutralize their opposition; so everybody who had a room for a committee, you were obliged to take it.

78,332. To neutralize the opposition, and secure their support?—Just so.

78,333. And their vote?—Yes.

78,334. You have stated that the only accounts that were ever sent to you, were those relating to the 890*l.* extra?—They were.

78,335. Was it by your direction that no other accounts were sent to you?—I never gave any directions about it; and never asked a question. I was in the hands of gentlemen, that is the long and short of it. I was in the hands of men in whom I placed the most implicit confidence; and I did not ask any questions at all; and I would much rather that nobody would ask me any.

78,336. Did you at any time see those accounts relating to the 2,000*l.*?—I never did; I never saw one single article for the expenditure of 5*s.* of the whole of that 2,890*l.*; and I only saw the outside of the roll of paper of the 890*l.*, because I refused to look into it, and would not have anything to do with it.

78,337. Can you tell me why you so carefully shunned the sight?—Because I thought it was no business of mine.

78,338. Supposing it amounted to 10,000*l.*, should you have paid it, and returned the papers just the same?—Yes, I should.

78,339. I would not pursue the thing to any amount, but I suppose there is some limit to which you would not go?—Limitations are very hard to place to anything. I think I did do the best I could to put a limit. I said, "I will not spend more than 1,600*l.*," and before I came down here I found these gentlemen, honourable good men, had got into the extra expenditure. I was very sorry for it, and I had much rather not have spent 2,890*l.*, but when they asked about it, I did not want to make any work about it, and I gave them the money.

78,340. Do you think, in any other transaction but an electioneering one, you would not have been rather curious about it, to see these papers?—If you ask me my opinion now, it is totally different. I draw the widest distinction, and I ever have done, between the state of the law, the duty of a candidate, and the duty of a member before 1842 and since that period. It is well known I gave up the representation of this town, which I took pride in, and which I felt honoured by; in which I had taken the greatest possible interest, and busied myself very much, for the special reason that I would not be engaged any further in matters which were clearly, by the law of 1842, illegal. But in 1841 the matter stood as I have already represented it to you.

78,341. I understood you to say that you thought the electioneering accounts stood upon a different footing from others?—I think they do; but I beg you will not draw too much of an inference from that.

78,342. I draw no inference, but I shall be very happy for you to give an explanation?—I think that they do stand alone. I think that they did rather stand upon a different footing; and I think in the circumstances in which I was placed when the application for the 890*l.* was made to me, it was an exercise of a wise discretion in me not to look at the time, because I did not wish to know anything at all about it. The expenditure had been incurred without my authority; it was perfectly certain that not one single penny of it could be reduced. I was quite sure that it had been placed at the lowest figure that these gentlemen could put it at; and I should not like it any the better by looking at the figures. The question was entirely for me, "Will you pay the money or not?" and I decided, rightly or wrongly, that I would pay the money.

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78,343. You placed unlimited confidence as to the payment in the hands of Mr. Barkworth and the other gentlemen?—I did.

78,344. Did you in any way, or at any time, put any restriction upon them as to the character of those payments?—I do not think I did.

78,345. Did you at any time in the course of the election, when money was being disbursed, at all inquire into the nature of the disbursements?—I did not.

78,346. Did you, when the further demand of 890*l.* was made upon you, at all inquire as to the character of the disbursements of the previous 2,000*l.*?—I did not.

78,347. I do not know whether I am drawing an unfair inference, correct me if I am; whether you considered that placing yourself in the hands of these gentlemen as you have done, and if you had chosen to look at the papers connected with the ulterior sum of 890*l.*, I ask you whether, whatever the character of the payment had been, you would not have thought yourself bound, in the way that you had placed yourself in the hands of these gentlemen, to have made the remittance?—I think the fact that I made the remittance clearly proves that such was my opinion.

78,348. Except that you cautiously abstained from looking at the character of the payments which you had the opportunity of seeing?—The question was really for me, whether I would raise a work about the expenditure. It had not been incurred with my consent, it had been incurred, on the contrary, quite contrary to the best precautions that were in my power to take; but it had been incurred, and I chose, whether discreetly or indiscreetly, to pay the money. I did not at all pay it with any pleasure. I had much rather not have done it.

78,349. I understand from your evidence that you say, at all events in your judgment, that previous to 1842 a payment of this kind was merely questionable as to its legality?—When you say "this," you mean the payment of the runners?

78,350. Yes, in the nature of head money?—Yes. When I gave you the opinion, I with great deference submitted to you the grounds of it.

78,351. It was merely for the purpose of founding another question upon it that I alluded to it. Having that opinion with regard to the payments to which I have alluded, I put the question in this form: whether you had any suspicion during the progress of the election that money was being extensively paid to secure votes in any other way?—No, indeed I had not; and indeed with regard to that, although one cannot say that one did not know it, I am quite sure I must have known it; but it was not a thing that was before one's eyes night and day.

78,352. Sir Walter James stated that you could not go round Hull without noticing that the system prevailed?—No doubt.

78,353. And probably the system of committee rooms would also be forced upon your eyesight in the same way?—I am quite certain that I knew more about the committee rooms than about the runners. I saw them, and I am not at all certain that I did not hear people ask to have their rooms made into committee rooms.

78,354. While you were canvassing?—I think it is very likely that I did.

78,355. I wish to put the question distinctly to you. Did you, during the election, either by observation or conversation, understand that employment was given to secure the vote?—I should say, as I have already said, that I have no doubt I must have known it, but I cannot call to my mind any day or occasion, or any person who told me so; but I have no doubt that I must have known it.

78,356. Then when you agreed to pay 2,000*l.* as your share, and when you knew that Sir Walter James was to pay 2,000*l.* as his share, in all probability you knew or understood that part of that money would be expended in that way?—You may draw that inference if you like, no doubt.

78,357. I wish you to draw the inference?—Yes, I suppose I did. I paid the money for the general expenses of the election, which I had taken pains to keep as far in a legal form as I could. No doubt the bounds of legality were overstepped; not a doubt about it.

78,358. When you agreed to pay the money, you understood part of it would be expended in the way of giving employment, in order to secure the vote?—I should like to answer that question a little more precisely, if you please. First of all I was asked to pay 1,600*l.*, and I was to give 1,600*l.* into the hands of my committee, to employ it in the best way they could. At that time I did not know anything about runners, as I do now. I feel confident I did not; and when Mr. Barkworth came to me and said that more money would be required, I had a sort of a vague and general idea of it, rather than anything else. I do not want to be put in the position of a man who comes with malice prepense to bribe. I came here to stand an election in the best way I could, and I was not very particular about the money. I wanted to spend as little money as I could, and to spend it in as legal a manner as I could; but I was not by any means so precise and particular as I have been ever since, and I hope I always shall be. I consider that one is bound in these days to take a very different view of things than in those days; besides, I am twelve years older now.

78,359. Still I do not think you have quite answered my question. Without reference to bribery or not, did you, when you agreed to pay that money, understand that part of it would be expended in paying for employment which was given to secure the voter?—I

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hope you will not think I am fencing with your question for a moment. I only want, if I can, to convey to you my impression in the best manner that I can.

78,360. I want you to give me your impression at that time?—My impression is that I paid Mr. Barkworth so much money towards the election. It was not as if a man came to me, and said, "I have so many quarters of wheat to sell; and here is the wheat, and "here is so much money for it;" in that precise and distinct manner. The election was expensive, I had no doubt. It was stated the expenses were increasing; the contest was very severe and very long, and the canvass very protracted; and a great number of modes of expense were resorted to. I remember one now, particularly. I remember that a steamboat was sent to the North Sea, or the Baltic, to pick up voters. I think there is a considerable expense at once. I remember that, which was rather an uncommon thing; it would not happen at another time. I remember that was particularly impressed upon my mind. I do not think that that acted with that force and precision with which you, pardon me for saying so, want to attribute; or rather I do not say "want," but "think" should be attributed to it. I do not think I had the employment of these voters in my mind so much; no doubt I knew that they were employed.

78,361. I do not ask whether you knew of the particular employment of any voters or class of voters, but whether you did not feel at that time that the money you were going to pay would be expended upon that system which you understood would be employed for the purpose of securing the votes?—I deny that that system was ever presented to me in a prominent point of view, and what I knew of it I must have gathered from my own observation, and I dare say from casual conversation with Sir Walter James. I have no doubt I was fully acquainted, and must have been,—when I say "must have been," I draw an inference,—of course I must have known the money I paid, would go towards expenses of that kind; I dare say I knew it. If I was to go and buy 100 quarters of wheat from a man, that would be a definite transaction, and this would not. I never said to a man, "Go and employ 100 runners."

John Brown.

JOHN BROWN sworn, and examined.

78,362. Where do you live?—Prospect Street.

78,363. What business are you?—A joiner.

78,364. What rent do you pay for a house?—£16.

78,365. Are you also a freeman?—No.

78,366. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—The first election I voted was for Mr. Brown.

78,367. That was in 1847?—I think that would be.

78,368. Who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.

78,369. Did you get any money for your vote at that election?—Nothing.

78,370. At the last election you voted for Moore and Butler, I believe?—I did.

78,371. I have a letter before me, in which your son made application to the committee to have your name set down; was that done?—No.

78,372. Henry Brown?—No.

78,373. Is he your son?—Yes.

78,374. I have a letter before me which he addressed to the candidates, Messrs. Moore and Butler, in which he says that they may depend upon your voting for them at the next election?—It is unknown to me.

78,375. You did vote for them?—Yes; I voted for Mr. Moore.

78,376. And Mr. Butler, did you not?—No; for Mr. Moore alone.

78,377. A bullet for Moore?—Yes.

78,378. Did you receive any money?—Nothing.

78,379. Neither before nor after the election?—No, never. I never received anything for voting.

78,380. Did your son tell you he got some money for them?—I never knew he did; I never heard of it before; I never heard that he applied.

78,381. Did he come and tell you that you might get something if you voted for them, or anything of that kind?—No; I never knew that he wrote to any gentleman of the kind.

78,382. And your name was not set down anywhere?—It was not. I was canvassed by Mr. Cattley and Dr. Craven. Those were the two gentlemen I saw.

78,383. You got no money?—No.

78,384. Or any promise?—No promise.

78,385. Did you let them any room?—I did not.

John Newbald.

JOHN NEWBALD sworn, and examined.

78,386. Is your name John Newbald?—Yes.

78,387. Does it appear as William Newbald on the register?—Yes.

78,388. Do you live in Salthouse Lane?—Yes.

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78,389. What are you?—An engraver.
78,390. What rent do you pay?—£20.
78,391. Are you also a freeman?—No.
78,392. At which election were you entitled to vote first?—1852.
78,393. The last election?—Yes.
78,394. Who for?—Butler and Lord Goderich.
78,395. I believe you were canvassed by both parties?—Yes.
78,396. Did you promise either?—No.
78,397. Did you allow your name to be set down on any list?—No.
78,398. I have a note, which I will read to you, from Mr. Brodrick, the chairman of one of the committees: "Please send an order for some cards to John Newbald, Salthouse Lane. I am just going to solicit for his vote, and it is of no use without we order some of him immediately." Do you recollect Mr. Brodrick coming?—Yes; Mr. Brodrick called twice or three times on me, as well as other parties.
78,399. And then we find there is an order of a good many cards from you, of the same date?—Yes.
78,400. When he asked you for your vote, did you, in any way, make any promise contingent on getting any employment of that kind, or an order for cards?—No, never.
78,401. Did you ask to have an order for cards?—Certainly I did; both at the central committee and at the Lowgate committee.
78,402. You applied that they would have cards struck off at your place?—That is quite a natural thing for a tradesman to do.
78,403. Did you also make the same application to the orange party?—No; I never asked them at all.
78,404. When you made the application to Mr. Brodrick, I suppose it was well understood between you that you would vote for that party?—I had never made them a promise.
78,405. What did you say to him when he promised you?—I said I would do the best I could.
78,406. Doing the best you could was voting for him, according to what he wished. He wished you to vote for them, and his application was of that nature. You said, "I will do the best I can;" is that what you said?—Yes.
78,407. Does not that amount to a promise to vote?—I do not know; I never gave a definite answer, whether I would vote for them entire or not.
78,408. You did not think doing the best you could would be afterwards abstaining from voting, or voting for the orange; you would not think that was doing the best for the blue party?—No.
78,409. Then did you say, "I must have an order for cards"?—No, I think not; I did not say so.
78,410. "Will you send me an order for cards?"—I merely asked them if they would be kind enough to give me an order to print.
78,411. Did you ask that of Mr. Brodrick?—Yes.
78,412. What cards did you print?—I think the amount was something like 14*l*.
78,413. Perhaps you think Mr. Brodrick fully understood you were to vote for them?—It was not all an order that I got from Mr. Brodrick. I had it both from Lowgate and the central committee.
78,414. Which was Mr. Brodrick's?—The Lowgate.
78,415. Did you make a distinct application also to the central committee to print cards?—I sent in specimens of the cards.
78,416. A sort of invitation?—Yes.
78,417. And I dare say they accepted your invitation?—Yes, they did.
78,418. And you printed something for them?—Yes.
78,419. Should you not have thought it contrary to the understanding on both sides if you had voted otherwise than for them after that employment?—Of course.

Henry Newton.

HENRY NEWTON sworn, and examined.

78,420. Where do you live?—No. 1, Alicia Street.
78,421. What is your business?—A smith.
78,422. What rent do you pay?—£7.
78,423. Are you also a freeman?—Yes.
78,424. At the election of 1841, who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.
78,425. Did you get some money for your vote?—£1.
78,426. Who paid that?—I cannot tell you.
78,427. Why not?—I saw nothing but the hand I received it from.
78,428. Where was the payment?—In Witham.
78,429. At a blacksmith's?—I am sure I cannot tell you where it was.
78,430. Was it at night?—Yes; I got paid after I left my work.
78,431. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Brown and Baines.
78,432. Did you receive any money that time for your vote?—10*s*.
78,433. For Brown or Baines?—For Brown.

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78,434. When were you paid?—About an hour after the election.
78,435. Who paid you?—Mr. Middleton, I believe.
78,436. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
78,437. You got your name set down, did you not?—No.
78,438. Here is a note about you, addressed to Mr. Ward, the chairman. Do you know Mr. Cattley?—Yes.
78,439. Did you get any money?—No.
78,440. Do you mean you were paid no money at the last election?—No.
78,441. Nor after?—Neither before nor after.
78,442. Was your name set down?—No.
78,443. Listen to this note: "Please recollect Thomas Newton to be set down, also his brother Henry; both vote for us; he will call on you on Monday morning?"—My brother Thomas applied; he was out of employment; that was on the Saturday night, and he got orders to go to work on Monday morning, and he withdrew it; but he did not poll for Moore and Butler.
78,444. And he got your name put down?—No.
78,445. Did not Thomas tell you of that?—No.
78,446. Did he not tell you he put your name down?—I never was put down, to my knowledge.
78,447. You are sure you got no money?—Not a farthing.
78,448. You are speaking on your oath?—Yes.

John Pellett.

JOHN PELLETT sworn, and examined.

78,449. Where do you live?—Botanic Terrace.
78,450. What is your business?—I am a clerk.
78,451. What rent do you pay?—I am not a voter at all, neither by rent or otherwise.
78,452. Were you at the Fleece Inn in High Street, a little before the last election?—Yes.
78,453. Two or three days before the last election?—Yes; three or four.
78,454. Did you see a man of the name of Henry Skow there?—Yes.
78,455. Did you throw a sum of money down for him on the table; 2*l.* or 3*l.*?—I will not be certain whether I did or not; but if I did not put it down, I joked him, pretending to offer him a sum of money; but I never intended him to have it.
78,456. £3 was it?—Yes.
78,457. When you say you never intended him to have it, did you not throw it down on the table?—I did not.
78,458. Will you swear you did not?—I will not swear I did not.
78,459. I must ask you these questions in this way?—The same landlord is at present in, and I think he was there at the time. I never asked him a question; but perhaps he will recollect it. I will not be certain whether I might not by chance put it down. If I did, I did not intend him to take it up. It was only to see how far he would go.
78,460. Did you not intend him to believe it was money for his vote?—No.
78,461. What was your intention in throwing it down?—To weigh with him; to see whether he was to be bought at such a price or not.
78,462. That is what you intended him to believe? Was it that that might be had for his vote; that is my question?—I intended him to think so, but not that he could have that money for his vote.
78,463. I did not ask you that, but whether you intended him to think he could have that money for his vote?—I intended him to think so.
78,464. Did he refuse it?—He did.
78,465. For Moore and Butler's party was it?—Yes.
78,466. You meant him to think he might have that money for his vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
78,467. You laid before him a temptation of 3*l.* for his vote? It came to that?—I will not be certain whether I put that down or not.
78,468. If you held it in your hand, you laid before him a temptation for his vote?—I do not mean that I held it in my hand.
78,469. You showed him the money?—I do not know that I showed him the money.
78,470. Did you tell him you had 3*l.*?—I do not know whether I told him; but I just made him an offer that way, to see whether he was to be bought or not.
78,471. Then I repeat the question. You offered him a temptation of 3*l.* for his vote?—I did in words, not intending him to have it.
78,472. He refused it?—Yes.
78,473. Did you see him again at the same place afterwards?—No.
78,474. Be careful. Do you mean to say you did not see Skow afterwards, at the Fleece?—Not that I recollect.
78,475. I want you to recollect?—I cannot recollect seeing him at the Fleece after.
78,476. Did you see him anywhere afterwards before the day of voting?—I did see him again, but not at the Fleece.

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78,477. Where did you see him again after that?—In Salthouse Lane.

78,478. When did you see him in Salthouse Lane?—On Monday.

78,479. Previous to the election?—Yes.

78,480. Did you go with him into Mr. Barkworth's?—No. There is not a Mr. Barkworth's there.

78,481. Mrs. Barehead's?—Yes.

78,482. Did you go with him to Mrs. Barehead's?—Yes.

78,483. Did you give him 1*l.* there?—Yes.

78,484. When was it you gave him the 1*l.*?—It would be on the Monday.

78,485. Did you talk to him then about his voting?—Yes.

78,486. What did you give him the 1*l.* for?—He was decided to vote for the orange party. He said he was one of a party of about thirty, who, as he said, were undecided as to who they should vote for; and they were undecided whether it was better to go and offer themselves to any one of the parties, either blue or orange, as runners, so as to ensure something, or whether they would wait until the time of the election, and see what they could get as a body; and I gave him a sovereign, to use his influence with them, to go to the blue party, if possible.

78,487. That was Wharam's lot?—It was.

78,488. You told me he said he had decided to vote for the orange?—He had.

78,489. And then you went on and said he was still undecided?—I did not say he was undecided, but that the party was undecided.

78,490. And that he was one of the party?—That he was one of the party; but still he was decided to do so, but the others were not.

78,491. What was he to do with the 1*l.*?—To make the best use of it he could, and to influence them, if he possibly could, that instead of going to the orange party that they should go to the blues.

78,492. Was he to tell them that they might be set down for the blues?—Yes; as runners.

78,493. And to use his influence to make them do so?—To induce them to do so.

78,494. Did you say to Skow you admired his having decided to vote for the orange?—I recollect reading the evidence, but I cannot recollect that I heard him say anything of the kind, or that I made use of any such expression.

78,495. As what?—As that which you said.

78,496. I have not said anything?—As that I valued his principles, and there was something for it.

78,497. I ask you whether you stated to him that yoa gave him the 1*l.* because he was a man of good principles?—I do not. I do not recollect saying so.

78,498. Will you swear you did not?—I cannot swear positively that I did not, but to the best of my belief I did not say so.

78.499. You will not go further than that?—No. It is possible that I might joke him in such a manner, but I think not.

Robert Rowen.

ROBERT ROWEN sworn, and examined.

78,500. Where do you live?—Vincent Place.

78,501. What is your business?—Master rigger.

78,502. Do you pay any rent?—Yes.

78,503. How much?—£5 15*s.*

78,504. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

78,505. When were you made a freeman?—In 1841.

78,506. Or 1839, which was it?—1839.

78,507. There were a great many freemen made in 1839 by both parties; were you made at that time?—I think it was 1841.

78,508. Did you vote in 1841?—No.

78,509. Did you vote in 1847?—Yes.

78,510. Who for?—Brown and Baines.

78,511. Did you receive any money that election?—Not a farthing.

78,512. Did you receive any money at all that election?—Not a screw.

78,513. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

78,514. Did you go with some other people to Legitt's, and get your name set down?—Yes, I did.

78,515. How many of you went together?—I cannot say,

78,516. Forty?—No.

78,517. Twenty?—No; I do not suppose above two or three of us when I went.

78,518. Then you can tell me who they were?—No, I cannot.

78,519. Did Mr. Edwin Davis tell you you might go there?—I do not know, I am sure. My ward was in Saville Street, and I did not know it.

78,520. You got your name put down?—Yes.

78,521. And you voted for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

78,522. Did you get paid there?—No; I got paid in Saville Street.

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78,523. I believe you stood out for being paid the whole of it beforehand?—No.
78,524. In full; I mean before you voted?—No.
78,525. Did you not ask for all the money before you voted?—I did not.
78,526. Did anybody ask for it in your presence for you?—I cannot say that I ever heard it.
78,527. Just remember whether you and others did not go and insist on being paid the whole before voting?—No.
78,528. How much were you paid after?—£1.
78,529. Who paid you?—I cannot tell you. It was a young gentlemau.
78,530. Where did he pay you?—He paid me at home.
78,531. At your own home?—Yes.
78,532. Did he come to your home?—Yes.
78,533. How long after you voted?—About a week.
78,534. Who was he?—I do not know.
78,535. Have you traced since?—No.
78,536. Never?—Never.
78,537. Did you see him pay any others?—No.

Francis Wride.

FRANCIS WRIDE sworn, and examined.

78,538. I believe you were a clerk of Mr. Bannister's?—Yes, I am.
78,539. And you are still, are you?—Yes.
78,540. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.
78,541. What rent do you pay?—£28.
78,542. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
78,543. When were you made a freeman?—In 1827.
78,544. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.
78,545. Who for?—Hanmer and James.
78,546. Had you any employment in any capacity at that election?—None.
78,547. You took no part?—I took no part whatever.
78,548. The next election, in 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.
78,549, Alone?—Alone.
78,550. Were you on any committee?—I took no part whatever there.
78,551. None at all?—None at all.
78,552. Did no money pass through your hands?—No money.
78,553. In 1852, did you vote for the blues?—I did.
78,554. Moore and Butler?—Yes.
78,555. At that time you were acting as clerk to Mr. Bannister?—Yes, I was.
78,556. You were at Mr. Davis's, and paid some money in sums of 5*s.* to different parties?—Legitt paid them, and I checked the list over, to see the men answered to their names.
78,557. Were those payments made at the Minerva?—The Minerva Terrace.
78,558. When were the payments made?—The first payments I attended were the week before the election, and the last were the week after the election. I only attended two.
78,559. Were the persons then paid in the character of messengers and runners?—Yes.
78,560. How many do you suppose were paid the first occasion?—Fifty or sixty; I cannot say the number.
78,561. Were they paid in full?—No; there was a deduction, and they were paid the deduction after the eletion.
78,562. You did not think it quite safe to pay all?—Legitt made the bargain; I did not.
78,563. Did you understand why the deductions were to be made?—Yes; to secure the votes at the election.
78,564. And afterwards you continued those paymeats?—The week after the election.
78,565. Was that paying up the arrears?—It was paying up the arrears of what was due to them at the time of the election.
78,566. And some others also?—No; only those that had their names set down.
78,567. Was that the same lot you had paid in part?—Yes.
78,568. And no more?—There may be more; I cannot exactly say.
78,569. There would be probably some set down after the first payment?—Very probable.
78,570. And they would not be paid the first?—Yes.
78,571. Did you have the money?—I had the money, and put it in a bag. Legitt took charge of the bag, and I called over the names.
78,572. Who did you have the money from?—Part Mr. Wells and part Mr. Steeple.
78,573. How much?—The first payment was 50*l.*, and I cannot say what the other was. Mr. Steeple brought the balance after the election.
78,574. What amount do you remember?—I cannot say.
78,575. Did you also pay for sham committee rooms?—I paid for one in Fish Street. It was not a sham committee room; the parties were there. I never was in it.

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78,576. Mr. Sylbon's?—Yes.

78,577. If I understand you, Legitt was present when these payments were made?—Yes.

78,578. Did the men come in singly as they were called?—They assembled about the door; three or four came into the room at a time.

78,579. I suppose, before the election and after, you would not have paid any who you did not expect would vote?—They were expected to vote blue.

78,580. Or you would not have paid them?—Or they would not have been paid.

78,581. And after the election you ascertained they had voted blue?—I made out a list of the mames, and sent it to the central committee, to be checked over, and then the money was paid.

78,582. On the list did you find some who had not voted blue?—I believe there was.

78,583. And they were not paid?—They were not paid.

78,584. The vote was naturally a matter you looked to in making the payment?—Yes.

78,585. I understand you to say you had not paid at any former election?—No; I took no part in any election previous to that.

78,586. Did you understand Sylbon's was a place to appoint extra runners to?—Yes.

78,587. Not for a committee to meet at, but for runners to assemble at in order to increase the staff?—Yes.

David Sigsworth.

DAVID SIGSWORTH sworn, and examined.

78,588. Where do you live?—Blanket Row.

78,589. What business are you?—A grocer.

78,590. What rent do you pay?—£12.

78,591. Are you a freeman?—No.

78,592. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—1847.

78,593. Who did you vot for?—I voted for Baines and Brown.

78,594. Did you receive any money at that election?—Not a farthing.

78,595. Neither before nor after?—No; I never received a farthing for what I did at all; not an iota.

78,596. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

78,597. I believe your room was taken for a committee room?—It was not.

78,598. You sent a note by Mr. Wells, to say you would not vote unless you had three guineas for your room?—Nothing of the kind. I never sent such a word, or anything of the kind.

78,599. Did you get any money at the last election?—I got one sovereign.

78,600. What for?—For applying about. I was a messenger, or something of that kind.

78,601. Was your name set down anywhere?—Not that I am aware of.

78,602. You did not carry any messages?—Yes, I did. I carrried messages to several parties.

78,603. At what room were you a messenger?—I was at the Shakespeare.

78,604. In the Market Place?—In Humber Street.

78,605. Did you apply to have your name put on the list as a messenger?—I did not apply at all.

78,606. How came you on the list?—Knowing Mr. Watkinson, he being a friend of mine,—in fact he is a brother of mine,—he said, "What a chap you are; you ought to be here, and do all the good you can." I said I would do what good I could, and so they acknowledged me with a sovereign.

78,607. Did they say they would put your name down as a runner?—No.

78,608. Was this after the election that he said this?—Yes.

78,609. Then the sovereign was paid you afterwards?—Yes; a mere gratuitous acknowledgment.

78,610. No engagement or application was made by you before?—No.

James Smith.

JAMES SMITH sworn, and examined.

78,611. Where do you live?—Southcoates Old Town.

78,612. What is your business?—A cowkeeper.

78,613. What rent do you pay?—£63.

78,614. Are you also a freeman?—No.

78,615. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—At the election before the last.

71,616. In 1847?—Yes.

78,627. Who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.

78,618. Were you a runner for Brown?—No.

78,619. I am told you were?—I was not.

78,620. It was a mistake?—Yes.

78,621. Did you receive any money that election?—Yes.

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78,622. How much money did you get?—A sovereign.
78,623. Who paid you?—I really do not know.
78,624. When were you paid?—The day of the election.
78,625. What for?—I do not know.
78,626. Do you think it was for your vote for Mr. Brown?—I do not know
78,627. What do you think it was for?—I was never asked a question.
78,628. A man in business, who keeps cows, does not put 1*l.* into his pocket without knowing what it is for?—I do not know. I applied at the committee room for a voting card,—the first election I was not aware I wanted it,—I applied for a card, and it was given to me in one hand, and a sovereign in the other, and I took it.
78,629. In 1852, at the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
78,630. Did you get anything then?—No.
78,631. Nothing at all?—No.
78,632. Did they not send a man to help to make your hay while you were away?—No.
78,633. Did you get any promise?—No.
78,634. Did you go and apply to have your name put down?—No.
78,635. Do you know Turner?—No; I cannot say that I do. I do not know that I do.
78,636. Have you been examined here before?—No.

E. Stephenson.

EDWARD STEPHENSON sworn, and examined.

78,637. Where do you live?—Hodgson Street, Groves.
78,638. What business are you?—A manure merchant.
78,639. What rent do you pay?—No rent.
78,640. What are you rated at?—£21.
78,641. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
78,642. When were you made free?—In 1818.
78,643. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes.
78,644. Who for?—Hanmer and James.
78,645. Did you receive any money that election?—No.
78,646. Did any pass through your hands?—No; not to my recollection.
78,647. Did you make any payments?—No; I do not recollect that I did.
78,648. After the election was over?—No, I think not.
78,649. A month or two after, did you not get a sovereign?—No.
78,650. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.
78,651. Did you receive any money then?—No.
78,652. Either at or after the election?—No; I was generally money out of my own pocket.
78,653. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
78,654. Were you on any committee?—They did fix me on a committee; but, my not being a scholar, I said I objected to it.
78,655. Did you canvass out of doors?—Yes; I took a part in the canvass; my sons and all.
78,656. Did you send people to get their names set down who wanted that sort of employment?—If they applied to me, I recommended them to the committee room.
78,657. You met them in the canvass?—Yes. I had no power to set them down.
78,658. What district did you canvass for?—In the Groves and Drypool.
78,659. Did you make some payments afterwards? You paid a few?—Yes; I had some money handed over from Mr. Oxtoby to me.
78,660. How much money did he give you?—I cannot tell you to a trifle. It would not be many pounds.
78,661. Did he give you the names of persons who were to receive it?—Yes. He did not know them, and I was to give it to them.
78,662. How were you to find them out?—They lived in my neighbourhood.
78,663. How came you to know them?—Because I lived in that part for fifty years.
78,664. How did you know these were the people who were to have the money, if Mr. Oxtoby did not know?—I knew they had been employed that way.
78,665. Were those persons who you had sent to be set down?—I did not send them all; but I knew when I was at the committee room they were running about with different things.
78,666. You knew they had been employed?—Yes.
78,667. How many did you pay?—Not above two or three.
78,668. Not above two or three?—No.
78,669. Was Charles Stephenson one?—No. I lent him some.
78,670. Why do you wink your eye? Do you know anything more?—You will find him out to be a very false man. I lent him and another man 30*s.* apiece. The secretary had not paid them the money for their wages.
78,671. Was the money due to them as runners?—Yes, it was.
78,672. You paid them?—I lent them it, and I got the other man's returned. I never got his. He voted the other way.

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78,673. Your nephew ?—Yes.

78,674. You gave them the 30*s*., to get repaid at the committee room ?—I did not get Charles's ; the other man returned it, and I made him a present of 5*s*. because he was an honest man.

78,675. How did Charles get his money ?—I lent him it in the Black Horse in Witham.

78,676. You did not receive any money to pay him, because he voted against you ?—No.

78,677. Therefore you could not keep his money back to pay yourself again ?—No.

78,678. You were 30*s*. out of pocket ?—Yes.

78,679. And you made the other man a present of 5*s*. for his honesty ?—Yes.

78,680. Did you pay John Young ?—I think so. I was there present when he was paid.

78,681. How much did he get ?—I do not recollect.

78,682. Thirty shillings ?—I think so.

78,683. And his father ?—I am sure I do not know what he got.

78,684. And Robert Cousins ; was he one ?—Yes ; he would get 30*s*.

78,685. From you ?—Yes.

78,686. These were runners, who were paid for their votes for Moore and Butler, were they not ?—Yes.

R. Sutherland.

ROBERT SUTHERLAND sworn, and examined.

78,687. Where do you live ?—No. 8, Great Union Street, Drypool.

78,688. What business are you ?—A painter.

78,689. What rent do you pay ?—Seven guineas.

78,690. When were you made a freeman ?—In 1846.

78,691. Did you vote at the election of 1847 ?—Yes.

78,692. Who for ?—Mr. Clay only.

78,693. I believe you got 10*s*. for that ?—I did.

78,694. When were you paid ?—Shortly before the last election.

78,695. In King Street ?—Yes.

78,696. At the last election, who did you vote for ?—Clay and Goderich.

78,697. Did you get your name set down in Witham as a runner ?—No.

78,698. Were you set down ?—No.

78,699. Were you employed as a runner ?—No.

78,700. You are put down as a runner for the orange committee in Witham, at the last election ?—I never had it put down.

78,701. Did you have any employment ?—No. My father was here once, I think.

78,702. Were you on a committee ?—No.

78,703. Did you receive any money at all at the last election ?—I received the 10*s*. in King Street.

78,704. For the last election ?—No ; not for the last election.

78,705. Did you receive any money at all for the last election ?—I received 35*s*. in the whole ; but it was not understood for any election at all,—the last part of the money.

78,706. When did you get the 10*s*. ?—I cannot say to a few days. It was a few days before the last election.

78,707. Was that all the money you got at that time ?—Yes, it was.

78,708. When did you get the other 25*s*. ?—I cannot say to a day or two.

78,709. Was it after ?—No, it was not ; it was before.

78,710. Where did you get the 25*s*. ?—I got it of Mr. Boulter.

78,711. Where ?—In Drypool.

78,712. At a committee room ?—No.

78,713. Tell me how it was ?—I got it from him at his own house.

78,714. What for ?—It was was quite of a private nature. It was not on election matters at all. I was never asked by any one to vote or not to vote. The fact was, I was in difficulties in that present moment, and I borrowed the money of him.

78,715. Have you paid him back ?—No ; I have not paid him back,

78,716. Did you not say you would not serve on any committee unless you were paid for it ?—No ; I was never asked the question.

78,717. Your name was put down on the committee ?—No ; not that I am aware of.

78,718. Is your father's name Robert ?—Yes.

78,719. Mr. Boulter told us that Robert Sutherland was put on a committee ?—Not me.

78,720. I do not understand what you got 25*s*. for yet. What did you get it for ?—Not on account of the election ; I told you before. I had been ill a long time, and in difficulties, and I asked Dr. Boulter if he would relieve me in this part. It was not on election matters.

78721. To relieve you in what ?—Would he lend me the money.

78,722. Was that shortly before the election ?—Yes.

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78,723. Do you mean to say nothing passed about the election?—Not a word.

78,724. Did you know Mr. Boulter before?—Yes.

78,725. How came you to ask him at the election time? You knew he was on a committee?—I will tell you why: this thing occurred at that time; that is the reason I asked him. I was never canvassed by any one for my vote.

78,726. Is your father a voter?—Yes.

78,727. Where does your father live?—In Drypool.

78,728. Not in the Hedon New Road?—Yes.

78,729. Is that the same place that you do?—It is called Great Union Street where I live; but it is in a line with it; in the same place.

78,730. You never attended a committee, I believe?—No.

78,731. Or your father either?—I do not know what my father did. I was never asked for a vote.

78,732. Mr. Boulter said you were ill, and applied to him for money, and he gave you 25*s.*, being about the election time, and knowing you would vote if you got a little money?—I believe they knew I would vote for them.

78,733. It was perfectly understood? You went to get Mr. Clay's money just before?—I never expected to get a farthing for Mr. Clay's election at the time.

78,734. You would not have went and got Mr. Clay's money a week before you voted if you had not been going to vote for him?—No, certainly not; I should never have got the money from him without I intended to vote.

78,735. Do you believe that Mr. Boulter thought you would vote at the time of the election for him?—Yes; I do really believe that.

78,736. Do you think he would have lent you the 25*s.* if he had not thought so?—Yes, I do believe he would.

R. Stephenson.

ROBERT STEPHENSON sworn, and examined.

78,737. Where do you live?—No. 7, Prospect Street.

78,738. What business are you?—Greengrocer and fruiterer.

78,739. What rent do you pay?—Thirty guineas.

78,740. Are you a freeman?—No.

78,741. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—Mr. Brown's.

78,742. Who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.

78,743. Alone?—Alone.

78,744. Were you employed at all at that election?—Yes, I was, for two days.

78,745. Running about, or what?—Assisting them to bring up voters, and soliciting the day before.

78,746. Did you receive any money?—No.

78,747. Nothing at all?—No; nor did not wish.

78,748. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

78,749. Were you at Mr. Wilkinson's committee room?—Yes, I was.

78,750. Did you receive some payment for you services?—I received nothing for my services.

78,751. For your vote?—Not for my vote.

78,752. What did you receive?—I received for my committee room.

78,753. How much?—£10. Two rooms they had.

78,754. When were they taken?—I am sure I cannot say; six weeks before the election. I cannot exactly say; I made no memorandum.

78,755. I believe you paid some man that Mr. Steeple gave you the money for?—I did not.

78,756. Did you not pay anybody?—Yes; but not for their votes.

78,757. Why do you tell me that?—I thought you were alluding to it.

78,758. I ask if you paid any one?—Not for their votes. I paid some money. I gave two men 5*s.* apiece.

78,759. Who gave you the money?—A gentleman.

78,760. Who was that?—The chairman.

78,761. Tell us his name?—Mr. Wilkinson.

78,762. Mr. Wilkinson gave you 10*s.* to pay the two men?—I will tell you how he gave me the money. About twelve o'clock, the election day, we had no refreshment in the committee room——

78,763. I want to know what he gave you the money for?—He gave me a sovereign to get refreshments, and said these were two men, one of the name of Wilson, and the other Wetherell, I was to give them 5*s.* apiece.

78,764. What day?—The election day.

78,765. Did you see Wilson and Wetherell?—I saw them both.

78,766. Had they voted?—I will not swear to that.

78,767. What is your belief?—I do not know whether they did or not; I cannot say.

78,768. I ask if they had voted?—I cannot say; I did not know. That was not my business; I had nothing to do with that.

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78,769. What did you do with the other 10*s.* ?—It was spent for refreshments; biscuits and cheese.

78,770. Who for ?—For the committee and the cabmen.

78,771. Where at ?—At our house.

78,772. Did Mr. Steeple at any time give you any money ?—He did not; not until after the election; he paid me the money for my room.

78,773. Did he ever give you any other money ?—No.

78,774. Not before or after ?—He settled the accounts there were for the candles and those things. He paid me no money to pay anything more.

78,775. Did you pay any other money at all ?—I paid 10*s.* after the election, but it was a mistake.

78,776. Will you explain it ?—Mr. Wilson gave me 1*l.*, and said I was to give 5*s.* each to these men. And after I had done, young Mr. Steeple told me to give 10*s.* apiece to the Grovers.

78,777. How many Grovers ?—Two of them; father and son. And Mr. Wilkinson did not tell me so. I said it was a mistake. I should not give them the money unless I knew it. I would not give the money to them, and I did not give it for a week after that. They generally tormented me for it. I gave them 5*s.* apiece to satisfy them. I did not feel satisfied in giving it at all. I did not feel justified in doing it.

78,778. When did you pay the Grovers ?—Perhaps a week after; I cannot say to a day.

78,779. What was the payment for ?—I do not know. Mr. Steeple wished me to pay.

78,780. Did he not tell you what for ?—For being a runner, I dare say. It is stopped in the accounts, I dare say.

78,781. What did you do with the other 10*s.* ?—I had no other 10*s.* left. I laid the money out of my own pocket for the cheese and bread.

78,782. I thought you said Mr. Steeple wished you to pay the Grovers 10*s.* each ?—I could not give it, without I gave it out of my own pocket.

78,783. What were their Christian names ?—I do not know their names; I only know they call them Grover.

78,784. James Yeall Grover; was that one ?—I do not know their names. I know their names are Grover; I do not know any other.

78,785. You have made some payments; did you make any others ? Do not limit yourself to whether it was for their votes ?—I paid no other voters whatever. I did not pay any other money.

78,786. Any more money ?—No more money to any voter at all.

78,787. Did you pay any other men ?—Only for the cheese and bread and biscuits. I paid no other men that I know of.

78,788. Did you see Mr. Steeple about that payment ?—Several times. They were frequently at me, and I was not agreeable till I saw Mr. Wilkinson; and at last I paid, because he was not in the town.

78,789. You knew they were runners ?—Yes, they were.

78,790. And that they voted blue ?—Yes; I expect so.

78,791. Have you anything else to say ?—I want to say, I think it is not confirmed that there were sixty runners to breakfast at Hewson's.

78,792. What election are you speaking of ?—The last election.

78,793. What do you say to it ?—He had sixty runners to breakfast before the poll.

78,794. I suppose all the runners had a breakfast ?—Some of us had to go without.

78,795. Did you give them a breakfast ?—No. I mean to say it was the other party.

78,796. Where did they breakfast ?—I believe at Mr. Hewson's.

78,797. Where is that ?—I do not know. Mr. Christie told me. He said there were sixty altogether, and that they could not accommodate more than thirty at a time.

78,798. Do you mean Mr. Christie, the wine merchant ?—Yes.

John Turpin.

JOHN TURPIN sworn, and examined.

78,799. Where do you live ?—No. 2, Russell Street.

78,800. Are you a captain in the Navy ?—No. I have declined going to sea. I am a retired master mariner.

78,801. Do you pay rent ?—No; I live in my own freehold.

78,802. What are you rated at ?—I do not know, for I compound for thirty-eight houses together, pretty well; but my rent would be about 12*l.* or 13*l.*

78,803. Are you also a freeman ?—Yes.

78,804. When were you made a freeman ?—In 1814.

78,805. Did you vote at the election of 1841 ?—No.

78,806. You were at sea, perhaps ?—I have been from home the greater part of my lifetime.

78,807. In 1847, were you absent ?—I was not here at the time.

78,808. In 1852, I believe you voted ?—Yes; I believe that is the first time.

78,809. For Moore and Butler ?—Yes.

78,810. Did that party have a room at your house ?—They did.

John Turpin.

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78,811. When was the room engaged?—It was engaged on Monday.

78,812. Before the election?—Yes; before the election.

78,813. Did Mr. Cattley engage it?—Yes. He said, "You have got a shut-up house. Will you allow us to put a flag up there? It will perhaps be useful, with your attendance." And I said I was agreeable.

78,814. Did he give you a list of committee men to meet there?—No. He asked me if I would go to the Saville Street room, and assist them; and I suppose they put me down as a committee man. I am not certain, however. I took an active part in running about.

78,815. Did any committee meet at your house?—Mr. Ward and Mr. Cattley occasionally came to see if anything had been transacted, or if any one had got any information.

78,816. There was not a committee sitting at all?—No.

78,817. Did you receive some money for that?—Some time after that Mr. Cattley, I believe, sent me 2*l.*

78,818. That was for the room, I suppose?—It was.

78,819. And your services, I suppose?—No; they would have had my services without.

78,820. They paid it afterwards, in consideration, though you thought you had rendered your services by your attendance to the committee?—It appears, by their being so kind as to give me the 2*l.*, that they thought I had worked well.

78,821. And your vote?—It was the first I had, and I did not sell it. It was the first I had. I had been at sea as the master of a ship for forty years, and they generally act for the blues.

78,822. It was a reward for your services?—I did not ask what it was for. He sent a young man of the name of Brown with 2*l.*, and of course I took it.

78,823. You understood it was for your vote and services?—Perhaps it was for the use of the room.

78,824. It might be for the whole three?—Yes; perhaps it was so.

78,825. Was the sum fixed for the room when it was taken?—No. I knew nothing about any money. He merely asked me if I would allow it.

G. H. Atkin.

George Hall Atkin sworn, and examined.

78,826. Where do you live?—Chariot Street.

78,827. What business are you?—A tobacconist and baker.

78,828. Do you pay rent for a house?—No; it is my own.

78,829. What are you rated at?—£12.

78,830. Are you also a freeman?—Yes; but my freedom is not taken up.

78,831. Then you are not a freeman, in fact?—No.

78,832. At the election of 1841, who did you vote for?—I never took it up. In 1851 I had my right to vote. Not till 1852 I voted.

78,833. At the election of 1841, which I speak of, was there a room engaged at your house after the election, or at the election time?—No. I was not in England.

78,834. Had you a house at that time?—No.

78,835. You do not know of any room? You did not leave a house behind you when you went away?—No.

78,836. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I was not in England.

78,837. In 1852, did you vote?—Yes.

78,838. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

78,839. Did you receive any money?—Not a farthing.

78,840. Did any pass through your hands?—Never; not the value of a penny.

78,841. Nor made any payment?—No; nor was there anything offered to me.

T. Champney.

Thomas Champney sworn, and examined.

78,842. Where do you live?—No. 4, Osborne Street.

78,843. What business are you?—A boot and shoe maker.

78,844. What rent do you pay?—£18.

78,845. Are you a freeman?—No.

78,846. Which election were you first entitled to vote at?—1847.

78,847. Did you take any interest in the election of 1841?—Yes.

78,848. Who for?—Hanmer and James.

78,849. You had not a vote?—No.

78,850. Did you make some payments that election?—Not any.

78,851. What interest did you take? In what way?—I only solicited persons to vote for them; that was all.

78,852. And sent them to have their names put down?—No.

T. Champney.

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78,853. When they asked for employment, what did you do?—I said I had nothing to do with it.

78,854. If a man said, "I want to be a runner," what did you do?—I said nothing at all about it.

78,855. When you asked a man to vote, and he said, "I wish for employment"?—I do not recollect anybody asking me that question.

78,856. You went among the higher class of voters?—I have been among all.

78,857. But never went to a man that asked for employment?—I have no recollection of meeting a man that asked for employment.

78,858. Did they ask to be runners?—No.

78,859. Did you make any payments that election?—No.

78,860. Did any money pass through your hands?—Not any.

78,861. The next election, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.

78,862. Did any money pass through your hands?—I had nothing much to do with it, beyond voting.

78,863. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

78,864. Were you on any committee?—I believe my name was put down, but I did not serve.

78,865. Did you canvass?—No.

78,866. Did you have any names set down?—Not any.

78,867. Did any money pass through your hands?—Not any.

William Hitchin.

WILLIAM HITCHIN sworn, and examined.

78,868. Where do you live?—Chariot Street.

78,869. What business are you?—Tinplate worker.

78,870. What rent do you pay?—£12.

78,871. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

78,872. Where were you made a freeman?—At O'Neil's election.

78,873. In 1841, who did you vote for?—I was not in Hull; I was without the limits.

78,874. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Clay.

78,875. Did you receive any money at that election?—No; I did not get a single glass of grog. I know it was very hard; it was a dry concern.

78,876. Did you get any?—I got no money or anything.

78,877. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

78,878. Did you come from Cottingham for that election?—Yes.

78,879. Did you receive any money at Cottingham?—No.

78,880. Did you receive any money afterwards?—No.

78,881. Did you never pay anything?—Never paid anything.

78,882. Did you get your expenses?—I got no expenses, or nothing to do with money at all.

78,883. Did you come at your own expense?—Yes. There was a coach provided, but I came the day before.

78,884. And never received any money at all?—No.

78,885. Did you have breakfast and dinner at Cottingham?—No. There was a dinner after it was all over.

78,886. Did you get any of it?—Yes, I did.

78,887. You came the day before?—Yes.

78,888. And stayed in Hull?—Yes.

78,889. You were not here in 1841?—No.

78,890. Are you sure of that?—I was living at Pattrington.

78,891. Were you here at the election?—No; I was without the limits; sixteen or eighteen miles off.

78,892. You might have been there, and not living there?—I lived there.

78,893. Do you know a man named Conkerton?—Yes.

78,894. Did he pay you any money in 1841?—Nobody paid me any money. I never received money, and nobody could pay me any.

George Hudson.

GEORGE HUDSON sworn, and examined.

78,895. Where do you live?—Hatfield Terrace, Spring Street.

78,896. What business are you?—A hairdresser.

78,897. What rent do you pay?—£21 18*s.*

78,898. Are you also a freeman?—Yes.

78,899. When were you made free?—In 1846.

78,900. In the 1847 election, who did you vote for?—I did not vote in the 1847 election. I was clerk to Mr. Yeall in East Sculcoates.

78,901. Were you not on the register?—No; I took my freedom up too late.

78,902. Did you assist in making payments there?—Before the election?

78,903. For that election?—Yes.

78,904. Who did you assist?—Mr. Yeall gave me some 17*l.* or 18*l.* to pay.

78,905. Who paid besides you?—I do not know who paid after the election. I think Mr. Wright.

78,906. Did he give you 17*l.* or 18*l.*?—Yes.

78,907. To make payments with?—Yes; to pay the actual runners, the men that did actual work.

78,908. For which candidate?—Brown. I paid some 5*s.*, and some 10*s.*

78,909. Did you have a list of them?—I had a list then.

78,910. And you made the payments to them?—I did.

78,911. When was it?—That was on the polling day.

78,912. Before or after they voted?—Some before and some after.

78,913. Did you pay them all the same sum?—I paid some 5*s.*, just as they were engaged, and some 10*s.* Those that were employed the Tuesday I paid 5*s.*, and those employed the Monday I paid 10*s.*

78,914. Where had they been employed?—At the committee room.

78,915. There were several committee rooms?—At the East Sculcoates ward committee, by Mr. Yeall.

78,916. Did you know them all?—I knew some of them.

78,917. How many were there in number?—I cannot say. I cannot tell now how many there were.

78,918. Can you tell me about the number?—I should think I paid about fifty.

78,919. About fifty that were in this list?—Yes.

78,920. Did you finish the payment on that day?—I gave it them all. I paid them in the morning before their dinners.

78,921. Did you finish the payment on that day?—Yes.

78,922. Did you pay any others afterwards?—No.

78,923. Did you pay any others before or after?—No.

78,924. That was all the money that passed through your hands?—That was all.

78,925. Did you assist Mr. Steeple at the last election?—No.

78,926. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

78,927. Who for?—Moore and Butler.

78,928. Did you look after some voters at the Shakespeare?—I was on the committee at the Shakespeare.

78,929. Were any voters put under your eye?—No.

78,930. Any people who were a little doubtful?—No.

78,931. Was your attention directed to any particular number of voters?—No; I went out canvassing.

78,932. Was it with Mr. Steeple?—No; it was with Mr. Mushelt, a tobacconist.

78,933. When people wanted to be runners you sent them to the committee room?—Yes.

78,934. To be set down as messengers or runners?—Yes.

78,935. Did you make any payments that election?—On the polling day I laid out between 6*s.* and 7*s.* for cabmen. I took precautions to know whether they were voters or not before I did pay it.

78,936. You took some up to vote?—Yes; I took many persons up.

78,937. Why did you take them up to vote?—I went for them.

78,938. I suppose it was doubtful whether they would vote?—Not at all.

78,939. People can walk up to vote?—Some of them cannot.

78,940. Were these of that class?—Yes.

78,941. Do you mean to say all the people you took up were unable to walk?—Many of them.

78,942. All?—No; but many were.

78,943. How many did you take up?—Perhaps 150.

78,944. Now, I ask you a little more carefully, how many do you mean to tell me out of the 150 you took up were unable to walk, to the best of your recollection?—Thirty or forty, perhaps.

78,945. Thirty or forty could not walk?—They were lame and ill, and suchlike. Many would not go to vote without being fetched, so I fetched them.

78,946. Would there be as many as 100 that would not go to vote unless fetched?—Perhaps there are 400 or 500 would not go without being fetched.

78,947. Out of the 150 which you took up were there 120, in your judgment, who would not have gone unless they were taken up?—I should think near upon it. I had to go and look after them, and I went in cabs to look after them.

78,948. Remember I asked you if you looked particularly after some voters, and you told me you did not?—Only as fetching them to the poll.

78,949. Is not that looking after them?—Certainly it is, in one sense.

78,950. Do you mean to tell me you did not understand my question when I asked that?—I did not. I thought you meant before the polling day.

78,951. I did not say so?—I understood you so.

78,952. How long were you engaged in taking up the 150 men to the poll?—I

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started at about half-past seven in the morning, and finished at about a quarter to four in the afternoon.

78,953. Did you pay anybody any money?—No; they never asked for any.

78,954. Upon your oath, did you not pay any of these men any money?—None.

78,955. Upon your oath, you did not pay one of them?—No.

78,956. Did you pay any money that day?—Some 6*s.* 9*d.* or 7*s.*, you have a note of. Those paid were cabmen, but I took the precaution to know they were non-voters. They got refreshments; they said it was impossible to drive cabs all day without something to eat or drink.

78,957. Did you pay any of those you took up afterwards?—No.

78,958. Did you receive any money yourself?—No.

78,959. At any time?—No.

78,960. At or after the election?—No.

78,961. I suppose you knew in 1847 that the principal part, if not all the people, whom you say were employed at the committee room, that one of the pieces of business they were to do was to vote, they were always chosen from voters?—Yes; I only paid them that were actual runners. Mr. Yeall told me not to pay any other way.

78,962. A part of the duty of a runner is not to vote any other way?—There are two that I paid before they polled, and they voted against us.

78,963. They are paid with the understanding that they will vote or have voted for the candidates?—I did not ask that.

78,964. Did you understand it?—I expected they would vote for Mr. Brown when I paid them.

78,965. And you understood they were employed partly because they were to vote?—Yes; and after I had a doubt I did not pay them. When I knew they had voted I paid them.

78,966. Did somebody else attend to your shop when you were engaged in the committee?—Yes, sometimes; and sometimes not.

78,967. Did your brother attend your shop while you were engaged in the committee in 1852?—Yes.

78,968. Did you not get some sums of money for your absence from your business, while at the committee?—I did not.

78,969. Not at any time?—Not at any time.

78,970. Did the committee pay your brother for attending to your work?—No.

William Milner.

WILLIAM MILNER sworn, and examined.

78,971. Where do you live?—In Grimsby Lane.

78,972. What business are you?—A poulterer.

78,973. What rent do you pay?—Twelve guineas.

78,974. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

78,975. When were you made a freeman?—In 1839.

78,976. At the expense of either party?—Yes.

78,977. Who took it up for you?—The blues.

78,978. Did you vote for them in consequence at the next election?—Yes.

78,979. Did you receive any money besides?—I received 1*l.*

78,980. When were you paid?—A fortnight after the election.

78,981. Who paid you?—Mr. Bannister, I believe. I think so.

78,982. At the next election of 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.

78,983. Did you receive some money then?—Yes.

78,984. When were you paid?—A fortnight after, or something of that sort.

78,985. How much did you get?—£1.

78,986. At the election in 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

78,987. Did you receive some money then?—No.

78,988. Nothing at all?—No.

78,989. Were you at any committee in Chariot Street?—No; I had nothing to do with it; only just going to vote and coming back again.

78,990. You did not get anything before or after?—Nothing.

William Jones.

WILLIAM JONES sworn, and examined.

78,991. Where do you live?—Regent Street, Anlaby Road.

78,992. What business are you?—A commission agent.

78,993. What rent do you pay?—None.

78,994. Is it your own house?—Yes.

78,995. What are you rated at?—£9.

78,996. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

78,997. When were you made a freeman?—In 1825, I believe.

78,998. In 1841, did you vote for the orange party, Clay and Thompson?—I forget now. I think it was James and Clay.

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79,999. Did you get any money at that election?—No.
79,000. Were you employed at all?—No; I believe not.
79,001. In 1847, the next election, who did you vote for?—Clay and Brown.
79,002. Did you receive any money then?—10*s.*
79,003. Who for?—Mr. Brown.
79,004. When were you paid?—After the election.
79,005. Who paid you?—I am sure I do not know who he was.
79,006. Where was it?—It was in Bond Street, at Mr. Holme's room.
79,007. At the last election you voted for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
79,008. Were you set down as a runner?—I was.
79,009. Did you get any money at that election?—Yes.
79,010. How much?—£1 a week.
79,011. For how many weeks?—Four weeks.
79,012. Were you paid 4*l.*?—Yes.
79,013. Is that all?—That is all.
79,014. Did you apply to be put on?—No, I did not apply; they sent for me.
79,015. Were you a regular messenger?—I was. I worked hard, too, from nine o'clock in the morning until eleven o'clock at night.
79,016. How came you to vote for Moore and Butler when you voted for Mr. Clay before?—I do not know.
79,017. Was it because they employed you on the committee?—Yes; I believe it was, partly.

Thomas Jarratt.

THOMAS JARRATT sworn, and examined.

79,018. Where do you live?—In the Market Place.
79,019. What business are you?—Woollendraper and tailor.
79,020. You are not a freeman, I believe?—No.
79,021. Were you entitled to vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.
79,022. What rent do you pay?—£95.
79,023. Who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
79,024. You took some interest in that election?—Yes, I did. I was deputy chairman of the Market Place ward.
79,025. Did you distribute some 30*s.* tickets?—No; not that I know of.
79,026. Do you remember a man of the name of Tadman?—I remember the man; I know the man. I saw his evidence in the paper given here. I distinctly wish to say he is mistaken as far as I am concerned. I never had a shilling in my hands, as far as I remember.
79,027. The substance of his evidence is that you gave him some 30*s.* tickets to take to Risdale's at that election?—Which I distinctly deny. I do not mean to say the man might not have gotten a 30*s.* ticket. I have no doubt he would; but as far as I am concerned in paying, he has made a mistake.
79,028. Did you give him a ticket?—I had no tickets passed through my hands at all.
79,029. In his evidence he said you gave some 30*s.* tickets?—I had no tickets passed through my hands. I do not know whether the chairman had. As far as I am concerned I had not.
79,030. Were there any tickets given at the committee over which you presided?—I have no recollection of any tickets of that description being given.
79,031. Do you know a man of the name of Risdale?—I do not remember him at all.
79,032. You swear, as far as you are concerned, it is a mistake?—Quite a mistake.
79,033. As to your giving tickets?—Yes.
79,034. Do you recollect whether anybody else did at your committee?—No, I do not; it is a long time, and I should not like to swear positively to it.
79,035. Have you a recollection of the fact of such tickets?—No. I have no doubt that there might be such things; men expected them; some were paid as much as 2*l.* I am not aware it was through tickets; it possibly might be.
79,036. Did you know that the men had the money?—Yes; I believe so.
79,037. Had you anything to do with it?—Not with regard to paying them. I was at the central committee.
79,038. Did you set their names down?—We had clerks. I merely sat as deputy chairman.
79,039. Hid you instruct the clerks?—I referred them to the chairman or the central committee. I think the most business I did was to refer them to the central committee.
79,040. The clerks were in your employ?—In the employ of the committee. I was only the deputy chairman; no party who took a share in that business.
79,041. What is the deputy chairman?—He is merely to superintend when the chairman is not there.
79,042. When he was not there the clerks acted under you?—Yes.

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79,043. And you knew they were setting down runners under your authority?—Yes.

79,044. They were under your authority?—They were acting under general authority. It was a general authority to the district committees so to do.

79,045. They were acting under you?—Yes; I sat there in the absence of the chairman.

79,046. The central committee instructed the district committee, and the district committee instructed the clerks?—Yes.

79,047. They came to the district chairman?—Yes.

79,048. And the district chairman or the deputy chairman instructed the clerks?—Exactly.

79,049. Did you know that the clerks paid them?—No. I believe the money was paid at the central committee room, but I wish distinctly to deny having paid Mr. Tadman or any other man. I wish distinctly to deny that.

79,050. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I was not in town at the time.

79,051. You did not vote at all?—No.

79,052. Were you on any committee?—I was not in Hull.

79,053. I understood that might refer to the election day?—No; I was away. I had taken my daughter into the south, to school, and was away for three or four weeks.

79,054. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

79,055. Were you on any committee?—No; I refused to act. I believe they wanted me to act, and take the chair in my own ward. I declined to do so; a Mr. Davis ultimately took it, and they put me nominally as a vice chairman on the central committee. I never acted; I went up several times.

79,056. Did you take any part in the payments?—No.

79,057. Did you send any of your friends to be set down as runners?—No; I canvassed once or twice, and on the polling day I paid a little attention to it, but as far as money matters, I had nothing at all to do with them.

79,058. Did you send any runners?—No.

79,059. Did you engage any sham rooms?—No; I declined acting, except just as I felt inclined, and had the convenience.

James Taylor.

JAMES TAYLOR sworn, and examined.

79,060. Where do you live?—No. 29, Sykes Street.

79,061. What business are you?—A baker.

79,062. What rent do you pay?—£20.

79,063. Are you a freeman?—No.

79,064. At the election of 1841, who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.

79,065. Did you get any money for your vote?—I rather think I did.

79,066. How much?—A sovereign.

79,067. Who paid you?—I was paid in this way: the election took place in the summer time. I recollect about the month of November or December, I was sent for one night, to go to a certain house in Mason Street; I went; it was Mr. Dalton's. I rapped at the door, and I said, "Am I wanted here?" They said, "Yes;" and somebody held out his hand and put a sovereign into my hand. I was taken somewhat unawares. A sovereign is a pretty thing; but as I went on I thought it was for election purposes. I had voted two or three elections before, and never asked anybody to give me anything. I said to my wife, "It must be for electioneering purposes; I do not like to have money for such a purpose." I, however, thought the best way would be to dispense with it as honourably as I could. At that time Mr. Keary was the minister of the Sculcoates church, and was in the habit of giving bread to people; and he gave the people tickets to come to me: "Give the bearer a sixpenny loaf;" and then he came and reckoned with me, when he thought proper. When he came, I said, "Here, Mr. Keary, is a sovereign, that has not cost me a deal of labour, and the next time you reckon you can give forty sixpenny tickets." And I dispensed with the sovereign that way. I expected it was for electioneering purposes; that is all the moneys I ever received or handled since I went to that place, twenty-one years ago.

79,068. Were there any tickets for bread independent of what you allude to?—No; they are for charity. He gave them regular all the year round.

79,069. Why did you not take it back to the place you had it from?—I thought it was as safe in my hands as theirs when I took a second consideration.

79,070. Do you know who the man was?—No. I think it was Dalton or Watson; the hand was held out, and I was taken at a nonplus.

79,071. Did you see the man?—No; it was at candle light.

79,072. Dalton says he was not the man, and he does not know who was?—I cannot say who it was. I dispensed with it.

79,073. You did not try to find out who gave you the money?—No; it is long since.

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79,074. I mean at the time?—I cannot say; there were three or four of them, and I could not say which man it was.

79,075. Instead of taking it back you dispensed it?—Yes.

79,076. That was in 1841?—Yes; it was at Hanmer's election. I do not know what year it was. I had voted two or three times previous to that.

79,077. And afterwards?—Yes.

79,078. Who did you vote for at the next election in 1847?—I generally vote for the blue party.

79,079. Clay, Baines, or Brown?—I should vote for Mr. Baines; but I do not know whether I voted for Baines separately.

79,080. Did you get any money that election?—Not a farthing. It is the only money I ever handled, and I was rather sorry I handled that.

79,081. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

79,082. And did no money pass through your hands?—No such thing.

79,083. You did not pay any other people?—No.

79,084. You made no payments?—None whatever.

79,085. And they did not engage your room?—No; no such thing. I did not want them. I would not have them.

G. G. Kemp.

GEORGE GOODDY KEMP sworn, and examined.

79,086. Where do you live?—West Parade.

79,087. What rent do you pay?—£50.

79,088. Within the borough?—£250.

79,089. What business are you?—A merchant.

79,090. How long have you been entitled to vote?—Since the Reform Act.

79,091. You are not a freemen?—No.

79,092. In 1841 who did you vote for?—I think at that election I did not vote at all; at one I did not, and I think that was the one.

79,093. You were not in the town?—Yes, I was in the town; but I did not choose to vote.

79,094. Did you take any part?—No; at that particular election, at which I did not vote, I took no part.

79,095. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I think Clay and Baines.

79,096. Did you take any part in that election?—None.

79,097. No part but voting?—None whatever.

79,098. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

79,099. Did you take any part in this election?—Yes.

79,100. In what capacity?—I was a member of the committee.

79,101. Of which committee?—First Osborne Street, and afterwards another that met, which was drafted from it, at Carr Lane, at Newstead's.

79,102. Was that at a public house?—Yes.

79,103. What is the sign?—The Black Horse.

79,104. You were the chairman of that committee?—No, I was not.

79,105. You were appointed on that committee?—Yes.

79,106. Who was there with you; many?—Several. Captain Martin Munroe was the chairman. Mr. Ellerman was also there, and some others, whose names I do not recollect.

79,107. Did you attend the meetings frequently?—No. In consequence of the death of a relation, I was obliged to leave the town three or four days before the election, and returned only the night before the polling day.

79,108. Did you attend there that night?—No, the next morning.

79,109. The polling day?—Yes.

79,110. Were there persons set down as runners?—Yes. There was a staff of runners, doorkeepers, and so on; drafted from the Osborne Street committee.

79,111. Were there persons set down that day?—No, they had all ran away; we had not one left that morning.

79,112. Did you take any part in the payment of any person on or after the election?—Never.

79,113. Were you present at Carr Lane when any one was paid?—No; I never in my life saw any money paid to any man on account of the election.

79,114. Were you aware that persons were having their names set down in Carr Lane, as runners?—No, nor was it so. The men that we had there were drafted from the Osborne Street room.

79,115. Did you at all understand that your room was taken in Carr Lane for the purpose of your enabling the committee to increase the staff of runners as one of the objects?—Not at the time that it was trken; for I, in conjunction with Mr. Ellerman, took it myself. We complained that the Osborne Street room was too far from our work, from the place where we canvassed, and they said we had better take another more conveniently situated, and they told us we might give three guineas for a room, and I made that bargain.

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79,116. Did you take it at all in order to satisfy the landlord?—Not in any way or manner.

79,117. Then you took it entirely to suit your own purpose?—Yes; but in fact he voted against us; his vote was not considered.

79,118. You knew nothing of the system of setting down?—Nothing whatever.

79,119. And you had nothing to do with any payment?—No.

79,120. And never assisted in any?—No; nor did I know of any.

John Biggins.

JOHN BIGGINS sworn, and examined.

79,121. Where do you live?—Driffield at present. I was in Hull at the last election, but I was summoned last night to attend to-day.

79,122. What business are you?—A pipe maker.

79,123. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

79,124. What rent did you pay?—I was paying ten guineas when in Hull.

79,125. Where did you live when in Hull?—In the Pottery.

79,126. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1839.

79,127. Was it taken up for you?—No.

79,128. Did you pay for it yourself?—Yes.

79,129. And you were not repaid?—No.

79,130. In 1841, who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.

79,131. Were you paid for it?—Yes, afterwards.

79,132. How much?—£1.

72,133. Where were you paid?—In St. James's Street.

79,134. Who paid you?—That I cannot tell you.

79,135. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Brown and Clay.

79,136. Were you paid for that?—After voting I was.

79,137. How much?—£1 each.

79,138. Were you one of the men paid at the Baltic?—Yes.

79,139. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

79,140. At what time in the day were you paid at the Baltic?—There was a party there before they went to vote, and we received £1 on behalf of Mr. Brown before going to vote; and the other was paid in London, after returning from voting.

79,141. How soon in the day did you hear you were to have the second pound?—The landlord had it in his hands at the time, and would not entrust the whole of the parties till they voted.

79,142. What time in the day did you hear that?—It was known before dinner. I could not tell you exactly the time, but I was paid immediately after voting; but for Mr. Brown I was paid before.

79,143. Before voting?—Yes; by the party who paid for Mr. Brown, but the individual I do not know.

79,144. Was the first sovereign paid before twelve o'clock?—No; it would be after dinner, I think.

79,145. What time were you paid the sovereign for Mr. Brown?—I could not say exactly; it was after dinner, and the voting closed at four o'clock.

79,146. I want to fix the exact time of the day if we can?—I should say, as nearly as I can remember, it could not be much short of three o'clock in the afternoon.

79,147. When did you know first of all you were to have the payment; was it that morning or the day before?—It was the same day.

79,148. Early in the morning was it?—It was not known they were in possession of the money an hour before it was handed over. There were negotiations going on with one party and the other for a long time previous respecting the party.

79,149. In 1852, you voted for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

79,150. Were you paid for them?—Yes, after.

79,151. How much?—30s.

79,152. Were you set down as a runner?—Yes.

79,153. Where?—Mr. Croft set me down, and I was paid.

79,154. Was that all that you were paid?—Yes.

Mr. J. Mackrill.

Mr. JOSEPH MACKRILL sworn, and examined.

79,155. Do you live at Barton?—I do.

79,156. Are you a solicitor?—I am.

79,157. And a voter for this borough?—No.

79,158. At which of the elections did you take part first?—In 1847, I believe; in fact, that was the only one.

79,159. You took no part in 1841?—No.

79,160. In 1847, were you engaged for the blue party?—No; for neither party.

79,161. Were you not to manage the Barton voters on behalf of one party?—No. I

might have had a retainer on the part of Mr. Brown, and have received ten guineas for a retaining fee, to pay some attention to the Barton voters. That I declined, because I had made up my mind to interest myself for Mr. Baines, unasked by his party.

79,162. Did you interest yourself for Mr. Baines?—I did.

79,163. And took an interest yourself in the way of getting the Barton voters?—For him; some of them I did.

79,164. How many did you get?—I called upon ten or twelve, and I obtained the promises of either five or seven; I do not exactly remember the number at present.

79,165. Did it appear to you that they had a common agreement as to the terms on which they came?—With some it did. Three or four gave me their promises at once on behalf of Mr. Baines. Some of the others declined giving any promise; and the subject of money was mentioned by me in order to see whether there was any importance attached by them to it; and in two or three instances I thought there was a feeling, and therefore I made my bow and retired, telling them I had no instructions to pay any money, or to promise any; and I understood from Mr. Baines' committee there was to be no money paid.

79,166. Did you agree with any one that he should be paid in any way?—I did not. I wish to draw your attention to a statement which I saw in the papers. One of the parties called upon was Joseph Siddons. He asked if his expenses would be paid. I told him I thought not; that is, I could give no guarantee, but that there might be some few shillings to cover his expenses, but as I could give him no promise, I would name the subject to Mr. Henry Smith Bright, an active member who was on that committee, and whatever was done with respect to the others would doubtless be done by him. I gave him no promise to see him paid. I named the subject to Mr. Bright afterwards, and left the matter entirely with him. Mr. Bright's reply was, "It was a delicate subject. I know he applied to me, but I can give no promise, but he shall have the same attention as the other voters."

79,167. Did you tell the man that?—Yes; and during the next month or five weeks I saw Mr. Bright occasionally once or twice upon that.

79,168. Had you ever heard before that there was a custom at Barton for the men to be paid a certain sum, which was called for their travelling expenses?—Yes, I knew it as a notorious fact. I had heard of it that the men had for the previous twenty or thirty years received something like head money,—1*l.*, 2*l.*, 3*l.*, and sometimes more.

79,169. When you told him he should get the same as the others, did you tell him anything by which he should know he would only get his travelling expenses?—The amount he seemed to measure was about 5*s.* or 10*s.*, as he was going to divide his vote with Mr. Clay, and he hoped to get something from his committee.

79,170. Did you lead him to understand that?—I left him, as I stated, that I would name the subject to Mr. Bright, and I did so.

79,171. Did you afterwards state it to Siddons?—I named to Siddons what I had said to Mr. Bright, but gave him no promise.

79,172. Did you leave him with the impression that he should be paid as usual?—I thought from Mr. Bright's answer to me that he would receive 10*s.* by-and-by.

79,173. And you gave Siddons to understand that?—I gave him to understand so much as Mr Bright had said; in those words, nothing more.

79,174. Was he the only person with whom you came to an agreement?—There was no agreement; no other party mentioned the money at all. They seemed to understand when they came to give their votes, that they would receive so much money from each candidate.

79,175. Did you leave those men with the understanding that they would have that as usual?—They had formed their own judgment and opinion upon my words, and therefore I gave them no promise.

79,176. And your impression was that they did expect the usual payment?—Entirely so.

79,177. You induced them to come to Hull, knowing they expected that?—They had intended to come to Hull.

79,178. You canvassed them to come?—I canvassed them to come on the part of Mr. Baines.

79,179. Knowing that they had that expectation you let them come?—I let them come; at least, I expect they came. How they came I do not know.

79,180. Did you have anything to do with satisfying them afterwards?—Never.

79,181. You knew nothing of it?—Never anything of it.

79,182. Do you know whether they were paid?—I do not, except some time after Siddons told me he had received from Clay's party a sovereign.

79,183. Did you know if any of the others were paid?—I do not know of my own knowledge.

79,184. Did you hear?—I heard it stated that the men were not paid then, but they had been promised by-and-by shortly afterwards.

79,185. Did you hear it from them?—I heard it from one of them at the last election, in which I took no part, except occasional conversation.

79,186. At the last election I mean?—No, certainly.

79,187. At the last election did you take any part at all?—I did not with regard to

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the Barton voters. They are brought up by Mr. Hall, of the Ropery, and it is talked of largely that they are bought and paid.

79,188. Did you canvass the Baylisses, father and son?—I did.

79,189. You found the son made a bargain for his father and himself?—You are referring to the last election?

79,190. No; they seem to have done so with regard to every election?—William Bayliss had promised me on the part of Mr. Baines, but no promise was made on the part of his father.

James Cumming.

JAMES CUMMING sworn, and examined.

79,191. Where do you live?—I live at Grimsby, where I am at work.

79,192. Where did you live at the last election?—I was at sea. I lived in Chapel Street.

79,193. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

79,194. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1826.

79,195. In 1841, who did you vote for?—No person. I was at sea.

79,196. In 1847, who for?—I was at sea.

79,197. And in 1852?—I was at sea in the Rose, in Davis' Straits, until November.

79,198. Then you had nothing to do with any of those elections?—No, nothing at all.

79,199. Not the last three elections?—Not the last three elections. I voted for O'Neill and Villars in 1826.

79,200. Are you quite sure you had nothing to do with the last three elections?—Yes.

Joseph Dibb.

JOSEPH DIBB sworn, and examined.

79,201. Where do you live?—Beverley.

79,202. What rent do you pay?—£5 10*s.*

79,203. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

79,204. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1841 I think it was. I do not remember exactly.

79,205. Was it taken up for you?—No, I took it up myself.

79,206. Did you vote in 1841?—No.

79,207. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.

79,208. Were you paid any money?—No.

79,209. Not on any account?—Not on any account; nor was asked for my vote neither.

79,210. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

79,211. Were you paid any money this time?—Yes.

79,212. How much?—10*s.*

79,213. What was that for?—Expenses in coming from Beverley, voting, and back again.

79,214. How did you come from Beverley?—By the railway.

79,215. Which class?—Third class.

79,216. How much did it cost you?—One shilling.

79,217. And back?—I took a day ticket.

79,218. What was the other 9*s.* for?—I got the money of Mr. Atkinson and Mr. Gresham in King Street. I told them my expenses would be my day's wages, 3*s.* 6*d.*, and a shilling my railway fare.

79,219. It was for loss of time?—Yes; loss of time, and so on.

William Burton.

WILLIAM BURTON sworn, and examined.

79,220. Where do you live?—Barton.

79,221. What rent do you pay?—I live in my own house.

79,222. What is it rated at?—£10.

79,223. What business are you?—Brick and tile maker.

79,224. Are you a freeman of this borough?—Yes.

79,225. How long have you been free?—Upwards of thirty years.

79,226. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.

79,227. Were you paid any money?—No.

79,228. Neither before nor after the election?—No.

79,229. Nothing in the way of travelling expenses?—No.

79,230. Did you take any part in the election besides voting?—No.

79,231. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Mr. Baines.

79,232. Baines only?—Only.

79,233. Were you paid any money?—No.

79,234. Not on account of your tavelling expenses?—No; not anything.

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79,235. Did you receive no money at all from the candidates or their committee?—No.

79,236. At the last election, who did you vote for?—I did not vote at all.

79,237. Why not?—Well, I scarcely can give you what may be termed a definite reason—what may be satisfactory to you.

79,238. If it was any political reason you need not state it?—It was a matter of opinion; about twelve o'clock I thought the thing was decided, and one or a hundred votes would be of no consequence, and therefore I did not vote at all.

79,239. Did you canvass for the parties at any one of these elections?—No; I have not taken any interest in the elections, for I think I may say since 1841.

79,240. Did you canvass any men in your own employ?—No, I did not; I was a clerk in the firm in which my father was a partner.

79,241. Did you canvass any?—No, I did not; nor my father either.

79,242. Did you ever promise any of the men payment, if they came over to vote?—Never in my life, for the last thirty years.

JOHN GREEN sworn, and examined.

John Green.

79,243. Where do you live?—Barton.

79,244. What business are you?—Chemist and druggist.

79,245. What rent do you pay?—I do not pay any, I live in my own house.

79,246. What are you rated at?—£8.

79,247. You are a freeman of this borough?—Yes.

79,248. How long have you been a freeman?—From 1818.

79,249. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.

79,250. Did you get paid any money?—Yes.

79,251. How much?—I cannot exactly say.

79,252. About how much?—I should think 5*l.*

79,253. On what occasion?—I was put on as a runner for each party.

79,254. You mean for Hanmer and James?—Yes.

79,255. Not for the orange party?—No.

79,256. You were paid 5*l.*?—Yes, there was that. I do not know exactly; I think there would be that.

79,257. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.

79,258. Were you paid any money that election?—A sovereign.

79,259. Were you set down as a runner that time?—No, I was not set down as a runner; it was the expenses.

79,260. Did you get it as for travelling expenses?—Yes; I was paid by Mr. Wilde.

79,261. You came from Barton?—Yes.

79,262. That cost you 8*d.*?—I do not know what it cost.

79,263. It does not cost much more?—No; not a deal.

79,264. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

79,265. Were you paid any money?—Yes; 2*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*

79,266. Was that as for your travelling expenses?—Yes.

79,267. You came from Barton and went back again?—Yes.

79,268. And got two guineas?—Yes.

WILLIAM RUSSELL sworn, and examined.

William Russell.

79,269. Where do you live?—No. 11, Manor House Street.

79,270. What business are you?—A seaman.

79,271. What rent do you pay?—£13.

79,272. Are you a freeman?—No.

79,273. How long have you been entitled to vote?—Since last year.

79,274. Who did you vote for?—Bramley Moore and Butler.

79,275. Moore only?—Only.

79,276. Were you paid any money?—Not for my vote.

79,277. Were you paid any money?—I was paid for the expenses coming up to vote.

79,278. From where?—From the Bull Sand, Light Vessel, off Spurn.

79,279. How much were you paid?—15*s.*

79,280. What did it cost you to come?—I think altogether it cost me 10*s.* there and back, and the time I was here, I was three days altogether.

79,281. Did they send you a letter down?—Yes; they sent me a letter down if I wished to come.

79,282. How much did it cost you, the fare?—I came up by the vessel.

79,283. You paid nothing?—I paid nothing.

79,284. Did you pay anything going back?—No. And then I had to give my shipmates something for doing my work at the time I was away.

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79,285. You stayed here three days?—Yes; one day coming up, one day staying here, and one day going down.

79,286. You were paid for loss of time?—Yes.

79,287. You were paid 5*s.* a day for three days?—Yes.

79,288. For coming from Spurn?—Yes.

Thomas Calvert.

THOMAS CALVERT sworn, and examined.

79,289. Where do you live?—Finkle Street.

79,290. What business are you?—A currier and shopkeeper.

79,291. What rent do you pay?—£20.

79,292. Are you a freeman?—No.

79,293. How long have you been entitled to vote?—Since Mr. Baines' election in 1847.

79,294. Who did you vote for in 1847?—Not any one.

79,295. Why not?—I was very ill at the time, and I was not wanted.

79,296. Were you paid any money that election?—Not a farthing.

79,297. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

79,298. Were you paid any money this time?—Not a farthing.

79,299. Was your name set down?—No; I was on the committee.

79,300. You were not set down in the Market Place ward?—I was on the committee at the Shakespeare.

79,301. Do you mean, you were a member of the committee?—Yes.

79,302. Did you canvass people?—Yes, I did.

79,303. Did any of them ask for employment?—Yes; two.

79,304. What were their names?—Beautyman and Bell.

79,305. Did you understand by that that they wanted some money; and if they got it they would vote?—Yes; certainly, I did.

79,306. Did you tell them to apply for employment?—I told them to apply to Mr. Edwin Davis at the committee.

79,307. Did you lead them to understand it should be done?—No.

79,308. What did you tell them?—I told them I had nothing to do with setting them down, nor did I promise.

79,309. What else did you tell them?—I did not tell them anything. They might go as far as the Shakespeare and see Mr. Davis if they thought proper; one was put on and the other was not.

79,310. Did you have anything to do with paying?—No; not a farthing from any person or any other party.

79,311. Were those the only two who asked you for employment, or that you had anything to do with?—Yes.

John Hicks.

JOHN HICKS sworn, and examined.

79,312. Where do you live?—Blackfriar Gate.

79,313. What business are you?—A cabinetmaker

79,314. What rent do you pay?—£16.

79,315. Are you a freeman?—No.

79,316. How long have you been entitled to vote?—Since the Reform Act.

79,317. In 1841 who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.

79,318. Were you paid any money?—No.

79,319. By the candidates or their committee?—No.

79,320. Did you take any part in the election?—No.

79,321. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Mr. Baines.

79,322. Were you paid any money?—No.

79,323. Did you take any part in that election?—No.

79,324. You did not canvass anybody?—No.

79,325. And were paid no money on any account?—No; not on any account.

79,326. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

79,327. Were you paid any money?—None whatever.

79,328. Was your name set down in the Market Place ward?—No.

79,329. Or anywhere?—Nowhere.

79,330. Were you on any committee?—No.

79,331. Had you anything to do with the election besides voting?—Nothing whatever.

79,332. You are quite certain?—Quite certain.

MARMADUKE LANGDALE sworn, and examined. *M. Langdale.*

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79,333. Where do you live?—King's Court, High Street.
79,334. What is your business?—A tailor.
79,335. What rent do you pay?—£6 10*s*.
79,336. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
79,337. How long have you been a freeman?—About the year 1826.
79,338. In 1841 who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.
79,339. Were you paid any money for it?—No.
79,340. Were you paid any money at that election at all?—No; not that I recollect of.
79,341. Were you paid after the election?—No.
79,342. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I did not vote that election.
79,343. Were you away?—No.
79,344. Why did you not vote?—I was not well; I took no interest in it.
79,345. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
79,346. Were you paid any money?—No
79,347. Were you on any committee?—No.
79,348. Your name has been sent in with the two last witnesses, as being runners in the Market Place ward. Can you account for that?—They did not as much as come down to canvass me.
79,349. You deny that there was anything of the sort?—Yes.

THOMAS MATSON sworn, and examined. *Thomas Matson.*

79,350. Where do you live?—Regent's Court, Lower Union Street.
79,351. What business are you?—A labourer.
79,352. What rent do you pay?—£4 10*s*.
79,353. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1844.
79,354. In 1847 who did you vote for?—I voted for no one.
79,355. Why not?—I was like a deal more poor men, I got a little relief from the parish and they stopped me.
79,356. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
76,357. Were you paid any money?—No.
79,358. Was your name set down?—I do not know whether it was set down or not. I was promised some.
79,359. Were you not paid some money for travelling expenses?—No.
79,360. Did you come into the town to vote?—I was working at Grimsby a bit before that time, and I came over on the Sunday, a fortnight before the election.
79,361. Were you promised any money?—Yes.
79,362. Who by?—By Mr. James Fulham.
79,363. Was that when you were canvassed?—Yes.
79,364. What did he promise you?—Six days' pay.
79,365. If you would come to vote?—Yes.
79,366. For which party?—The orange party.
79,367. When you came to vote, did you expect he would fulfil his promise?—Yes, I expected he would.
79,368. And afterwards he did not?—No.

ROBERT MATSON sworn, and examined. *Robert Matson.*

79,369. Where do you live?—Fawcett Street.
79,370. What business are you?—A bricklayer.
79,371. What rent do you pay?—I live with my father.
79,372. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
79,373. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1843.
79,374. In 1847 who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.
79,375. Were you paid for it?—Yes.
79,376. How much?—Two half sovereigns.
79,377. Before or after the election?—One before, and one after.
79,378. Who paid you?—Mr. Collison.
79,379. Was that all you got?—All I got.
79,380. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
79,381. Were you paid for it?—No.
79,382. Did you get any money?—Not at all.
79,383. Was your name set down?—No.
79,384. Did you apply at all to have your name set down?—Not at all.
79,385. Or did you hear that it was set down?—It was not set down. I never was applied to.

William Clark.

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WILLIAM CLARK sworn, and examined.

79,386. Where do you live?—Humber Dock Street.
79,387. What rent do you pay?—Fifteen guineas.
79,388. What is your business?—Cabinetmaker.
79,389. Are you a freeman?—No.
79,390. How long have you been entitled to vote?—Ever since the Reform Bill.
79,391. In 1841, who did you vote for?—Clay and Thompson.
79,392. Were you paid any money?—No.
79,393. Not on any account?—Not that I know of; not in any way whatsoever.
79,394. Did you take any part in the election?—Yes; I have always been a canvasser regular through the ward.
79,395. Were you authorized to do so by the committee?—No; I was upon the committee generally speaking.
79,396. On which committee?—There was no authority whatever from any of the parties; merely for the good of the cause.
79,397. Did persons ask for employment when you canvassed?—Not at all.
79,398. Not any?—Not any.
79,399. Did you get any of them set down as runners?—Not any, to my knowledge.
79,400. Did you get any of them paid?—No.
79,401. Were you acting for Clay and Thompson?—For Clay the first time; when he came here I was with him; the first time when he lost, and I still stuck to him.
79,402. Did you send people to Mr. Thistleton?—No.
79,403. Or Mr. Stark?—I did not know of Mr. Stark at the time.
79,404. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Clay.
79,405. Did you get any money that time?—No.
79,406. Did you canvass?—Yes.
79,407. Did you get people set down on that occasion?—No.
79,408. Nor get them any money?—No.
79,409. Did people never ask you during your canvass?—Many of them. It cost me a good deal out of my own pocket.
79,410. What did you say to them?—I could not give them anything. I had no authority.
79,411. Did you always tell them so?—Yes.
79,412. They did not promise you to vote?—I got many voters.
79,413. Among those persons?—Certainly not.
79,414. Did you leave them to do as they thought fit?—Of course.
79,415. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
79,416. Did you canvass in the same way?—Yes.
79,417. Were you paid anything?—No.
79,418. Did you get persons set down this time?—No.
79,419. Did you send them to Saville Street?—No; I did not know of Saville Street at the time.
79,420. Or of Chapel Lane?—No.
79,421. Did you act in the same way at the last election?—Just the same.
79,422. Were you a mere volunteer?—Yes, I was.

Joseph Dawson.

JOSEPH DAWSON sworn, and examined.

79,423. Where do you live?—In Humber Dock Street.
79,424. What business are you?—I keep a shop.
79,425. What rent do you pay?—£15.
79,426. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
79,427. How long have you been entitled to vote?—Ever since this Act came up.
79,428. In 1841, who did you vote for?—The orange.
79,429. Clay and Thompson?—Yes.
79,430. Were you paid any money?—No; I never received a halfpenny of money of any of them.
79,431. Will you swear you were paid no money by the candidates or the committee, or any of the party?—By no party.
79,432. On account of any election?—On account of any election.
79,433. Do you swear the same of 1847?—Yes.
79,434. And also of the last election?—And of the last election.
79,435. Neither directly nor indirectly?—No way at all; neither interest nor anything at all either way.
79,436. And do you mean to say that you did not expect there would be money coming?—I did hear say they were paying, but I never had any promised.
79,437. Had you not your name set down for the purpose, that if any money was paid, you would get a share?—I never heard talk of anybody being paid.

JOHN LYON sworn, and examined. *John Lyon.*

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79,438. Where do you live?—Humber Dock Street.
79,439. What business are you?—Furniture broker.
79,440. What rent do you pay?—£20.
79,441. Are you a freeman?—No.
79,442. In 1841, who did you vote for?—I should think it would be the orange interest.
79,443. That is Clay and Thompson?—Yes.
79,444. Were you paid any money?—No.
79,445. Were you set down at all?—No; I have never interested myself in elections. I never required any candidates to call upon me. I never gave them any sort of engagement.
79,446. Did you vote orange at that election?—At all elections.
79,447. Was your name set down as a runner?—Never.
79,448. Not in Saville Street?—Never.
79,449. Or in Chapel Lane?—Never; and no one knew how I intended to vote until I recorded it.
79,450. Were you canvassed?—No; the candidates passed my door; they knew my sentiments. I do not like it.
79,451. You do not like to promise?—I never do promise.

JOHN FRANCIS SMITH sworn, and examined. *John F. Smith.*

79,452. Where do you live?—Myton Place.
79,453. In this town?—Yes.
79,454. What rent do you pay?—£15.
79,455. What business are you?—A plumber.
79,456. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
79,457. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1839.
79,458. Was it taken up for you?—I took it up myself.
79,459. Did you pay for it?—I paid for it.
79,460. And were not repaid?—And was not repaid.
79,461. In 1841, who did you vote for?—Clay and Thompson.
79,462. Were you paid any money?—No money at all.
79,463. Not by the party?—Not by the party.
79,464. At any time before or after the election?—Not at any time before or after the election.
79,465. You are quite sure you are not down on Thistleton's list?—Quite sure.
79,466. And you did not get the sum of 30*s.*?—No.
79,467. Were you set down to get it?—I am sure I cannot say I was. I know I did not get anything.
79,468. Did you hear anything about it?—No.
79,469. Or expect it?—No.
79,470. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.
79,471. Did you get any money that time?—Not any then.
79,472. Not on any ground?—Not on any ground.
79,473. At the last election, who did you vote for?—I did not vote at all. I was from home.
79,474. Where were you, a long way?—No; I was not a long way off.
79,475. Were you paid any money at the last election?—Not any money.
79,476. Did you abstain from voting, or was it only inconvenient?—It was through not being at home that I did not vote.
79,477. You were not induced to stay away?—No; I was not induced to stay away.
79,478. Did you see Thistleton in 1841?—I do not remember that I did.
79,479. Or Mr. Stark?—No.

BENJAMIN COULLEY sworn, and examined. *Benjamin Coulley.*

79,480. Where do you live?—Staniforth Place, Hessle Road.
79,481. What rent do you pay?—£4.
79,482. What business are you?—I am a mariner, but have left off the sea.
79,483. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
79,484. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1826.
79,485. In 1841, who did you vote for?—I was not at home. I believe I was at sea.
79,486. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
79,487. Were you paid any money?—Yes; after the election.
79,488. How much?—I think 15*s.* altogether.

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79,489. Was that for Baines or Brown?—I think it was for both.
79,490. Part for one and part for the other?—Yes.
79,491. 10*s.* for Brown?—Yes.
79,492. And 5*s.* for Baines?—Yes; that was it.
79,493. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
79,494. Were you paid any money for it?—I lived in Hessle at that time, and after the election a gentleman called and left me half a sovereign for my expenses.
79,495. You came from Hessle and back?—Yes.
79,496. How did you come?—I rode to Hull, and walked back.
79,497. It cost you nothing?—No; it cost me nothing.

John Campbell.

JOHN CAMPBELL sworn, and examined.

79,498. Where do you live?—Hessle.
79,499. What business are you?—I have always polled as a shipwright, but I am now a grocer and farrier.
79,500. What rent do you pay?—Ten guineas.
79,501. Are you a freeman of the borough?—Yes.
79,502. How long have you been a freeman?—I cannot say exactly. I polled for Staniforth and Mitchell, and they took my freedom up.
79,503. In 1841, who did you vote for?—I am sure I really do not know.
79,504. Did you vote blue or orange?—I think I should be blue.
79,505. That would be James and Hanmer. Were you paid any money?— No; I never received a halfpenny, that I know of.
79,506. Not at any election?—Yes, I have.
79,507. At that election you did not?—I did not.
79,508. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I think I gave Mr. Brown a plumper.
79,509. Were you paid any money?—Yes; I got 10*s.*
79,510. On what ground?—I did not get it at the committee room, nowhere there. It was brought to my place at Hessle.
79,511. On what account did they pay it you; did they call it expenses, or what?—Travelling expenses.
79,512. And loss of time?—Yes, I believe that was it.
79,513. The travelling expenses to which you were put were nothing; you did not pay anything for travelling, did you?—No, I did not.
79,514. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
79,515. Were you paid for it?—I never got a halfpenny or a penny piece.
79,516. Did you come from Hessle this time?—I did.
79,517. Why did you not ask for it this time?—I never asked for anything of the sort that I know of, of anybody.
79,518. Who canvassed you at Hessle?—I think Mr. Pearse, of Hessle Wood.
79,519. Did they bring you to Hull?—Yes.
79,520. In a carriage?—Yes, in a carriage; and they took me back, but I never received a halfpenny piece, nor a glass of grog, nor anything.
79,521. Did they give you any breakfast or dinner?—I never got a farthing piece.
79,522. Did they give you any dinner?—I never got anything at all. They brought me here and took me back.

William Warden.

WILLIAM WARDEN sworn, and examined.

79,523. Where do you live?—Hessle.
79,524. What business are you?—A plumber.
79,525. What rent do you pay?—£15.
79,526. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
79,527. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1839.
79,528. Did you take up your own freedom?—Yes.
79,529. It was not paid for for you?—No, it was not.
79,530. In 1841, who did you vote for?—Thompson and Clay.
79,531. Were you paid any money?—No.
79,532. Before, or after, or during the election?—No.
79,533. Not by the party at all?—No.
79,534. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
79,535. Did you get any money on that occasion?—No.
79,536. Not on any account?—I should not be exactly satisfied if I did not state it. I got nothing before, and I was not even aware I was to have some; but a week or so after the election I met a gentleman on quite another business, and I was given something.
79,537. How much?—I am not able to state whether he gave me a sovereign or half a sovereign; it was one of the two.
79,538. Was it for the election?—I judged so, but I had no idea that I should receive one penny.

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79,539. Did you come from Hessle that time?—Yes.
79,540. You kept the sovereign?—Yes; and spent it among a few of my friends at night.
79,541. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
79,542. Did you get any money this time?—No.
79,543. Not as for travelling expenses?—No.
79,544. Were you brought here?—No; I rode on my own horse here.
79,545. What gentleman paid you 10s.—Mr. William Burstall, of Hessle.

GEORGE HENRY HOLMES sworn, and examined.

G. H. Holmes.

79,546. Where do you live?—At Cottingham.
79,547. What rent do you pay?—£5.
79,548. What business are you?—A hairdresser.
79,549. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
79,550. How long have you been free?—Since 1840.
79,551. Did you take it up yourself?—No.
79,552. Which party took it up for you?—The orange party.
79,553. That was in 1839?—No, in 1840.
79,554. Did you vote for them in consequence in 1841?—No.
79,555. Did you vote for them?—No.
79,556. Who did you vote for?—Not for any one. I was not on the register at the time.
79,557. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Brown and Clay.
79,558. Were you paid any money?—No.
79,559. Not by the committee?—No.
79,560. Or by anybody?—No, not by any one.
79,561. As for travelling expenses, or any other?—I lived in Hull at that time.
79,562. At the last election who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
79,563. Were you paid any money this time?—No.
79,564. Were you promised any?—No.
79,565. Were your expenses paid?—The omnibus was paid there and back.
79,566. Were you brought from Cottingham?—Yes, and taken back clear of expenses.
79,567. Had you entered into any agreement before you came that you would not vote unless you were brought?—No; no agreement whatever.
79,568. Had that been at all said in Cottingham?—I never promised any one.
79,569. Had you heard it said among the voters in Cottingham they would not come unless they were brought free of expense?—No; I never heard anything of the sort.
79,570. Did you ever say so?—No.
79,571. Did you get any breakfast?—Yes.
79,572. And the other voters had a breakfast?—Yes; I was invited to both breakfasts, the blues and the orange.
79,573. Did you have a dinner here at Hull?—Yes.
79,574. What else did you have that way?—Refreshments.
79,575. Besides?—Yes.
79,576. And a dinner after, or a supper, at Cottingham?—Yes.
79,577. All the voters had that?—Yes.
79,578. Was it understood among them before they came that they should have that?—No; a dinner or supper was not promised at Cottingham until after the election.
79,579. Who promised it?—Mr. Richardson.
79,580. Was he the person who had canvassed you?—Yes.
79,581. Had there been any understanding between you and Mr. Richardson that you were to be brought to Hull, and have your breakfast, luncheon, and all these things?—It was understood we should have our breakfast by both parties, irrespective of who we promised; I promised no one.
79,582. You said you would not promise?—Yes.
79,583. When they undertook to give you a breakfast and bring you in an omnibus, you did promise?—No; I did not promise any one.
79,584. You did not eat the breakfast, and then not vote for them?—I was invited by the parties to go to breakfast and ride in the omnibus.
79,585. And you chose the orange party?—Yes.
79,586. You said nothing had been said at any time that you would not vote unless you were brought and paid?—No; I never heard anything, and I was never promised anything of the sort myself. I have got a misstatement to correct: Mr. Colbeck, the solicitor, has stated before you, I asked him for money before the election; I asked neither him nor any man for money, and it was reported in the newspapers that I asked him for money.
79,587. You did not ask him for any?—No; because if he had I would not have taken it; I did not mean to vote for him.

Samuel Watson.

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SAMUEL WATSON sworn, and examined.

79,588. Where do you live?—Cottingham.

79,589. What business are you?—A surgeon.

79,590. What do you pay for your house?—£50.

79,591. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

79,592. Who did you vote for in 1841?—I never did vote.

79,593. Never, at any election?—No.

79,594. Have you taken part in canvassing the Cottingham voters?—I did the last election, a little.

79,595. Was that at all with Mr. Richardson?—No.

79,596. For which party did you canvass?—For the blues.

79,597. Did you find that they were unwilling to vote unless they had some advantage by the election?—No; I did not find anything of the kind.

79,598. Did you find they insisted on being brought to Hull?—No; I do not recollect anything of the kind; they expect it; it was always usual. I did not take any active part in it. I canvassed a few persons, but not the whole of the electors of Cottingham.

79,599. Has it been usual that they should be brought here free of expense?—Yes.

79,600. Always?—Yes.

79,601. And be fed?—Yes; brought from Cottingham to Hull and back.

79,602. And to receive money besides?—I cannot say; I never took part in the previous elections.

79,603. When you canvassed the people, was there any inquiry made with reference to being brought and fed?—No, not of me.

79,604. Did they promise you at once?—No, they did not promise at all; I got no promise.

79,605. What did they say when you canvassed them?—They said they had not made up their minds; and some would vote as I wished, and some would vote the other way, and some had not made up their minds.

79,606. Did you not get a single promise?—I cannot say that I did.

79,607. How many voters are there in Cottingham?—Perhaps about a couple of dozen.

79,608. About twenty to thirty?—Perhaps so; I should think so.

79,609. You were engaged with Mr. Bamford to canvass them? Had you not agreed with him that you would canvass them?—Mr. Bamford asked me to canvass any that I thought would be likely to serve the cause.

79,610. Did you hear it had been the custom to pay the men money, and at the last election they were to be persuaded, and to be brought and fed instead of being paid money?—I heard nothing of that.

79,611. Had you heard that?—I cannot say that I did. I know at all elections it is customary to pay the men and feed them at the place they reside. There are generally gentlemen come over and pay their expenses, and feed them well at the town they are to vote at. I do not know what they get.

79,612. Did you make that agreement or understanding with them?—Nothing of the kind; I had no agreement to make.

79,613. Did anybody tell you they must have it or would have it?—Nothing of the kind.

79,614. Do you attribute your very unsuccessful canvass, as you did not get a single promise, to your not promising them any money?—No; I think not.

79,615. I cannot understand a gentleman's canvassing twenty-four or twenty-five persons and not getting one promise?—Yes, it is very possible; the men are all pretty decided, and one might know pretty well in which way they would vote. In one or two instances the men voted the orange side, who had been in the habit of voting blue.

79,616. You said they would not promise any one?—No; in fact they seemed to be very cautious about what they did.

79,617. What did you attribute that to?—I cannot say; I took no notice of the motives.

79,618. You must have had a great deal of labour for nothing?—No, not a great deal; I did not call on many.

Benjamin Laming.

BENJAMIN LAMING sworn, and examined.

79,619. Do you live at Cottingham?—Yes.

79,620. What rent do you pay?—I do not pay any rent at all.

79,621. What business are you?—A gardener.

79,622. Do you live in a house as part payment for your employment?—No; I am my own master.

79,623. What is your house rated at?—I think it is rated at 11*l.*

79,624. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

79,625. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Moore and Butler.

79,626. You did not split your vote?—No.

79,627. Who did you vote for in 1847?—I only polled at two elections, and those were for Baines and Brown.

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79,628. Were you paid any money for that?—No, never a farthing.

79,629. Were you not paid any money at that election?—Never a farthing in my life.

79,630. At the last election were you paid anything?—Not a farthing.

79,631. Were you brought free of expense in an omnibus?—I was brought in a phaeton; I could not walk, I was lame.

79,632. You got no money?—No; I never got a farthing.

79,633. What did you do in 1847, the first election?—I never got a farthing.

79,634. How did you come over?—I came over in a coach; there was a coach to convey us freemen.

79,635. Who paid for it?—I am sure I do not know.

79,636. You did not?—No; I did not pay for it.

R. Conkerton.

RICHARD CONKERTON sworn, and examined.

79,637. Where do you live?—At Cottingham.

79,638. What business are you?—A painter, and publican likewise.

79,639. What rent do you pay for your house?—£12.

79,640. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

79,641. How long have been a freeman?—Since the year 1825.

79,642. Have you always lived at Cottingham?—No.

79,643. In 1841, who did you vote for?—I voted for James and Hanmer.

79,644. Where did you live then?—In Medley Street, Sculcoates.

79,645. Did you live with your father?—No; I was a 10*l.* householder at the time, but a freeman likewise.

79,646. Were you paid any money that election?—No; I was not paid any money in a direct way. I took an active part in the election. I was on a committee, and took an active part in the canvassing at that election. I had a district, and no doubt in the course of that election some money would perhaps pass through my hands; but of course those accounts were always given up to the chairman, and after that I had nothing more to do with it; it is possible that money might have passed through my hands, I cannot possibly say, nor have I any account of what was done at the time.

79,647. Were you paid yourself anything?—No.

79,648. You canvassed a great many people?—Yes.

79,649. You set their names down as runners?—Yes.

79,650. How many?—In going about canvassing we should come to certain parties who might apply to be set down, and no doubt some few would be set down, not many; we perhaps might have about a dozen about the committee room.

79,651. You knew when the men asked you to set them down that they wanted some money on account of their votes?—It was understood that if they were employed and attended to their duty, they would have been paid what was usual, that is 5*s.* a day.

79,652. They were bound to vote for you if they were employed?—Yes; they would come over to the side they had already promised; the canvass took place first, and the parties would be set down during the canvass, or they would come to the committee room afterwards and apply to be set down.

79,653. Did you know those were men who were hesitating which way they should vote until they were employed and paid?—I could not say they were hesitating; we generally found that the parties that were set down were parties who were decided.

79,654. Would they have been satisfied if they had not been employed and got something?—I should say they would not have been satisfied if they had not been set down.

79,655. You would not have thought it safe, so far as the vote was concerned, without you gave them some employment?—It would be generally thought proper to give the men employment if they thought them in such a situation as to need employment.

79,656. Setting them down as runners made them safe?—Yes; but there is a mode of setting them down without setting them down as runners; a person may come and promise, and his promise would be set down.

79,657. I am asking you whether setting them down as runners would not make them safe?—Yes, it is possible they might run; and they would not vote for the party that has set them down; there have been instances where that has occurred.

79,658. And then they are not paid?—Yes.

79,659. You set them down knowing that?—Certainly.

79,660. Did you afterwards pay any of those men?—I should suppose I should pay some part of them, but I really could not point out to you what part I had paid.

79,661. I ask you whether you had paid some of them?—Yes; I should either pay or be present during the payment.

79,662. Were there not a great many paid at your house in 1841?—Yes; I believe there were.

79,663. Was that before or after the election?—It would be after the election.

79,664. What was the mode taken of paying them?—I believe there were tickets issued in the first instance. I suppose I, as a canvasser, would be supplied with a certain

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number of tickets to give to parties in the district that I knew, and I should take care and give them to those parties who I thought were entitled to any payment that was made.

79,665. And after the election they came to your house and were paid?—Yes.

79,666. Was there a committee room at your house?—No.

79,667. How many were paid at your house?—I am sure I cannot tell. I believe there were not only the West Sculcoates men, but also parties from other districts that I had no cognizance of.

79,668. But who had tickets?—Who had tickets? whatever district these tickets came from, of course it was considered that they were right and entitled to be paid.

79,669. Were there 200 or 300 paid?—No; perhaps they would be paying from seven or eight o'clock until ten or so, consequently there could not be so many paid.

79,670. How many?—I am sure I could not be safe in saying any number. I should say fifty or so, but I do not think more.

79,671. Were you present at the payments?—I was present at one or two of the payments, not all.

79,672. Who paid them?—A gentleman who was quite a stranger to me.

79,673. What was his name?—I do not know his name, we never were informed.

79,674. Did he come from London?—I think he did; we understood he came from London specially for the purpose.

79,675. You had nothing to do with the money?—No.

79,676. He brought the money and paid the men?—He brought the money and paid the men.

79,677. How did the men get notice that he was there?—I think by those tickets.

79,678. But how did they know that the pay day was come?—No doubt at the time we should tell them where to go to.

79,679. Did they all get the same sum?—Yes.

79,680. How much?—I think it was a sovereign.

79,681. How long after the election was it that this gentleman came from London?—It would be upwards of six months, I should think, after the election; I should think so, but I am not certain as to that.

79,682. Do you know whether that gentleman paid at any other place in the town?—Yes; I knew he paid at other places.

79,683. Where?—I was only aware that he paid at one place in the Pottery.

79,684. What was the name of it?—I fancy at the school room; in consequence of some of the parties neglecting to attend, they were transferred there. They afterwards applied, and I said, "We have no more payments here; you must go to the other district."

79,685. Were you not paid yourself anything for all the trouble that you took?—No; I was not paid anything at all.

79,686. Was there a bill run up at your house?—No; there was no bill at all.

79,687. Was there a considerable bill run up at your father's house?—I am not aware; there might possibly be.

79,688. He kept a public house, did he not?—No; he was a baker.

79,689. Where did the gentleman pay, except in the Pottery, and at your place?—I am not aware of any other part. I have only heard that other parties were paid.

79,690. In Mason Street?—Yes; I should think in Mason Street.

79,691. The same man paid in Mason Street?—Yes; this man would go from district to district.

79,692. And you never heard who he was at all?—I never heard who he was.

79,693. You never heard whether he came from any lawyer in London?—No; I never heard any particulars of him whatever.

79,694. At the next election, in 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.

79,695. What part did you take in that election?—I took a part again in that.

79,696. In the same way?—As a member of the committee.

79,697. Was it for Mr. Brown?—Yes; Mr. Staniland was the chairman.

79,698. Did you canvass and get money?—Yes; I took a part in canvassing.

79,699. Did you get men set down in the same way as you had done before?—Yes; I did.

79,700. Did you take part in the payment of them?—Yes; I should pay some of them.

79,701. Where did you pay?—I would pay them more in this committe room along with the chairman; those men would be set down as runners in the course of the canvass, and they would attend and make their statements so many days, and so on, and they would be paid.

79,702. Which committee room was it?—In Waterworks Street.

79,703. How many were paid?—I think we should only pay out of our own district. There would perhaps be thirty or so.

79,704. Was that all that you had to do with that election?—Yes; I think that was about all that I had to do with it.

79,705. Were those men paid before or after they voted?—Some men were paid previous to the election; the night before.

79,706. And some after?—Some after.

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79,707. You did not pay them all?—No; I think a portion of the payment was given to them previous to the election, and it caused considerable dissatisfaction among them, I dare say.

79,708. And the rest was made good afterwards?—Yes.

79,709. Did you ever keep a public house?—I keep one now.

79,710. Were you ever a party to paying men, when the person who paid them was disguised or hidden?—No; I never took any part in that.

79,711. You never saw that done?—There was no disguise when the money was paid at our house.

79,712. You do not know who the man was that paid and who was disguised?—I did not hear of any one; there was a sort of screen placed, it might be looked upon as a disguise. I think the man who paid the money ascertained from a card if it was correct, and a sovereign was given; it was quite possible for anybody to see him, but still it was possible that it might be considered as a disguise.

79,713. Who was he?—I do not know who he was; it was the same that we spoke of before as coming from London.

79,714. Did you pay any money in 1847?—Yes; I should say I paid some money.

79,715. How was the man recommended to you who came from London?—I believe in the first instance I was sent for by Mr. Sidebottom, and informed that such and such a thing was going to be done, and I should have to select from the district that I belonged to the number of men entitled to be paid for the four days or whatever it was.

79,716. And Mr. Sidebottom told you that a gentleman was coming to make the payments?—Yes; and I think I was supplied with a sort of blank card, or some sort of card at Mr. Sidebottom's office

79,717. In 1847 you got no money for yourself?—No.

79,718. In 1852 who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

79,719. You keep a public house now?—Yes.

79,720. You did have a bill against the committee this time?—A small account.

79,721. How much?—I think there were refreshments at three different times, that amounted to 2*l.* 3*s.* or 2*l.* 4*s.*

79,722. Was it at your house that the Cottingham voters were all fed?—They had their breakfast in the morning.

79,723. And were then taken away in a carriage?—Yes.

79,724. Did you canvass them?—Mr. Mason did, I think. I accompanied him once, in the canvas, but not more.

79,725. Do you know if any of them were paid money?—I do not think any of them were paid money.

79,726. Did you understand that they were unwilling to come to Hull to vote, unless they were brought here and had their breakfasts?—No; I did not understand that. I really think they would have come notwithstanding the payment.

79,727. There was no agreement among themselves to stand out as a body?—No, nothing of that kind; they might as individuals say, "I will not go," but there was nothing of that kind in particular.

79,728. They generally had money?—I believe they have sometimes been allowed for travelling expenses in coming from Cottingham to the election, but I am not aware that it was allowed at this election.

79,729. Do you think that there was any difference between this election and the preceding ones?—I think perhaps there was. I know they did not get paid at this election, at least they complained so, saying that they had been paid at previous elections, and of course I considered that there would be that difference in the election of 1852.

79,730. They complained of that difference at the last election?—They did not complain of any difference, but I heard say that they had been allowed some travelling expenses when they voted before.

79,731. Which they had not got this time?—They got nothing this time.

James Lyth.

JAMAS LYTH sworn, and examined.

79,732. Do you live at Cottingham?—Yes.

79,733. What is your business?—A hairdresser.

79,734. What rent do you pay?—I am living in a small cottage now, since I lost my wife I took a small cottage, about 3*l.* a year it is.

79,735. How long have you been a freeman?—Ever since 1826, Mr. O'Neill's election.

79,736. Did you always live at Cottingham?—Yes; I went to Cottingham at Mr. O'Neill's election or immediately afterwards.

79,737. From Mr. O'Neill's election, at all elections that you have been present at, it has been usual to pay the Cottingham voters some money?—Generally; I believe 4*l.* for some that gave a bullet. I never received anything myself.

79,738. It was the custom that they should be paid some money?—It seems to have been a regular thing formerly.

79,739. In 1841 who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.

79,740. Did you get any money?—No; not a farthing.

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79,741. Not as for travelling expenses?—I did not even get that. I was brought in by the omnibus, but I got not a single farthing.

79,742. Have you never received any at any of the elections?—No; not at any election at all. I bulleted O'Neill, and I never got a farthing for it.

79,743. You say that the Cottingham voters usually were paid?—They usually were paid, but I was not voting that way at all.

79,744. Were they paid at the election in 1847?—There were none paid to my knowledge.

79,745. In 1841?—In 1841 neither.

79,746. What do you mean by saying they were usually paid?—It was the former elections they had been in the habit of paying, the old elections before 1841.

79,747. Have you never known the Cottingham people receive any money since the Reform Bill?—No; not to my knowledge.

79,748. That goes back to 1832?—I do not think anything of the kind. I never received anything myself, and I cannot say that they did.

79,749. The others I mean?—Not to my knowledge. I do not know of any of them getting anything particular.

79,750. Not on either side?—Not on either side to my knowledge.

79,751. What is the talk about it in Cottingham; is the talk about it that they do not get any money in these latter days?—I cannot say. I very seldom trouble myself with it.

79,752. Such things are always a matter of conversation among you?—I very seldom have anything to do or say in or about the elections at any time. I am very seldom canvassed. I generally come on my own account.

79,753. When an election is coming on, such matters are talked about?—Yes, they generally are.

79,754. As to whether any money is afloat?—I have never heard or seen any. I am positive of that.

79,755. Have you never known any of late years?—No, not any.

79,756. What has been the custom with regard to the Cottingham voters, of late years?—For the last three elections I do not remember anything being done but their being brought into town in an omnibus. That is all that I know from any of them.

79,757. Does that apply to the orange and the blues?—Generally.

79,758. To both of them?—Yes.

79,759. Do you have an omnibus for each party?—Yes, that is the regular system.

79,760. Would they get their breakfasts and dinners?—Yes, I dare say they would. Most of them have a breakfast on both sides.

79,761. But no money?—No, not from the blue side. I do not recollect a farthing being given.

79,762. You have always been blue?—Yes, and shall always remain so, I hope.

79,763. How many blues besides you are there?—I could not say exactly.

79,764. Eight or ten?—No, I think not.

79,765. Six or eight?—I think they are nearly half-and-half, but I could not say.

79,766. We understand that there are 25 altogether?—Yes, taking Skidby in, I think there are 25.

79,767. You know who vote for the blues?—I never took any part in it.

79,768. I do not mean that you canvassed them, but you know them, living in the same place?—I cannot say exactly. There are five to my knowledge that poll blue.

79,769. And that five, do they get money or not?—I do not think they do. That is my opinion.

Mr. W. B. Carrick.

Mr. WILLIAM BALDWIN CARRICK recalled, and examined.

79,770. You have some statements to make with regard to settling the accounts by arbitration?—Yes, while we sat in arbitration in 1847, we paid some accounts that had been incurred in 1841.

79,771. That accounts for why it is sometimes called an arbitration in 1841, and sometimes in 1847?—Yes, that accounts for it; but there was only one arbitration that sat.

John Padley.

JOHN PADLEY sworn, and examined.

79,772. Do you live at Cottingham?—Yes.

79,773. What rent do your pay?—I live in my own house.

79,774. What is it rated at?—When I used to let it, I let it at 16*l.* a year.

79,775. What is your business?—A licensed victualler.

79,776. Are you a freeman?—No.

79,777. You are not a freeman of this borough?—No.

79,778. In the election of 1841 you voted as a householder?—No, I did not.

79,779. In the election of 1847, did you vote?—Yes.

79,780. Who for?—Brown and Baines.

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79,781. Did you live in Hull at that time?—Yes.

79,782. Were you paid any money for your vote?—No.

79,783. Did you get any money at all?—Yes; the Cottingham voters came to put up at my house, and I got 1*l.* for refreshments; twelve of them. I then kept the Golden Gallon in Mytongate.

79,784. You were then paid a bill for refreshments supplied to the Cottingham voters?—Yes; twelve of them. I got 1*l.* My bill was 1*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.*

79,785. Is that all you got?—Yes; that was all I got.

79,786. Were the Cottingham voters paid at your house?—No.

79,787. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Moore and Butler.

79,788. Were you paid any money for it?—No.

79,789. Paid no money at the last election at all?—Not for voting.

79,790. For anything?—I was paid for refreshments. They had a dinner at our house after the election was over, and I got paid for that, and that was all I got.

79,791. For the Cottingham voters again?—Yes.

79,792. Where; at your place in Hull?—No; at Cottingham; the last election.

79,793. Did you understand that there was any agreement with the men about their being supplied with refreshments?—No. This was after the election was over.

79,794. In 1841 you voted for Clay and Thompson; so you are put down, and you are upon Thistleton's list?—Yes; I voted for Thompson and Clay, I believe.

79,795. And you got some money, I dare say?—Yes, I did that time.

79,796. How much?—One sovereign.

79,797. You are quite sure that you have got nothing of the same kind since?—No; nor before. I got one sovereign, and I spent three or four.

Joseph Westerman.

JOSEPH WESTERMAN sworn, and examined.

79,798. Where do you live?—At Cottingham.

79,799. What business are you?—A cabinet maker.

79,800. What rent do you pay?—I live in my own house.

79,801. What is it rated at?—At about 6*l.* a year.

79,802. Are you a freeman of this borough?—Yes.

79,803. How long have you been a freeman?—From 1818 or 1819.

79,804. How many years have you lived at Cottingham?—I never lived but about six or eight months out of it.

79,805. In 1841, who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.

79,806. Were you paid any money?—Yes; but not at that time.

79,807. How long after?—Six or eight months after I got half a sovereign.

79,808. At Hull, or at Cottingham?—At Cottingham. It was brought to my house.

79,809. Was that all you got?—That was all I got.

79,810. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.

79,811. Were you paid any money at that time?—I got a sovereign.

79,812. Who paid you?—I am sure I cannot tell. I got it at the Cross Keys.

79,813. Did Mr. Wilde pay you?—I do not know the man.

79,814. Was it before or after you voted?—It was after.

79,815. Was it for Mr. Clay?—It was for both the parties, I understood.

79,816. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

79,817. Were you paid any money this time?—None at all.

79,818. Who canvasseed you?—I cannot tell. Most of the Cottingham gentlemen came round, I think.

79,819. Did you at any time say you would not vote unless you were brought here free?—No.

79,820. You got no money?—No.

79,821. But you were brought in the omnibus?—Yes.

79,822. And had your breakfast?—Yes.

79,823. And a dinner?—I did not call it a dinner. We did not hear tell of any dinner.

G. Westerman.

GEORGE WESTERMAN sworn, and examined.

79,824. Where do you live?—At Cottingham.

79,825. What business are you?—A gardener.

79,826. What rent do you pay?—£4.

79,827. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

79,828. How long have you been a freeman?—Since the year 1841, I think.

79,829. Have you always lived at Cottingham since then?—No; I lived at Hessle at the time I took my freedom up.

79,830. Did you vote in 1841?—No.

79,831. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.

79,832. Were you paid any money?—Yes.

79,833. How much?—A sovereign.

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79,834. Where at?—At the Cross Keys.
79,835. After you voted?—After I voted.
79,836. Did you know who paid you?—I did not know the man at the time; I have heard since. I believe they call him Wilde.
79,837. At the last election, were you paid any money?—No.
79,838. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
79,839. You were brought here?—Yes.
79,840. And had your breakfast and dinner?—I got a breakfast, but as for dinners I cannot say anything about it. I got a refreshment.
79,841. But you got no money?—No money.

John Westerman.

JOHN WESTERMAN sworn, and examined.

79,842. Do you live at Cottingham?—Yes.
79,843. What business are you?—A gardener.
79,844. Do you pay any rent for a house?—No.
79,845. Were you entitled to vote as a freeman in 1841?—For Clay and Baines I polled.
79,846. Was that the first election you voted at, in 1847?—Yes.
79,847. Did you live at Cottingham then?—Yes.
79,848. Were you paid any money?—Yes.
79,849. How much?—A sovereign.
79,850. At the Cross Keys?—Yes.
79,851. By Mr. Wilde?—Yes.
79,852. Who did you vote for at the last electioa?—Both the blues.
79,853. Were you paid any money?—No.
79,854. You were merely brought and fed?—I got my breakfast.

Mr. C. Simpson.

Mr. CHARLES SIMPSON sworn, and examined.

79,855. Where do you live?—Albert Street.
79,856. What business are you?—A shipping agent.
79,857. Do you pay any rent for a house?—Yes.
79,858. How much?—£24.
79,859. Are you a freeman?—No.
79.860. A householder?—Yes.
79,861. How long have you been entitled to vote?—Only the last election.
79,862. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
70,863. Were you paid any money?—No.
79,364. What part did you take in the election?—None whatever.
79,365. None besides voting?—No.
79,866. And did not canvass at all?—No.
79,867. And no money passed through your hands?—No.
79,868. You had nothing to do in any way with promising any money to any parties?—No.

Richard Train.

RICHARD TRAIN sworn, and examined.

79,869. Where do you live?—In English Street.
79,870. What rent do you pay?—9*l.* 10*s.*
79,871. What business are you?—A sailmaker.
79,872. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
79,873. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1837.
79,874. In 1841, who did you vote for?—Thompson and Clay.
79,875. Were you paid any money for it?—No.
79,876. Were you down upon Thistleton's list?—No.
79,877. Or Stark's?—No.
79,878. You were not set down at that election?—No.
79,879. You are quite certain of that?—Yes.
79,880. You were not paid any money after the election?—No.
79,881. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I voted for Clay and Brown.
79,882. Were you paid any money that time?—Yes.
79,883. How much?—A pound.
79,884. Before or after you voted?—Before.
79,885. Where?—At the Baltic.
79,886. Were you one of Nicholson's party?—I was one that got a sovereign.
79,887. Were you not paid 2*l.*?—No.
79,888. How came that? The rest got 2*l.*?—Yes, but I did not.
79,889. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

Richard Frain.

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79,890. Did you get any money this time?—No.

79,891. Your name was set down as a runner?—No, decidedly not.

79,892. Was it not set down at No. 21, Saville Street?—No; I was on the committee for a month.

79,893. How do you mean on the committee? Were you one of the messengers?—Yes.

79,894. Had you applied to be employed?—No.

79,895. Did they tell you you should be employed?—No.

79,896. How came you to be employed?—By being one of the same party a long time. I was one of the original lot; that is, one who had not applied for it, but I was one picked out by the party.

79,897. How many weeks were you employed?—Four weeks,

79,898. How much were you paid altogether?—A guinea a week.

79,899. At which committee room?—I was at three committee rooms; two in Saville Street, and the one in Dagger Lane; and the one in Dagger Lane I did not get paid for.

79,900. Were they all orange?—All orange. I asked them why I should not be paid for the last four days?

79,901. Were you paid four guineas?—Yes; it might be three or four.

79,902. And did you expect to be paid anything after the election?—No; decidedly not; only for the work that I did.

79,903. You said you were not paid for one week?—That is the last four days. It was Mr. Prissick. I was asking him for the four days that I was not paid at all for.

79,904. Did not Stark pay you in 1841 any money?—I think not.

79,905. Are you down upon his list as being paid in 1841?—I think not.

79,906. You think you did not get it?—No.

79,907. Are you sure?—Yes, certain.

79,908. Did you not understand that you were to be paid for the last four days when the election was over?—Yes, I did expect it; and I took a great interest in the election.

79,909. You understood that the committee were to pay you those four days?—Yes. Mr. Prissick engaged me, and I should like to get the money now.

79,910. Did you know Thistleton?—Yes, very well.

79,911. Did he put you down in his list in 1841?—I do not know. I never received any money. I knew him very well indeed.

79,912. Did he tell you or speak to you about setting your name down?—No. I knew him very well indeed,

79,913. But you remember that he did not pay you?—Yes, I am sure.

79,914. Were you not paid at Mr. Galloway's office after the election was over? No; I never received a farthing.

Mr. W. Ward.

Mr. William Ward sworn, and examined.

79,915. Where do you live?—Kingston Terrace.

79,916. What business are you?—A merchant and agent.

79,917. What rent do you pay?—£65.

79,918. How long have you been entitled to vote?—Since the Reform Act.

79,919. In 1841, who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.

79,920. Did you take any part in the election besides voting?—Perhaps I might canvass a little, but nothing beyond that.

79,921. Do you think you did canvass?—I dare say; I believe I did.

79,922. Did persons apply to you for employment or to be set down?—No. I was not connected with any committee room in such a way as to be asked.

79,923. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.

79,924. Did you take any part in that election?—Not any.

79,925. Were you not on any committee then?—No.

79,926. And you did not canvass at all?—Not at all.

79,927. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

79,928. Did you engage a room from a man of the name of Edward Smelt?—No; but I accompanied Mr. Cattley when he did.

79,929. Were you one of the canvassing party?—I occasionally went round with him as a friend.

79,930. Were you on any committee?—I do not know. I sometimes went into Mr. Cattley's room. I do not know whether I was put down as a committee man or not.

79,931. Did Mr. Cattley take it?—I was with Mr. Cattley when he engaged Smelt's room.

79,932. Was that in order to secure Smelt's vote?—It was understood that he would vote when his room was engaged, but there was no promise made.

79,933. And was his name to be set down for a certain number of days as well?—I think not.

79,934. Was he to get 5*l.*?—No.

79,935. How much was he to get?—No sum was mentioned in my presence.

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79,936. Do you know whether he was paid afterwards?—I do not; I believe he would be.

79,937. Did you canvass other parties?—Several.

79,938. Did they apply for employment;—Yes; and I always referred them to Mr. Cattley the chairman.

79,939. Did you refer them with an intimation that it would be done, or that he was to do as he liked?—I told them to go and see Mr. Cattley, but I did not promise.

79,940. Did you make them understand that it would be done?—I said it was probable if they applied to Mr. Cattley it would be done.

79,941. You left them to understand it would be done if they went to Mr. Cattley?—Not exactly, because I thought that Mr. Cattley might question them.

79,942. Might ask them how they intended to vote?—Yes; very likely; and he did.

79,943. Had it been understood between you and Mr. Cattley that they should be sent?—Not at all.

79,944. You canvassed with him?—I walked round, perhaps, half a dozen times with him.

79,945. Did you understand if you sent a proper person to him that the name would be put down?—I did not take such trouble. If any person asked me to have his name set down, I said, "Go, and see Mr. Cattley."

79,946. I want to know whether you considered that you had authority to send them?—I had no kind of authority but what I took upon myself.

79,947. Did you pay anybody?—No.

79,948. Did you take any part?—No; except in this way: two or three weeks after I was told by Turpin two of the runners had not been paid; I said I would speak to Mr. Cattley, and get the money, if I could, and I did. He gave me 2*l.*, and I handed the money over to Turpin, and he paid it.

79,949. What were the names of those two runners?—I do not know. Turpin had employed them in some way.

79,950. You knew they were voters who were to be paid?—I handed it to Turpin.

79,951. They were to be paid with it?—I handed it over to Turpin for the purpose.

79,952. But you knew that they were to be paid for their votes?—I did not understand anything about it.

79,953. Did you not understand that it was in reality a payment for their votes as runners?—I do not know beyond this, that they were upon Turpin's list.

79,954. You understood, with regard to the committee room, that it was taken to influence the man's vote, and to secure it?—This was Turpin's room, that I alluded to; Turpin's and Smelt's were distinct rooms.

79,955. Did you take a room from Turpin?—I was with Mr. Cattley when he took Turpin's room, and sent him a flag.

79,956. You understood the meaning of taking a man's room, that it was to secure his vote?—Yes; it was quite expected.

79,957. Did you not understand that the employing a man as a runner was to have the same effect?—Yes.

79,958. And you knew that when Turpin asked for the 2*l.* to pay the two runners?—This was some time after the election.

79,959. You knew that at the time?—I knew that the men had been employed.

79,960. You knew they were employed upon the implied understanding that they were to vote?—I do not know any further than that Turpin said that they had been employed, and not paid.

79,961. You knew that they were of the ordinary class of runners, that they would be paid in the usual manner?—Yes, I thought so. Beyond that nothing passed through my hands at all.

79,962. When you sent a man to have his name set down, if his colour was right you knew that that would secure his vote?—I thought it was probable.

79,963. And you did not trouble yourself to canvass him any more?—No.

79,964. If his colour was right he was set down?—Yes.

Samuel Robinson.

SAMUEL ROBINSON sworn and examined.

79,965. Where do you live?—Ocean Place.

79,966. What is your business?—Clerk with Mr. Egginton.

79,967. What rent do you pay?—I am not a householder.

79,968. Are you a lodger?—A lodger.

79,969. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

79,970. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1821.

79,971. In 1841, who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.

79,972. Did you take part in the election? Were you on any committee?—I was vice-chairman to Mr. John Tall in the East Sculcoates district.

79,973. At his committee room?—Yes.

79,974. Did you canvass people?—Yes.

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79,975. Did they ask you to have their names set down, or to be employed?—In many instances they did.

79,976. And did you do it?—Yes.

79,977. That was on the understanding that they should be employed, and paid if they would vote for you?—Certainly.

79,978. Were you any party to the payment of those persons?—No.

79,979. Who paid them?—I believe they were paid at the central committee; but I had no management of any money.

79,980. Was there a great deal of refreshment given to the voters on those occasions?—Yes, there was.

79,981. A great deal of money expended?—Yes. They had breakfast at the public houses in the neighbourhood.

79,982. Generally?—In the district, they had.

79,983. Was that the polling day, or what day?—On the morning of the polling day.

79,984. All the voters in the district who would vote for the party were at liberty to go?—Yes.

79,985. I believe you presided there, did you not?—No, I did not.

79,986. Where was it?—At half a dozen different places.

79,987. Do you know how much money would be spent in your district in that way?—I do not.

79,988. Do you know how many persons were paid and set down in your district?—I do not.

79,989. About how many, do you think?—On that occasion, I should think, upwards of 100.

79,990. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.

79,991. Did you take any part that election?—I canvassed; I was on the same committee.

79,992. Did you canvass in the same way?—Yes.

79,993. Was that for Mr. Brown or Mr. Baines?—For Mr. Brown; indeed for both.

79,994. You set men's names down again in the same way?—Yes.

79,995. And with the same understanding?—Yes.

79,996. Did you take any part in the actual payment?—No.

79,997. Where were the men paid from your district upon that occasion?—Some of them were paid in the committee room before and some after voting, and some I believe at the central committee room in the Market Place.

79,998. You had nothing to do with the payment?—Nothing at all to do with it.

79,999. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

80,000. Were you on any committee this time?—I was not; I was absent for three months, until the nomination day, and therefore I took no part.

80,001. You did not canvass?—I think I called on two or three persons on the nomination day, but did not meet with them.

80,002. Then you had no part in setting the names down upon this occasion?—No part whatever.

80,003. And no part in the payment afterwards?—No; no part whatever in the payment.

80,004. In no respect?—No.

Mr. W. Pim.

Mr. WAKEFIELD PIM sworn, and examined.

80,005. Where do you live?—In Coltman Street.

80,006. What business are you?—An engineer and ship builder.

80,007. What rent do you pay?—I am not a householder.

80,008. Do you pay for your offices or premises?—No; not for the premises.

80,009. Do not you pay any rent?—No, not any rent.

80,010. What are you rated at?—The rates are above 250*l*.

80,011. How long have you been a voter for the borough?—Since 1845.

80,012. You are not a freeman of the borough?—No.

80,013. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.

80,014. Did you take any part in the election?—I did not.

80,015. Did you canvass any person?—I did not.

80,016. Did you at all canvass the persons in your employ?—No.

80,017. Did you take no part in any payment of money?—No; I have not anything at all to do with it.

80,018. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

80,019. Did you take any part in this election?—Not any.

80,020. You were not on any committee?—I was not on any committee, nor had I anything to do with it.

80,021. Had you a workman of the name of Gibson Featherstone?—I had some time since, but he has left me some time.

80,022. That was in 1841?—Yes; in 1841.

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80,023. Did you canvass him in 1841?—Yes.

80,024. He has told us that you sent him into the country, in order that he might not vote on the opposite side to you; is that so?—That is correct.

80,025. Did you pay him to go?—He went to Mr. Horner Reynard's at Sunderland Wick near Driffield.

80,026. You did not mean him to get back in time?—He could have got back.

80,027. You did not wish it?—He did not wish it.

80,028. And you did not wish him?—I did not.

80,029. You agreed to send him?—The foreman sent him. I did not speak to him about it.

80,030. It was by your instructions?—It was by my instructions.

80,031. Was he paid his regular wages?—Yes, for going.

80,032. Was he regularly in your employment?—Yes, and had been for years.

80,033. You paid him so much a day?—Yes.

80,034. You understood he was going to vote contrary to your politics?—Yes, I did.

80,035. And you sent him for that reason?—I wrote to Mr. Reynard to find some work for him.

80,036. Mr. Reynard was not there, and I dare say you knew that?—He did some work.

80,037. He waited until Mr. Reynard came back?—Yes.

80,038. You were in the habit of paying him wages by the day?—Yes; so much a week.

80,039. On this occasion you paid something more?—Nothing more,

80,040. Did you not pay for his board and lodging?—No; he lodged at Mr. Reynard's

80,041. Did you agree with him that he should go there?—No, I did not.

80,042. Did you send him?—I sent him there.

80,043. As if to fulfil an order?—Yes.

80,044. As your servant, and paid by you, he was bound to go?—Yes, he was bound to go; but he might have come back if he had thought proper.

80,045. According to the ordinary course of your business, if you told him to go to Mr. Reynard's to do a job, he was bound to go?—Yes.

80,046. And that was all you did upon this occasion?—Yes.

80,047. Before he went, did he say he should like to vote?—No; he said he did not like to vote against me.

80,048. Did he suggest that you should send him?—No, he did not.

80,049. You said it was his wish?—I said it was his wish not to vote against me.

80,050. Did you send his brother after him?—No; it was his own party sent him.

80,051. Do you know anything about that part of the arrangement?—No, I do not, except that they arrived too late. I suppose they found they found the beef and ale at the hall too strong for them.

John Young.

JOHN YOUNG sworn, and examined.

80,052. Where do you live?—Hodgson Street, Groves.

80,053. What business are you?—A shipwright.

80,054. What rent do you pay for your house?—£5.

80,055. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

80,056. How long have you been a freeman?—About eleven years.

80,057. Who took up your freedom?—I did myself.

80,058. Did you pay for it yourself?—Yes.

80,059. Did you vote at the election in 1841?—No. The first I voted at was Mr. Brown's election.

80,060. Did you vote for Mr. Brown in 1847?—Yes.

80,061. Brown only?—Brown only.

80,062. Were you paid for it?—Yes; I was paid by Mr. Brown.

80,063. How much?—30*s.*

80,064. Was that before or after you voted?—I got part of it before the election came on, and part after; but I have forgotten how it was.

80,065. Who paid you?—Doctor Twining.

80,066. Did he pay you both?—Yes.

80,067. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

80,068. Were you paid for it?—Yes.

80,069. How much?—30*s.*

80,070. Who paid you?—Edward Stephenson, in the Groves.

80,071. Was that before or after you voted?—After I voted.

80,072. Was that all you got?—That is all I got.

Mr. WILLIAM GRAYBURN sworn, and examined.

80,073. Are you a solicitor at Barton?—Yes.

80,074. Are you a voter for this borough?—No, I am not.

80,075. In 1841, did you at all act for the blue party?—Yes.

80,076. With regard to the Barton voters?—Yes, I did.

80,077. What was the arrangement that you made with regard to the Barton voters upon that occasion?—Several of the Barton voters called upon me, as the agent on behalf of the blue party, and I arranged that those who voted for the blue party should be put on as runners.

80,078. And how much were they to be paid?—There was no agreement or arrangement of any description, beyond the mere fact of their being put on as runners, at that time.

80,079. Did it seem to you that they had been combined together as a party?—Yes.

80,080. The understanding in those days was a sovereign?—No; I think it was more than that.

80,081. How many of them did you send over to vote for the blues?—I cannot exactly recollect; but I should say half a dozen; not more.

80,082. By whose instructions did you act in 1841?—I quite forget the number of gentlemen; but two, or three, or four gentlemen came over to Barton, and instructed me so to act.

80,083. They came from Hull to Barton?—Yes.

80,084. Was Mr. Richard Cattley one of them?—Yes, he was.

80,085. Did he instruct you to procure the votes of these Barton men?—Yes, he did. I found the Barton men would have nothing to do with Mr. Cattley or his party. They said they had been done by some party before, and unless the arrangements were through me that they would have nothing at all to do with it.

80,086. Had you at all seen them before the election?—I had seen them during the election; not before.

80,087. There had been no arrangement made at Barton that you should be the person to act for them?—No; not previously.

80,088. Before Mr. Cattley came, I mean?—No, certainly not. The voters fixed upon me, and then Mr. Cattley came.

80,089. Do you think there were any more than six eventually that you sent over?—I do not recollect.

80,090. Did you afterwards send in an account to the committee?—Yes, I did.

80,091. Can you recollect what the amount of that account was?—Yes.

80,092. How much was it?—£31 3*s.* 6*d.*

80,093. Does not the amount of that bill rather lead you to remember that there was more than six voters?—No, it does not, inasmuch as I reckoned in that bill that there were items for a band I had instructions to get, to meet the two Conservative candidates.

80,094. When they came into Barton?—Yes.

80,095. Was this all to get six votes?—It was an endeavour to get more; but only six voted, I think.

80,096. Did you pay the men afterwards yourself?—Yes, I did.

80,097. Do you recollect their names?—Yes, I think I do.

80,098. Was any objection made to your account?—Decidedly objection was made to it. It has never been paid yet.

80,099. Not any part of it?—Not one farthing of it; that is very certain.

80,100. Can you give us the names?—Aaron Johnson was one; David Fisher was another.

80,101. The two Baylises?—No, I think not. I can give you the names in the course of the afternoon.

80,102. How much did you pay them?—I paid them 3*l.* 2*s.* a vote, and that was the market price of that day; that was in 1841; I know 3*l.* 2*s.* was paid, because I paid 6*l.* 4*s.* for the double vote.

80,103. Was the objection taken to your bill an objection as to the amount or as to the authority?—No objection as to the amount or the authority. I never got paid from that day to this, and I see no reason why I should not have been paid.

80,104. Here is a letter. Does that recall it to your mind; whether they took objection to the authority given to you, or to the amount of the bill (*handing a letter to the witness*)?—This is a letter addressed to me, certainly. This gentleman here, Mr. Richard Cattley, told me very plainly that I was to do the best I could to succeed in getting these votes; and doing the best I could I made this special arrangement, and that was the objection afterwards.

80,105. In 1847, did you take part when Mr. Brown was a candidate here, and Mr. Baines?—No; I do not recollect interfering in 1847.

80,106. At the last election, did you act for the blue party?—I did.

80,107. From whom did you receive the instructions, if any, this time?—I received instructions from Mr. Wells.

80,108. Robert Wells, the solicitor?—Yes.

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80,109. What were your instructions upon this occasion?—To do the best I could generally, but to avoid anything in the shape of bribery, or payment of any description. Those were my distinct instructions.

80,110. Did you obtain any voters in Barton upon this occasion?—Yes.

80,111. How many?—I obtained the promises of upwards of twenty; but they did not all vote as promised.

80,112. How many of those did vote blue?—I think only seven; but I am only speaking from recollection.

80,113. What arrangement did you make with them?—No arrangement, beyond the simple statement of the fact, that I should not give them a single sixpence, only their bare expenses of going over.

80,114. Did you pay them afterwards?—I never paid them a farthing. They never asked for a farthing.

80,115. Did you let them understand that it would be 8*s.* or 10*s.*?—I am not certain. I paid their expenses. Further than that I never paid a single sixpence to them.

80,116. There is a voter of the name of Burnham?—Yes.

80,117. Did you canvass him?—Yes.

80,118. He had always voted orange before?—Yes.

80,119. How did you induce him to vote blue?—I think he gave a vote each way.

80,120. Did you give him any promise?—None whatever.

80,121. And no money?—None whatever.

80,122. Did you tell him that you would pay nothing but his expenses?—I told him distinctly so. He is a man that works for me, and I have the opportunity of doing certain things for him in his business, and he might think fit to do it for me.

80,123. There is one way of telling a man, and another of giving him to understand what you mean?—I distinctly told them there was a Bribery Act, and that I would not give them a farthing. This was the first election that it would be brought into operation, and there is not one who voted for the blues who made any inquiry from that day to this.

80,124. Joseph Toynbee Long; did you have anything to do with him?—Yes.

80,125. What was he?—He voted for the blues, and he told me he could not go under any circumstances. He was obliged to be at Wooten on some business, and I lent him 10*s.*, or gave him 10*s.*, for his expenses and his day. It would be hardly enough to say I lent it him. I put it down as money paid upon account of his bill. He generally has a bill against me every year. I told him at the time I would give him nothing, but I lent him 10*s.*

80,126. Did you ever take it off his account?—I have had no opportunity yet. He has not sent in his bill. But I do not think that I should.

80,127. Did Mr. Cattley come this year to Barton?—Yes, I think he did.

80,128. Did you, in company with him, canvass a man of the name of Edward Thompson?—I do not recollect. If so, it was in a crowded room, and Mr. Cattley might have been present.

80,129. Did you or Mr. Cattley promise to give him four days, or a pound?—Certainly not; I never did.

80,130. Not anything at all?—Not one farthing. I do not know the man even.

80,131. He has said in Court that Mr. Cattley, and I think he said that you were present, promised him a pound?—He is decidedly wrong. I never heard Mr. Cattley to have been in communication with the man. He may have been.

80,132. Are you sure it was not done in your presence?—Quite sure.

80,133. Had you any account against the committee this time?—I had.

80,134. How much was the amount?—10*s.* or 12*s.* that I paid at the Swan Inn, when the members came over; and I think I charged five guineas for my professional interest.

80,135. Did you canvass Aaron Johnson?—Yes, I think I did.

80,136. Was he one of the thirteen?—He would not give a promise at all. He said he was for the orange party.

Joseph Willson.

JOSEPH WILLSON sworn, and examined.

80,137. Where do you live?—Prospect Place, Holderness Road.

80,138. What business are you?—Coal and corn merchant.

80,139. What rent do you pay?—Nothing.

80,140. Are you a lodger?—No.

80,141. What is your house rated at?—Altogether between 70*l.* and 80*l.*

80,142. Are you a freeman?—No.

80,143. How long have you been entitled to vote?—Ever since the Reform Bill.

80,144. Who did you vote for in 1841?—I believe I should vote for James and Hanmer.

80,145. Were you paid any money?—No.

80,146. Not on any account?—No, never in my life.

80,147. Did you take any part in the election?—No.

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80,148. You did not canvass?—No.

80,149. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Nobody, I believe; I do not believe I voted at all.

80,150. Did you take any part in the election?—No.

80,151. The last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

80,152. Did you take any part in this election?—Very little.

80,153. What was that for?—I went to one man.

80,154. Who was he?—Smith, who has been examined to day.

80,155. Did he ask you for employment?—No.

80,156. Which Smith?—Smith of Southcoates.

80,157. Did you make any agreement with him, that he should be set down or paid?—No. His wife was very ill, and died a few days after. He did not wish to come if he could help it; and they wished me, as I knew him, to go to him. You put it to him, if any body went to make hay for him. He was coming off the hay. I took a cab for him, and I said he should have a cab to come home directly.

80,158. Were you paid any money yourself?—No.

80,159. Was that all you had to do with the election?—That is all. I was on the committee; but I told them I would not act.

80,160. Did you pay anybody in company with Mr. Charles Hammond in 1841?—No.

80,161. Were you with him at all at the election?—No; I do not know that I was. I had nothing to do with him, because I would not take any part.

80,162. Did you pay a man of the name of Pitt?—No.

80,163. Did you pay William Oliver?—No; it is all false.

Abraham Webster.

ABRAHAM WEBSTER sworn, and examined.

80,164. Where do you live?—In High Street.

80,165. What business are you?—A coal merchant.

80,166. What rent do you pay?—£18.

80,167. Are you a freeman?—No.

80,168. How long have you been entitled to vote?—This is the first time in Hull.

80,169. Who for?—Moore and Butler.

80,170. Was a room taken at your house as a committee room?—Yes, I believe there was.

80,171. Who took it?—I do not know. I was not there.

80,172. Did anybody ever come to it?—I believe not.

80,173. How much were you paid?—I believe my wife got 2*l.* about three weeks after the election.

80,174. And you allowed her to keep it, or did you get it?—She got it, of course.

80,175. Did she keep it?—Yes; I have never seen it.

80,176. You had no list of any persons who were to come?—No, not at all.

80,177. Your wife got it as a little perquisite?—I was not in when the person applied for the room.

80,178. It was on the part of the blues that your room was taken?—Yes.

80,179. And you afterwards voted for them?—I made up my mind before they came for the room at all to vote for Moore and Butler.

John Stromah.

JOHN STROMACH sworn, and examined.

80,180. Where do you live?—Reform Place, Francis Street.

80,181. What business are you?—A shipwright.

80,182. What rent do you pay?—£6 4*s.*

80,183. How long have you been a freeman?—Since July 1839.

80,184. Which party paid for it?—The blue party paid for my freedom.

80,185. Did you vote for them in consequence, in 1841?—Yes.

80,186. For Hanmer and James?—Yes.

80,187. Were you paid for the vote besides?—Yes.

80,188. How much?—£1.

80,189. After you voted?—Yes.

80,190. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Brown and Baines.

80,191. Paid for it?—Yes.

80,192. Who by?—I believe it was Mr. Yeall.

80,193. How much?—A sovereign.

80,194. After you voted?—Yes.

80,195. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

80,196. Were you paid for it?—No.

80,197. Did you get no money that election?—Not a farthing, and I never was asked.

80,198. And never set down?—Never set down.

John Johnson.

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JOHN JONHSON sworn, and examined.

80,199. Where do you live?—At the Ship Inn, in Prospect Street, Drypool, now.
80,200. Are you a publican?—Yes.
80,201. What rent do you pay?—£16, and all the other little rents besides.
80,202. Are you a freeman?—No.
80,203. How long have you been entitled to vote?—I never voted but once.
80,204. Who did you vote for in 1847?—Brown and Clay.
80,205. Did you get any money at all?—Yes.
80,206. How much?—10*s*.
80,207. Where was that paid you?—I got twice 10*s*.; 10*s*. from Mr. Anthony Bannister, and 10*s*. in Bishop Lane. I do not know who gave it.
80,208. Was one before and one after you voted?—No; both before, I believe.
80,209. Was that all you got?—That was all I got.
80,210. They did not take a room at your house?—Nothing of the sort,
80,211. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
80,212. Were you paid any money this time?—They gave my missus 2*l*. I never saw it.
80,213. For the vote?—Yes; she smuggled that 2*l*.
80,214. They never came to the room?—I do not know.
80,215. Two guineas?—It is more than I know.
80,216. When did you first hear of it?—Never until a fortnight after. I did not know she got it.
80,217. You did not take it back?—Not I.
80,218. That is all you got?—All I know about.

W. Beautiment.

WILLIAM BEAUTIMENT sworn, and examined.

80,219. Where do you live?—3, Kingston Place, Sykes Street.
80,220. What business are you?—A shipwright.
80,221. What rent do you pay?—£5 10*s*.
80,222. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1839.
80,223. Which party took it up?—The blue party.
80,224. Did you vote in consequence, in 1841?—Yes.
80,225. Were you paid besides?—Yes; I got a sovereign.
80,226. Who paid you?—Paid in Witham. I do not know the person's name.
80,227. Was that all you got?—Yes.
80,228. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.
80,229. Were you paid for that?—Yes; I got 10*s*. before the election and 15*s*. after.
80,230. Who were they paid for?—Mr. Yeall paid me the 10*s*. at the Sculcoates Tavern, Wincolmlee.
80,231. And who the 15*s*.?—Mitchell, the tobacconist in the Market Place.
80,232. That was for Mr. Baines?—Both for Brown. I bulleted Brown.
86,233. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
80,234. Were you paid for it?—Yes. I was an out-town voter.
80,235. You were at Wisbech?—Yes.
80,236. How much were you paid?—£3 10*s*.
80,237. How much did it cost you for your travelling expenses?—I came by the rail, second-class. 12*s*. each way. My week's wages and the other expenses.
80,238. Then you were paid for your loss of time?—Yes; I was paid for my wages.

Norrison Levett.

NORRISON LEVETT sworn, and examined.

80,239. Where do you live?—Coltman Street, at present.
80,240. What business are you?—A wine merchant and cork cutter.
80,241. What rent do you pay?—I am assessed at 158*l*.
80,242. Are you a freeman?—No.
80,243. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes.
80,244. Who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
80,245. Did you take any part in that election?—No.
80,246. Were you not paid any money?—Certainly not.
80,247. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
80,248. Were you paid any money at that time?—Certainly not.
80,249. Did you take any part in that election?—Certainly not, except voting.
80,250. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
80,251. Were you paid any money or anything before this time?—No, certainly not. I never took any active part in the election in my life.
80,252. There were voters employed at your place?—Several of my men were voters. I never influenced them. In fact my men have generally voted against me.
80,253. There were not voters in and out of your office being supplied with liquors?—Certainly not. At that time I was managing Mr. Dyke's business. I never gave them a drop of drink in my life.

GEORGE SOWTER sworn, and examined.

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80,254. Where do you live?—Anlaby Road, near Coltman Street.

80,255. What business are you?—A cornfactor.

80,256. What rent do you pay?—About 23*l.*

80,257. Are you a freeman?—No.

80,258. Are you a voter for the borough?—Yes.

80,259. How long have you been a voter?—I have been on the register about nine years.

80,260. Did you vote in 1847?—Yes.

80,261. Was that the first time you voted?—Yes.

80,262. Who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay.

80,263. Only?—Only.

80,264. Did you take any part in the election?—Upon the polling day only.

80,265. What part did you take?—Assisting to bring up voters to the poll, and canvassing a few that had been overlooked.

80,266. Did you pay any of them any money?—Not any.

80,267. Did you understand that they had had any money in any way?—No; not any.

80,268. Have you said that a man of the name of Johnson of Drypool received 2*l.*?—I am not aware that I have. I do not know such a man.

80,369. Do you know that he did?—I do not know the party.

80,270. Not at any election?—Not at any election.

80,271. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Clay and Goderich.

80,272. Did you take any part in this election?—Yes.

80,273. What were you?—Actively canvassing during the whole period.

80,274. Were you on any committee?—On the central committee, and also the district of South Myton.

80,275. In your canvassing, did persons apply to be set down?—Yes; some; not to any very considerable extent,

80,276. What did you do with those that did apply?—Sent them on to the room, and told them to see us there.

80,277. And then did you see them afterwards?—I saw some of them; and if I did not see them other parties would.

80,278. You sent them in order that they should be satisfied?—I sent them in order that they should be satisfied.

80,279. You knew that that would be by getting their names down?—Yes, I was quite aware of the system.

80,280. And you were carrying it out?—I did not carry it out in my own person.

80,281. You were setting them down?—Yes; but I did not carry it out in that way.

80,282. Did you make any engagement with anybody at that committee room?—Not any one.

80,283. You do not know Johnson?—I do not know him at all.

80,284. Do you know a person of the name of John Little?—No. I merely know there was a John Little got money from the other side.

80,285. Did you make any payment yourself?—No.

80,286. Did you canvass the sailors at the Trinity House?—I did; that is, not at the Trinity House; at the Carr Lane Hospital.

80,287. Can you tell us anything about these men that you know of?—I only know that we obtained the votes of two of them, and both I believe without any payment; certainly without any promise; and the others I believe voted against us.

80,288. You do not know anything about them?—I only know by report that they were all paid, every one of them.

80,289. That is because they voted against you?—The fact is I knew it from parties that heard them say so.

80,290. You never heard any of them state it?—I never had any conversation with any of them, excepting when canvassing them.

80,291. Is that all you know about that election?—Except what you have generally heard. I can throw no fresh light upon it.

80,292. You know of Mr. Wilde's room in Saville Street?—I did, on the second day after it was opened; but I had nothing to do with it. You said, did I receive any money in any way upon the polling day? I had charge of the check room which adjoins the Castle Street polling booth, and I was requested by the central committee to provide a little refreshment, if it was necessary, in the middle of the day, for the clerks in the polling booth, and also for the messengers and others under me.

80,293. Were you paid for it?—Yes; I received the money back, which amounted to 20*s.* I did not consider that was a money payment in any way.

Mr. J. Wilkinson.

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Mr. JOHN WILKINSON sworn, and examined.

80,294. Where do you live?—Holborn Street.

80,295. What business are you?—I am no business.

80,296. What rent do you pay?—I am rated at 24*l.*

80,297. Are you a freeman?—No.

80,298. How long have you been a voter?—Since the Reform Bill.

80,299. Did you take any part in the election of 1841 and 1847?—In 1841, I did.

80,300. What part did you take?—As chairman of the Holderness ward.

80,301. For which party?—The blue party.

80,302. Did you vote for the blues?—Yes; I voted for the blues.

80,303. Hanmer and James?—Yes.

80,304. As chairman, did you canvass?—No; it was not my province.

80,305. Were you aware persons were set down at your committee?—Decidedly.

80,306. It was done under your authority and superintendence?—Decidedly.

80,307. How many were set down?—It is a long time ago.

80,308. I ask about?—Perhaps one to two hundred. I cannot say exactly. I should almost think so.

80,309. They were set down in order that they might be employed, and paid at one time or another?—Perhaps I may be allowed to say I have heard the evidence of Sir John Hanmer and Sir Walter James, and of course, being chairman of the Holderness ward committee, I also was a member of the central committee, and it was agreed between both parties, the orange and the blue, that the freemen or householders of the lower class should have two and four days' pay, if they required it. Of course the canvassers, who are called committeemen, they took their regular work, and it was a very tedious, long, hard-working election, for upwards of six weeks. Of course the expenses were more than they should have been, and as chairman of one of the wards I took every pains to keep it under. Still, from the time it took it was expensive. Those men that required to be put down; men with large families; they were put down, and I did not consider it at all as bribery. The fact is, my opinion was that the burgesses of the town of Hull really expected it as a privilege and a right. Therefore, in placing them down as runners it was left to the discretion of the chairman, particularly after they were placed down as runners, to decide whether they were to receive two or four days, according to the votes they gave. If a man voted for Hanmer and James it would be four days.

80,310. But you understood that the men were to vote as employed?—I did expect so; but you cannot make men do that.

80,311. It would be contrary to the understanding of both parties, if it was not so?—Decidedly.

80,312. They considered it so much aright that they would have beeen disappointed if they had not got it?—Most certainly.

80,313. And in many instances you would not feel sure without it?—Yes.

80,314. From 100 to 200 you set down?—It is a very extensive and a very poor ward.

80,315. According to you, who did not think it was bribery, a general warning against bribery would have no effect?—Not one way, I should not have thought it.

80,316. That is, according to Hull in those times, the prohibition of bribery would not be considered as a prohibition to deprive the freemen of that which was considered their usual privilege?—Undoubtedly.

80,317. Were the parties paid at your committee room?—No.

80,318. Where were they paid?—I do not know.

80,319. You did make payments?—All the payments that I made I made prior to the nomination day. Any debt that I incurred as chairman of the committee I paid prior.

80,320. What was the nature of the payments you made?—I cannot tell you. They are various. It is impossible to say, it being twelve or thirteen years ago.

80,321. Just look at that account, and see if it assists you [H. J.]?—Yes; some of these I had to do, and some I had not.

80,322. Look at them first, and tell me the general nature of the expenditure?—I should say this expenditure is after the nomination day.

80,323. What would there be there?—I should think from 50*l.* to 60*l.*

80,324. What would it be for?—I declare I do not know.

80,325. It is represented to us it was not paid after the election?—I do not know what it is.

80,326. Can you tell me how much money was given to you to expend?—I did not expend more than 50*l.* or 60*l.* What has been paid after I know nothing about.

80,327. Were the men fed—given breakfasts?—No; there was no breakfast. There was a good deal of drink given which I know nothing about. The fact is my hands were so busy, and there were several gentlemen, the Hammonds, and other parties, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Charles. My part was in the chair, and I never left my chair, and had no time to leave it.

80,328. The public houses were open a good deal?—I gave no authority for it.

80,329. Not on the polling morning?—Not the least.

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80,330. In the election of 1847, did you take any part?—I took no part.
80,331. Did you vote?—Yes; I voted for Mr. Baines only.
80,332. At the last election, who did you vote for?—I was out of town. I took no part. I was so tired and fatigued with the 1841 election, that I determined that I would take no part at all.

James Stubbs.

James Stubbs sworn, and examined.

80,333. Where do you live?—Scott Street.
80,334. What business are you?—A painter and yeast merchant.
80,335. What rent do you pay?—No rent at all.
80,336. Is it your own house?—Yes; it is my own, and others as well.
80,337. What are you rated at?—I do not know exactly what they are rated at; altogether fourpence in the pound, or something of that sort.
80,338. What are they rated at? What is the value you put upon them?—I do not know.
80,339. What are your premises worth?—£30.
80,340. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
80,341. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1839.
80,342. Which party paid for you; the orange or the blue?—The orange, I believe.
80,343. Did you vote for them in consequence, in 1841?—Of course I did.
80,344. Were you paid for it besides?—No.
80,345. Did you get no money that election?—No.
80,346. Not on any account?—No.
80,347. Did you get a ticket for money?—No.
80,348. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay and Brown.
80,349. Were you paid any money at that election?—No; none at all.
80,350. Nor after it?—No.
80,351. Did you get no money on any account?—No.
80,352. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay.
80,353. Did you get a ticket given you this time?—I got a letter sent to me. I was out of town, and if in case I was to come to poll they would pay any reasonable expenses,—30*s.*
80,354. Where were you?—Pocklington.
80,355. How far is that? Did you come by rail?—I came by the carrier's cart down. I thought that was good enough for me.
80,356. How much did you pay the carrier?—3*s.* 6*d.*
89,357. How did you go back?—I paid them the same going back again.
80,358. That was all it cost you?—Then there was the day coming and the day going.
83,359. You were paid 30*s.*?—Yes.
80,360. Was that all the money you got?—That is all I got in any election in my life.
80,361. Who agreed with you that you should have 30*s.*?—I have a note in my pocket that I got from Mr. Blundell, the chairman.
80,362. Does it say you are to have 30*s.*, or your legal expenses?—It was my legal expenses.
80,363. You asked 30*s.*?—No; I asked nothing; they gave it me.
80,364. In King Street?—Yes.

Adjourned to to-morrow, at ten o'clock.

Fifty-Fifth Day.—Wednesday, 10th August 1853.

[Mr. Commissioner Deedes stated, in consequence of the indisposition of the Chief Commissioner, the proceedings must be adjourned; and requested of Major Sykes and Mr. Joseph Robinson Pease that they would furnish the Commissioners with the amount of subscriptions that they themselves had subscribed or were aware of being subscribed towards any fund for electioneering purposes in or subsequent to the year 1841.

Adjourned till Monday next, at ten o'clock.

FIFTY-SIXTH DAY,—Monday, 15th August 1853.

Mr. Joseph Sykes.

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Mr. JOSEPH SYKES sworn, and examined.

83,365. I believe you live at Kirkella?—At Raywell.

80,366. Are you a voter for this borough?—Yes.

80,367. Have you taken an interest in the elections that have taken place for some time past?—Very slight, for some lengthened period.

80,368. With regard to the election of 1841; did you take any particular interest in that election?—Not much. I voted for Clay and Thompson, to the best of my recollection.

80,369. Were you on the committee?—I was not on the committee at that election, or any other Hull election.

80,370. In the year 1847, the next election, when Clay, Baines, and Brown were the candidates, did you interest yourself for either of those gentlemen?—Nothing more than voting for Clay and Brown.

80,371. We hear that you have upon occasions subscribed money for the purposes of the elections?—Never a farthing; nor never was asked.

80,372. Not at any election?—Not at any election; nor never was asked. I have subscribed to the registration, but never to any election; nor never was asked at Hull.

89,373. We mean to any fund for the aid of either party?—Never.

80,374. At the last election you voted for Clay and Lord Goderich?—I did.

80,375. We have heard, in the course of the evidence that has been before us, that prior to that election taking place there were some meetings at your house connected with the interest of those candidates?—There were.

80,376. At any of those meetings were the financial arrangements considered at all?—None whatever.

80,377. State, if you please, the object of the meeting with regard to the election that was coming on?—To the best of my recollection, it was for selecting a candidate in the Whig interest, the Liberal interest, in addition to Mr. Clay.

80,378. Where the meetings principally holden before Lord Goderich was announced as the co-candidate?—Yes; for some short period prior to Lord Goderich being announced I think there were two or three meetings held, to consider who was the most eligible man that the Liberals could get to represent them.

80,379. I believe you have considerable knowledge of Hull election?—I am considered to have, but I know very little.

80,380. I mean, by living in the neighbourhood or town for many years?—I was born in this neighbourhood, and I have lived here ever since. I have been upon half pay. But I have not taken that part in them that people imagine.

83,381. Having a general knowledge, can you remember if on the occasion I have last alluded to it was considered what sum of money the candidates should furnish?—I never heard anything alluded to as to the expense at any of the meetings held in Bowl Alley Lane.

80,382. In considering the candidate who would be a coadjutor of Mr. Clay, would not the consideration partly turn upon the candidate having money?—I think it is very little use anybody coming to Hull on what you call the strictly purity system.

80,383. What sum do you think would be requisite for a person coming under the circumstances that Mr. Clay's coadjutor was to come?—I cannot say.

80,384. Was not the sum considerable?—I cannot say that it was.

80,385. Would not the item of expense with reference to elections generally be a matter of consideration?—I cannot say it was, in my house; but I should imagine it was well known to everybody in Hull that it is requisite for the candidate not to confine himself to the strict legal expenditure that is allowed.

80,386. I want particularly to direct your attention to the fact of whether any sum which should be forthcoming from either candidate, Mr. Clay or Lord Goderich, was considered at the meeting to which I have adverted?—I never heard any sum mentioned.

80,387. Would not the matter of some sum be rife among you?—I never heard of it. But now that you bring it to my recollection, I think they thought that any person uniting with Mr. Clay ought to bear more than an equal proportion of the expenditure that might be incurred.

80,388. You do not remember that any specific sum was mentioned?—There was none.

80,389. Was there any consideration of a guarantee fund, beyond a certain sum?—I never heard of it; and I know I never was asked to subscribe, nor did I know that there was any subscription going on.

80,390. I think you state that you have been in the army?—I am on half pay. I belong to the navy.

80,391. Were you a commander?—No; a lieutenant.

80,392. Were you the person who originated the second candidate? Did you originate the idea of Lord Goderich coming?—No.

Mr. Joseph Sykes.

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80,393. Did you hear whether there was a subscription in 1841?—No; I never heard that there was one.

80,394. You never heard it?—I never did, upon the Liberal side. What I heard was the report from the blues.

80,395. Did you hear that there was a subscription in 1847?—No; none whatever. I have not been asked, directly or indirectly, to subscribe; and I never heard of a fund before, on the Liberal side.

80,396. Did you not hear that Major Sykes had subscribed 100*l.*?—I never knew of it until the other day.

80,397. Have you heard at any time up to this day what the subscription was in 1847?—I have never heard that there was a subscription in 1847.

80,391. Nor in 1841?—No; nor in 1841. I have never heard of any subscription on the Liberal side since I have been on shore.

Mr. Shaen stated, that Mr. Beadle had handed in a list of subscriptions on behalf of the blues in 1841, which amounted to the sum of 1,005*l.*, of which 950*l.* went towards the election expenses, and 55*l.* towards the registration. Major Sykes had also handed in a statement, that on the 6th of July 1841 he paid 100*l.* towards the expenses of Mr. Clay's election, and in July in the same year he paid 20*l.* towards Mr. Hutt's expenses at the previous election, and some other sums paid previous to the election for other purposes; in 1847 he had paid nothing, nor in 1852; and Mr. Joseph Robinson Pease had also handed in a paper, stating that on the 14th of July 1841 1,000*l.* passed through his bank for Sir Walter James, and upon his private expenditure he found on the 18th of September 1841 he paid Mr. Beadle 100*l.*

G. H. Colley.

GEORGE HENRY COLLEY sworn, and examined.

80,399. Where do you live?—West Parade, Spring Street.

80,400. What business are you?—A cooper.

80,401. What rent do you pay for a house?—Nine guineas.

89,402. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

80,403. When were you made a freeman?—In 1847.

80,404. At the election in that year, did you vote?—No.

80,405. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

80,406. I believe you applied to be put down as a runner with Mr. Wilde?—It is unknown to me.

80,407. I ask you whether you applied?—Not that I am aware of.

80,408. Do you mean to say that you did not?—No.

80,409. I ask whether you applied?—No.

80,410. Did you authorize anybody to have your name set down?—No one.

80,411. Did you hear that it had been set down?—No.

80,412. When did you first hear that your name was down for two days upon Mr. Wilde's list?—It is unknown to me.

80,413. When did you first hear of it?—I did not hear that it was down.

80,414. Do you mean to say that you hear of it now for the first time?—It is the first time. I have no knowledge of it.

80,415. This is the first time?—Yes.

80,416. Were you a messenger at the last election?—No; I was not employed at all upon any account.

80,417. Did you receive any money?—No.

80,418. Either before or after the election?—No.

80,419. None at all?—No.

John Pape.

JOHN PAPE sworn, and examined.

80,420. Where do you live?—Marine Row.

80,421. What business are you?—A smith.

80,422. What rent do you pay?—£13.

80,423. Are you a freeman?—No.

80,424. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—1847 was the first election.

80,425. Who did you vote for?—Baines and Clay.

80,426. Did you receive any money for your vote?—No.

80,427. Did you receive any money at all?—No, not any at all.

80,428. Were you employed in any way at that election?—No.

80,429. At the last election in 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

80,430. You were set down as a runner, I believe?—Yes.

80,431. Where were you set down?—In Osborne Street.

80,432. Did you receive any money?—Yes.

80,433. How much?—A sovereign.

John Pape.

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80,434. When did you receive it?—A week or ten days after the electio
80,435. Who paid you?—I do not know the man.
80,436. Where was it paid?—In George Yard.
80,437. What was it for?—For attending as a runner.
80,438. Did you apply to be set down?—Yes.

John Gilder.

JOHN GILDER sworn, and examined.

80,439. Where do you live?—Mary's Place, Osborne Street.
80,440. What business are you?—A cabinet maker.
80,441. What rent do you pay?—£7.
80,442. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
80,443. When were you made a freeman?—In 1826.
80,444. At the election in 1841, did you vote?—Yes.
80,445. Who for?—Clay and Thompson.
80,446. Did you receive any money for your vote?—Not for voting; I received a sovereign for services, as a check clerk at the booth.
80,447. What booth?—No. 8, Osborne Street.
80,448. When were you appointed?—The night previous to the election taking place.
80,449. Did you apply for the employment?—Yes.
80,450. Who to?—To Mr. Galloway, to the best of my recollection.
80,451. When were you paid?—Shortly after the election, I believe. I could scarcely tell you to a day.
80,452. Were you employed all day?—Yes; from eight in the morning till four in the afternoon.
80,453. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay alone.
80,454. Did you receive any money that time?—Yes.
80,455. What for?—For a similar employment.
80,456. Were you a check clerk again?—Yes.
80,457. Were you employed upon the same day?—Yes.
80,458. How much did you get?—A sovereign.
80,459. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
80,460. I believe you got your name put down as a runner?—Not to my knowledge.
80,461. Did you apply for employment, and did you get any employment?—Yes; I was engaged at a committee room to assist in what I could do, along with Mr. Pentith, who you have had before you.
80,462. What did you do?—Carried out voting papers, and assisted in getting up voters.
80,463. You were a messenger or a runner?—Yes; you may term it so.
80,464. How much money did you get?—I got a sovereign, paid by him.
80,465. By whom?—Pentith.
80,466. When did he pay you?—I think on the eve of the election day, or the day after. I can hardly say which.
80,467. Besides being a check clerk in 1841, were you not also set down as a runner?—No; not to my knowledge.
80,468. Are you sure of that?—Yes.
89,469. How did you apply for employment in 1841?—I went to Mr. Galloway's office in Bishop Lane.
80,470. What did you say?—I asked him for a situation as clerk to the booth.
80,471. And how did you apply in 1847; the same way?—Yes.

Mr. W. Kirk.

Mr. WILLIAM KIRK sworn, and examined.

80,472. I believe you are a surgeon, living at Hedon?—I am.
80,473. How long have you lived there?—Twenty-six years.
80,474. Are you a voter for this borough?—No.
80,475. Did you take any part in the election of 1841?—None whatever, beyond merely asking, if I met a person, "Who are you going to vote for?"
80,476. Did you take any part in making arrangements for the Hedon voters?—None whatever.
80,477. You took no part?—Merely what I heard in the streets. I was not at any committee.
80,478. At that time, in 1841, did you hear that there was an arrangement made with them?—No, I did not. I knew nothing about the election at all.
80,479. In 1847, did you take any part?—None whatever.
80,480. Did you not hear what arrangement took place then?—No. I have never interfered beyond what I tell you.
80,481. Did you not hear it was the custom to pay the Hedon voters a certain sum of money to come and vote?—I have heard so, but who told me I cannot say. I certainly

took a voter from Preston. It was a matter of convenience. I was coming in a gig to Hull, and I gave him a ride. *Mr. W. Kirk.* 15th August 1853.

80,482. At the last election, I believe you did take part?—Not the least.

80,483. Were you not with Mr. Stubbin's and Mr. Iveson?—Never. I had nothing to do with any election whatever.

80,484. Have you never taken any part in them, in paying the Hedon voters?—None whatever. I never paid a farthing in my life; and how my name has got down I can give no information. I was not aware what information I had to give. I was not at the Hull election last time at all.

80,485. You say you never took a part, and know nothing about it?—I know nothing about it.

WILLIAM WOODCOCK sworn, and examined. *W. Woodcock.*

80,486. Where do you live?—Drypool.

80,487. What is your business?—A master mariner.

80,488. What rent do you pay?—£7 10*s.*

80,489. Are you also a freeman?—Yes.

80,490. When were you made a freeman?—In 1830, I believe.

80,491. At the election of 1841, who did you vote for?—I did not vote at all.

80,492. Why not?—I was not at home at the time.

80,493. Were you away from home?—Yes.

80,494. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.

80,495. Did you receive any money for your vote?—None.

80,496. Did you receive any money at all?—No.

80,497. Were you employed in any way?—No.

80,498. At the last election, who did you vote for?—I was at sea, from home.

80,499. Did you get your name set down before you went?—No.

WILLIAM BURRILL sworn, and examined. *William Burrill.*

80,500. Where do you live?—On the Sutton Bank.

80,501. What business are you?—A rope maker and flax dresser.

80,502. What rent do you pay?—£5.

80,503. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

80,504. When were you made a freeman?—In 1818.

80,505. In 1841, did you receive any money from Mr. Stark as a runner?—No, I did not.

80,506. You are on his list?—The money I received was, Mr. Thistleton gave me 15*s.* before the election, and I got 15*s.* at the Durham Ox, after that.

80,507. In 1841?—Yes; that is all the money that I ever received.

10,508. At any time?—Yes, at any time, for that election.

80,509. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay and Mr. Brown.

80,510. How much did you get?—I got a sovereign from Mr. Clay and two from Mr. Brown.

80,511. At the election of 1852, who did you vote for?—Clay and Lord Goderich.

80,512. How much money did you get then?—£2.

JOHN VARLEY sworn, and examined. *John Varley.*

80,513. Where do you live?—In Sykes Street.

80,514. What business are you?—Block and mast maker. I served my time to——

80,515. What rent do you pay?—£5.

80,516. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

80,517. When were you made a freeman?—Fifty-one years since.

80,518. In 1841, who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.

80,519. Did you receive any money for voting that election?—Yes.

80,520. How much?—As a runner, I think, I received four days, or six days; I cannot call to mind; it is one of the two.

80,521. How much money?—30*s.*

80,522. At the next election, in 1847, were you a runner for Brown?—For two days.

80,523. Did you vote for him?—I voted for him and Baines.

80,254. How much did you receive for Mr. Brown?—10*s.*

80,525. How much for Mr. Baines?—Nothing.

80,526. At the last election, in 1852, who did you vote for?—Lord Goderich alone.

80,527. Did you get any money then?—Not a farthing.

80,528. Was your name set down?—Yes.

80,529. Where was your name put down?—Mr. Wilde put my name down.

John Varley.

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80,530. You had your name set down at the last election, I suppose, for the purpose of being paid after the election, or whenever they were paid?—Yes.

80,531. You knew the object of the book was to get your name set down, and to be paid for it if your name was in the book?—Yes; but I had not much faith in it.

80,532. In what?—In their paying me.

Robert Watson.

ROBERT WATSON sworn, and examined

80,533. Where do you live?—In Catherine Street.

80,534. What business are you?—A currier.

80,535. What rent do you pay?—£5 10*s.*

80,536. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

80,537. When were you made a freeman?—In 1847.

80,538. Did you vote at that election?—No.

80,539. Did you take up your freedom yourself?—Yes.

80,540. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

80,541. I believe you got your name set down in the East Sculcoates, South.

80,542. Was it set down?—It was not set down, to my knowledge.

80,543. Were you employed as a runner?—I was not.

80,544. Did you get any money?—10*s.* after the election. A man called at my house, and told me to call on Mr. Purdon.

80,545. I suppose you considered that as a reward for your vote?—Yes.

Henry Creighton.

HENRY CREIGHTON sworn, and examined.

80,546. Where do you live?—Mulgrave Street.

80,547. What business are you?—A shipwright.

80,548. What rent do you pay?—I am a lodger.

88,549. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

80,550. When were you made a freeman?—In 1847.

80,551. Did you vote at that election?—No.

80,552. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

80,553. You were set down as a runner, I believe?—Not that I know of; not to my knowledge.

80,554. Were you paid any money?—Yes.

80,555. What for; was it for your vote?—I suppose so.

80,556. When were you paid?—Two or three days after the election.

80,557. How much?—A sovereign.

Charles Jackson.

CHARLES JACKSON sworn, and examined.

80,558. Where do you live?—Pleasant Place.

80,559. What business are you?—A labourer.

80,560. What rent do you pay?—£8.

80,561. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

80,562. When were you made a freeman?—In 1838, I think it was.

80,563. At your own expense?—Yes.

80,564. In 1841, did you vote?—Yes.

80,565. Who for?—Hanmer and James.

80,566. Did you receive any money that election?—I received a sovereign, I think, to the best of my knowledge.

80,567. Were you put down as a runner?—Not to my knowledge.

80,568. What was the sovereign for?—For the vote.

80,569. In 1847, who did you vote for?—For Baines and Brown.

80,570. Did you receive any money then for your vote?—15*s.*

80,571. Afterwards?—Yes.

80,572. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

80,573. Did you receive any money then for your vote?—Yes; I received 27*s.* 6*d.*

80,574. Who paid you?—Mr. Steeple paid me 17*s.* 6*d.*, and Mr. Pulleyn paid me 10*s.*

I. S. Wood.

ISAIAH SWAN WOOD sworn, and examined.

80,575. Where do you live?—Liddell Street.

80,576. What business are you?—A broker.

80,577. What rent do you pay?—£11.

80,578. Are you also a freeman?—No.

80,579. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—The last one.

80,580. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

I. S. Wood.

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80,581. Did you receive any money for your vote?—No.
80,582. Did you receive any money at all at that election, or after it?—No.
80,583. Were you paid nothing?—I was paid for services.
80,584. Were you a clerk?—I was a poll clerk.
80,585. You were a check clerk on the polling day?—Yes.
80,586. Were you a clerk only on that day?—I was previously a clerk at the central committee.
80,587. When were you made a clerk, and for how long?—A few days; it may be a week.
80,588. A week when?—Perhaps a week previous to the election.
80,589. Did you apply to be employed as a clerk?—I did.
80,590. At the central committee room?—Yes.
80,591. Were you to have a certain sum a day?—Yes.
80,592. How much?—5*s*.
80,593. Did you attend?—I did,
80,594. Every day?—Every day.
80,595. All day?—All day.
80,596. Where was it?—At the central committee room in Bowl Alley Lane.
80,597. Where; at Mr. Fowler's room?—Yes.
80,598. When were you paid?—Shortly after the election.
80,599. Who paid you?—Mr. Wells.
80,600. Did you say you should vote for them?—I promised my vote previous to the employment.
80,601. Who to?—To a friend of mine, Dr. Bell.
80,602. What did you do with your business in the meantime? Who attended to it?—I had none to attend to then.
80,603. You were out of business?—No, I was not; but I had nothing to do about that time.
80,604. Had you a shop as a broker?—No.
80,605. Do you mean you are a share broker?—A general broker.
80,606. You had no employment, excepting this, at that time?—At that time I had not.
80,607. Did you apply for employment before you were put on as a clerk?—Yes, I did. I applied previously.
80,608. Had your name been put in some book?—Not that I am aware of.
80,609. You applied for it?—I made but one application.
80,610. Did they send for you?—Yes.
80,611. I understood you to say you were employed five or six days previous to the election?—Yes.
80,612. You also said you had applied before?—I applied before I was sent for, of course.
80,613. You were sent for?—I was.
80,614. And then they gave you employment at the election time?—Yes.
80,615. They paid you a few days after?—Yes.
80,616. Had you applied to the orange party?—No.
80,617. Had they applied to you?—They called, to ask if I would vote for them.
80,618. What did you say?—I said no.
80,619. As you had no employment at all why did not you try to get employment of the orange party?—I had nothing to do with the orange party.
80,620. You might have taken their employment?—Yes; but I did not think it proper to apply there for employment.
80,621. Did you only mean to be employed by those you voted for?—My friends, of course, I should look to.
80,622. You would not have taken employment from the orange?—No.
80,623. Why? I do not understand, if you wanted something to do, and wanted employment, why you should not take it from whoever would give it you?—I made application to the blue side for employment, and I obtained it.
80,624. They had not got any for you at first?—I did not apply to the orange party, because I should not vote for them.
80,625. You thought that the employment and the vote were to go together?—No. I promised my vote before I made any application for employment whatever.
80,626. You would not have employment from the orange, because you should not vote for them?—I consider I did not belong to the party. It would have been strange to apply for employment to the party I intended to vote against.

JAMES HANLAN sworn, and examined.

James Hanlan.

80,627. Where do you live?—I am in the poorhouse.
80,628. How long have you been a freeman?—Since Sir James Graham's election.
80,629. In 1841, who did you vote for?—I voted for the orange.
80,630. Did you get any money for it?—No.

James Hanlan.

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80,631. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I always voted orange.
80,632. For Mr. Clay?—Yes.
80,633. Did you get any money?—No.
80,634. At the last election, did you vote for the orange again?—Yes.
80,635. Clay and Goderich?—Yes.
80,636. Did you have your name set down?—No; I did not have my name set down.
80,637. Did you expect to have something after the election was over?—No; and never was promised.
80,638. Did you ask for anything?—No.

George Tune.

GEORGE TUNE sworn, and examined.

80,639. Where do you live?—Waterworks Street.
80,640. What business are you?—A butcher.
80,641. What rent do you pay?—It is my own property.
80,642. What are you rated at?—Above 20*l.*
80,643. Are you also a freeman?—Yes.
80,644. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—Yes.
80,645. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Thompson.
80,646. Did you take any part in a committee?—None at all.
80,647. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Clay.
80,648. In 1841, did you know Mr. Thomas Freebody?—Yes, I did.
80,649. Did you act at all with him at that election?—Not at all. Merely a conversation passed in my shop at the time.
80,650. Was it relating to the spending of 200*l.*?—Yes.
80,651. Tell us what it was?—Merely that he went out on the election morning with 200*l.* in his pocket, and at breakfast time he had not a shilling left.
80,652. Did he say what he had done with it?—He had it buying votes in 1841.
80,653. For the blue party?—Yes.
80,654. When did he tell you that?—After the election of 1852.
80,655. How did this matter come up about spending the 200*l.*?—It was merely talking something about the petition that was presented against the sitting members. I said I did not think there had been the same bribery and drunkenness as at previous elections. He said "Nothing like what 1841 was." That was all the conversation.
80,656. He seemed to think the blues had the better of the orange?—Oh, quite so.
80,657. He spent 200*l.* all on one day?—From six o'clock in the morning till breakfast time.
80,658. Did he state the largest sum that he paid?—No; nothing further than that.
80,659. Nor the smallest?—That was the only statement that he made.
80,660. Did he state whether he paid them at a certain rate?—No; he did not say what.
80,661. At one rate?—No; at no rate.
80,662. Did he say anything about payments at any other election?—No, not at all.
80,663. Did he show you a list of the names?—No. It was merely common conversation in my own shop.
80,664. When was that conversation?—After this last election.
80,665. You understood he was giving a reason for thinking the last election not so bad as in 1841?—Yes.
80,666. And he gave you that instance?—Yes.
80,667. Did he say who gave him that 200*l.*?—No, he did not; we had nothing of that kind.
80,668. Have you anything else that you can tell us?—No.
80,669. Do you know where Mr. Freebody is now?—I do not.
80,670. He is not in Hull?—No; he is not in Hull.
80,671. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Clay and Goderich.
80,672. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.
80,673. Have you always voted orange?—Always; ever since Mr. Sykes's election in 1826.
80,674. It was a little rash of Mr. Freebody making this statement to you?—It was merely conversation, being friendly, and all that.
80,675. It was a good while ago?—I have known him many years.
80,676. The matter we are speaking of occurred a long time ago?—In 1841.
80,677. He thought it was a byegone?—A byegone, and never would be heard of more.
80,678. Was he speaking seriously?—I believe he was. We had a conversation together.

HENRY LEE sworn, and examined. *Henry Lee.*

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80,679. Where do you live?—At the Charter House.
80,680. When were you made a freeman?—About fifty years ago.
80,681. At the election of 1841, who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
80,682. Did you receive any money at that election?—After the election,—perhaps five or six months,—I cannot say exactly,—a gentleman met me in the street, and he said, if I had a mind to have a sovereign, if I would call at his house I should have it.
80,683. Did you call?—I did.
80,684. Was it a reward for voting?—I cannot say.
80,685. You have no doubt about it?—I have none, in my own mind.
80,686. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay and Brown.
80,687. How much did you get?—Nothing.
80,688. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Clay and Moore.
80,689. Did you receive any money?—No.
80,690. Nothing at all?—No; I never had a chance.
80,691. Was your name set down?—No; not to my knowledge.
80,692. Why had you not a chance?—No one offered me anything.
80,693. Were you paid any money through a hole in a door in 1841?—I was told I should not see the party.
80,694. Was it when you got the pound?—Yes.
80,695. Where was it?—Mr. Margison's house in the Pottery.
80,696. You could not see the person; but you took all the pains you could to see him?—I was a little curious; but I did not see who gave me the money.
80,697. Were you set down at the last election?—Not that I am aware of. I never applied, and I know nothing at all about it.

CHARLES HAMMOND sworn, and examined. *Charles Hammond.*

80,698. Where do you live?—In the Charterhouse.
80,699. What is your business?—A druggist.
80,700. What rent do you pay?—I do not pay any rent.
80,701. When were you made a freeman?—I am not a freeman. I was a householder.
80,702. What rent did you pay for a house?—It was my own house, rated at 40*l.* a year.
80,703. In 1841, were you a voter?—Yes, I was.
80,704. Who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
80,705. I believe you were chairman of the ward?—I was.
80,706. The Holderness ward?—Yes.
80,707. We hear that people got their names set down at that election?—They did.
80,708. And got money for it?—Yes; they were paid afterwards.
80,709. You paid some people yourself?—A few individuals, occasionally.
80,710. Was it afterwards?—Yes.
80,711. Where did you pay them?—I do not remember the place. Sometimes I paid them in the street.
80,712. After the election?—Yes.
80,713. Not at the committee room?—No; there might be some paid at the committee room; but the men generally were paid two or three months after the election.
80,714. You paid about the streets?—Occasionally.
80,715. You took care to find that they had voted for you?—I knew the men generally.
80,716. Some were paid through holes in doors?—Never.
80,717. Not by you?—Not to my knowledge. I do not believe the system prevailed in our district. I never heard of such a thing before this Commission.
80,718. You would have known it?—I think I should; I do not know.
80,719. We have heard of a blacksmith's shop in Holderness?—There was a blacksmith's shop in our neighbourhood.
80,720. Was it not a secret place for payment?—I do not know.
80,721. Was it a place for payment?—I do not know that it was; I do not believe it was. I never heard of it before this Commission.
80,722. Many people have told us they got money there?—I have heard of it. Now I can tell you how it happened. It was my nephew, Thomas Hammond. There was a blacksmith's shop close to our back door; and I have reason to believe that he paid the money there, unknown to me; but I never heard of such a thing before.
80,723. The blacksmith's shop was close to your house?—Yes. I understood my nephew paid there. I never knew or heard of such a thing previously.
80,724. It does not make much odds whether they were paid in a blacksmith's shop or in the street?—I was in the habit of meeting occasionally people who were voters; poor men; and I would say, "When are you going to vote?" They said, "I do not know." they looked for pay, and I paid perhaps eight or ten; more, perhaps, out of a kindly feeling on my part; I had no system of paying men.

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80,725. It was for their votes?—Yes, I believe it was.
80,726. Your nephew is away?—He has left the country five or six years.
80,727. You said you paid some individuals? What are their names?—Thomas Dalton Hammond.
80,728. Did you pay John Wilkinson?—I do not remember the name. What was he?
80,729. I cannot tell you what he was. Did you not pay him 25*s.*?—I might; but I do not remember the name.
80,730. William Oliver?—Yes.
80,731. What did you pay him?—I think I paid him 1*l.*
80,732. Did a man of the name of Wilson help you make those out-payments?—I do not remember such a man.
80,733. Do you know William Brewster?—Yes.
80,734. How much?—I fancy 1*l.*
80,735. William Marley Brewster, I think, you paid?—I probably might.
80,736. And William Peacock?—I do not know.
80,737. Do you not remember him?—I know such a man, but I do not know that I ever paid him in my life.
80,738. At the next election were you on a committee?—Yes.
80,739. Who did you vote for?—Baines and Clay. I was not sure of Mr. Brown's politics, therefore I voted for those two.
80,740. Were you on the committee of either of those gentlemen?—I was on it, but I did not take any active part.
80,741. Did you make any payments?—No.
80,742. Did any money pass through your hands?—No.
80,743. Did you employ people?—No.
80,744. In 1852, who did you vote for?—I did not vote at all.
80,745. Did you act at all?—No; I took no part whatever. In the forenoon of Saturday, previous to the election, I was sent for by the committee. I went into Drypool for about an hour and a half.
80,746. On the canvass?—It was on the Saturday morning.
80,747. Did you send people to have their names set down?—No.
80,748. Did you ever pay any money at that election?—Not a farthing; I never received a farthing in my life from any one; I neither paid nor received any on that occasion.

William Major.

WILLIAM MAJOR sworn, and examined.

80,749. Where do you live?—Great Union Street, Drypool.
80,750. What is your business?—A publican.
80,751. What rent do you pay?—Nineteen guineas.
80,752. Are you also a freeman?—No.
80,753. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—The last.
80,754. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
80,755. I believe they took a room of yours?—No, they did not.
80,756. Was there not a committee room at your house?—No.
80,757. No room there?—No.
80,758. Your name is returned as having had a room engaged?—I put a flag out. The room was there, but they did not engage it.
80,759. They paid you for it?—No, they did not.
80,760. What do you mean by the room being there?—It was at liberty if they liked to have it.
80,761. You hoisted a flag, but they did not think much of that?—No.
80,762. They never did take your room?—No.
80,763. Did you receive any money?—No.
80,764. Were you not paid for the room?—No.
80,765. Are you sure of that?—I am sure of that.
80,766. Did the blues canvass you?—Yes.
80,767. Perhaps they took your room?—No, they did not.
80,768. Are you sure of it?—Yes.
80,769. Did they pay for it?—No.
80,770. Did you receive any money at all?—Not any.
80,771. Who sent the flag to you?—Mr. Boulter.
80,772. Which side was it for?—The orange.

Richard Clappisar.

RICHARD CLAPPISAR sworn, and examined.

80,773. Where do you live?—North Street, Prospect Street.
80,774. What business are you?—I keep a beer shop.
80,775. What rent do you pay?—£18.
80,776. Are you also a freeman?—No.

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80,777. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—1841.
80,778. Who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.
80,779. Did you receive any money at that election?—I had a bill against them of 20*l.*
80,780. What for?—I had a public house at that time in Bridge Street. I received 20*l.* for my bill.
80,781. What was the bill composed of?—Ale, liquors, and eating.
80,782. For the voters?—Yes.
80,783. How long did they frequent your house before the election?—Perhaps a week.
80,784. Did anybody tell you they would be answerable for your bill?—Mr. Freebody.
80,785. Did he put any limit on the amount?—No.
80,786. But all blue voters that came in were to have enough to eat and drink?—There was nothing particular mentioned about that.
80,787. When did he pay you?—Perhaps a month or six weeks after the election, or two months; I cannot say to a week or two.
80,788. You were to accommodate all the blue voters that came in?—Yes.
80,789. You voted for that party?—Yes.
80,790. I suppose they understood that you would vote for them?—Yes.
80,791. Was it mentioned when you received the order?—I promised them I would vote for them.
80,792. Then they gave you the order?—They gave me the order before I had promised.
80,793. Did you tell them you were doubtful?—No; nothing of the sort; I was not doubtful at all.
80,794. When they gave you the order, they knew very well you would vote for them?—I should have been very sorry if I had not. I would not have done such a mean action as to run from them.
80,795. You had promised?—I had, before they gave me the order.
80,796. You would not have got the order if they had not known you would have voted for them?—I cannot tell that.
80,797. What do you think about it?—I am sure I do not know.
80,798. Suppose you had said I am going to vote orange?—I never have.
80,799. If you had been an orangeman, and had said I am going to vote orange, would they have sent a blue voter to your house?—I should think not.
80,800. You voted for them probably in consequence of having this little business at your house?—Yes.
80,801. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I was not in Hull at the time.
80,802. At the last election, who did you vote for?—The blues.
80,803. I believe you had an old score with them?—Yes; there was a trifle left on it.
80,804. How much was it?—Somewhere about 5*l.*
80,805. You mentioned it, did you not, just then?—I made mention of it.
80,806. You gave them to understand that you expected to be paid?—I should like to have had it.
80,807. You did not get it?—No.
80,808. Did you say you wanted the money to be paid?—I asked for it.
80,809. Did they promise to pay you?—No, they did not.
80,810. What did they say?—I cannot bear in mind exactly now.
80,811. What did they say?—They said they should not have anything to do with it.
80,812. You made up another score against them?—No, I did not.
80,813. A new bill?—No.
80,814. Had you nothing of the kind at the last election?—No.
80,815. No voters at your house then?—Not at all.
80,816. Did you receive any money at all at the last election?—Not a penny.
80,817. Has the 5*l.* ever been paid?—No.
80,818. They canvassed you of course?—Yes.
80,819. Did you not say you would vote for them if they would pay you that money?—I did not.
80,820. They refused to pay it?—Yes.
80,821. And have refused?—Yes.
80,822. When was this score run?—In 1841.
80,823. You got 20*l.* then?—Yes.
80,824. Why was not the 5*l.* paid?—I am sure I do not know.
80,825. Did you send in a claim?—The bill was made out.
80,826. And they struck off 5*l.*?—Yes.
80,827. The bill was 25*l.*?—And they paid 20*l.*
80,828. You accepted that in full?—Yes; I was forced to do it. I was afraid of not getting anything at all.
80,829. You told me you had an account at the last election?—Not at the last
80,830. Were you paid any money at all?—No; not a farthing.
80,831. You never got the 5*l.*?—No.
80,832. Nor any part of it?—No.

Samuel Southwick.

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SAMUEL SOUTHWICK sworn, and examined.

80,833. Where do you live?—At Beverley.
80,834. What business are you?—A tailor.
80,835. What rent do you pay?—I did not pay any rent when I was in Hull; I was in lodgings.
80,836. When were you made a freeman?—In 1850.
80,837. At your own expense?—Yes.
80,838. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Clay and Goderich.
80,839. Did you receive some money?—Yes; after I had voted I received 10*s.* to pay my expenses.
80,840. Where was it?—I think in King Street.
80,841. Did you come from Beverley?—Yes.
80,842. How much did you pay; what did your expenses cost you?—I do not know.
80,843. Two shillings?—Two shillings coming, and what it cost me when I was here.
80,844. For a carriage?—I took a day ticket for a shilling.
80,845. Did it take you there and back?—Yes.
80,846. You got 10*s.* altogether?—Yes.
80,847. Was it for your loss of time and your vote?—I suppose so.
80,848. Partly for your time, and partly for your vote?—I never was asked for my vote by the orange party. I went to vote, and I applied for my expenses afterwards, and they gave me half a sovereign.
80,849. How did you make it out?—I did not ask any sum.
80,850. How was it made up?—They did not say; they gave me that.
80,851. Did you not think some of it was a reward for voting?—I do not know. I know I had a good deal of trouble to get anything at all.
80,852. What did you say?—I told them I had come from Beverley, and I had voted for that party; would they allow anything for expenses? They asked if half a sovereign would pay me, and I said yes.

W. Parkinson.

WILLIAM PARKINSON sworn, and examined.

80,853. Where do you live?—At New Holland.
80,854. What business are you?—A cabinet maker.
80,855. What rent do you pay?—I pay ten guineas.
80,856. Are you a freeman?—No; but when I lived in Hull I paid 18*l.*
80,857. At which election did you first vote?—It is a long time since I first voted; I cannot remember exactly.
80,858. In 1841, who did you vote for?—Clay and Thompson.
80,859. Did you receive any money at that election for your vote?—No.
80,860. Where did you live at that time?—Humber Dock Wall.
80,861. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay and Brown.
80,862. Did you receive any money then?—No.
80,863. Nothing from Brown?—No; nothing at all.
80,864. At the last election, were you living in New Holland?—Yes.
80,865. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
80,866. Did you receive any money?—Not any.
80,867. Did you not receive something for your expenses?—Not a farthing. I paid my own.
80,868. Were you not a runner for Brown?—No.
80,669. You were living in Hull at that election?—Yes; I was living in Hull at the last election.
80,870. You were down on Brown's list as a runner?—I do not know. I never got anything, if I was a runner. They had no business to put me down.
80,871. Did you ask to be put down?—No.

Charles Barnett.

CHARLES BARNETT sworn, and examined.

80,872. Where do you live?—Barton.
80,873. What rent do you pay?—£25 a year.
80,874. Are you a freeman?—I am.
80,875. When were you made a freeman?—I think 1837.
80,876. At your own expense?—Yes.
80,877. At the election of 1841, who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
80,878. Did you receive any money at that time?—I got a sovereign afterwards.
80,879. What was that for?—It was some time afterwards.
80,880. Who paid you?—I do not know.
80,881. Where were you paid?—Mason Street.
80,882. At Dalton's?—I do not know.

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80,883. How came you to find yourself in Mason Street?—I was told by a man named Peterson if I went there I should get some money; they were paying freemen for voting.
80,884. Who did you vote for at the election of 1847?—I voted for Clay.
80,885. Did they pay you at that election?—No.
80,886. Nothing at all?—Nothing at all.
80,887. You got no money?—I got nothing.
80,888. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
80,889. You shifted about a good deal. Did you get any money then?—No.
80,890. Did you get your expenses paid?—No.
80,891. No money at all?—No.

William Hilton.

WILLIAM HILTON sworn, and examined.

80,892. Where do you live?—Goxhill, Lincolnshire.
80,893. What business are you?—A commercial traveller.
80,894. Had you used to live in Hull?—Yes.
80,895. Until recently?—I left four months before the last election.
80,896. What rent did you pay in Hull?—£11.
80,897. Are you a freeman?—No.
80,898. Did you vote at the election of 1841?—No; I was not in this neighbourhood.
80,899. In 1847?—No.
80,900. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
80,901. You got some money for your expenses?—I got 10*s.*
80,902. How far is Goxhill from here?—About three miles.
80,903. How did you come?—By train to New Holland, and across by steamboat.
80,904. How much did the journey cost you, if you paid the carriage for getting here?—I think it cost me a shilling.
80,905. Who paid you the 10*s.*?—Mr. Atkinson.
80,906. Was the 9*s.* for loss of time, and for your vote?—I suppose it was not for the vote. I should not want it for my vote; merely for loss of time.

James Watson.

JAMES WATSON sworn, and examined.

80,907. Where do you live?—Cottingham.
80,908. What is your business?—A miller.
80,909. What rent do you pay?—£5.
80,910. When were you made a freeman?—In 1802.
80,911. In 1841, did you vote?—Yes.
80,912. Who for?—Hanmer and James.
80,913. Did you receive some money at that election for your vote?—I received 10*s.* about five months after.
80,914. Who paid you?—It was sent to my house at Skidly.
80,915. What was it for?—I do not know.
80,916. For your vote, we shall suppose?—For my expenses, I suppose.
80,917. What were your expenses?—I do not know, I am sure; it is so long since that I have forgotten.
80,918. Did you walk over?—No.
80,919. Did you take your own poney?—I walked to Cottingham, and then went by the coach. I only came to Cottingham in November last.
80,920. The money was for your vote?—I did not know what it was for.
80,921. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay and Brown.
80,922. Did you receive any money then?—I got a sovereign.
80,923. Who paid you it?—I was paid at the Cross Keys committee room.
80,924. After you had voted?—After I had voted.
80,925. Did you live at Cottingham?—No; I lived at Skidly.
80,926. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
80,927. Did you receive any money then?—Not one halfpenny.
80,928. Not for your expenses?—Not a halfpenny.
80,929. Did Mr. Richardson look after you?—No.
80,930. The doctor, I mean?—No.
80,931. Did you not see him before the last election?—I did see him, but he never came after me.
80,932. He canvassed you?—No; he did not.
80,933. Did he speak to you?—Yes; he spoke to me.
80,934. Did he not speak about coming here?—He spoke to me about voting for Butler and Moore. I told him I should not poll for them.
80,935. Do you mean Moore and Butler, or Clay and Goderich?—Yes; Moore and Butler.
80,936. Did you receive any money at all at the last election?—Not a halfpenny.

J. B. Collison.

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JAMES BESWICK COLLISON sworn, and examined.

80,937. Where do you live?—Skidly.
80,938. What business are you?—A miller.
80,939. What rent do you pay?—£50 a year.
80,940. Are you also a freeman?—Yes.
80,941. When were you made a freeman?—1827.
80,942. In 1841, did you vote?—Yes.
80,943. Who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
80,944. Did they give you any money?—No.
80,945. Not for expenses?—No.
80,946. None at all?—No.
80,947. At or after the election?—No.
80,948. After the election?—No.
80,949. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Brown and Baines.
80,950. Did you receive any money at or after the election?—No.
80,951. At the last election, 1852, who did you vote for?—Nobody
80,952. You did not get paid for not voting, did you?—No.
80,953. At Brown's election?—No.
80,954. Are you sure of that?—Sure of that.
80,955. Did you come over with your friend Watson?—No; I came in my own conveyance.

B. B. Mason.

BENJAMIN BURDETT MASON sworn, and examined

80,956. Do you live at Cottingham?—I live at Cottingham.
80,957. What business are you?—A merchant and shipowner.
80,958. What rent do you pay?—£16.
80,959. Are you also a freeman?—I am also a freeman.
80,960. When were you made a freeman?—1843.
80,961. At your own expense?—Yes.
80,962. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I voted for Baines, and I think for Brown; I am not quite sure about that.
80,963. Did you receive any money?—No.
80,964. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
80,965. Did you receive any money then?—None whatever.
80,966. Expenses or anything?—None whatever.

Thomas Ward.

THOMAS WARD sworn, and examined

80,967. Where do you live?—West Street.
80,968. Is that in Cottingham?—In Hull.
80,969. What is your business?—A joiner and grocer.
80,970. What rent do you pay?—£14.
80,971. Are you a freeman?—No.
80,972. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—Clay and Baines.
80,973. In 1847?—Yes.
80,974. Did you receive any money then?—No.
80,975. At all?—No.
80,976. Neither before nor after the election?—No.
80,977. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
80,978. You got your name set down at Mr. Wilde's?—On the election day morning it was set down for one day in Saville Street.
80,979. When you went you understood what the place was?—Yes.
80,980. You wanted to get money?—I was to be paid for that day loss of time.
80,981. Did you not get paid?—No.
80,982. You voted upon that expectation?—No. I voted because I thought they were the best men.
80,983. You expected you would get paid for your loss of time?—Of course I expected I should have got paid for the loss of that day, but that did not rule my vote.
80,984. How much did you expect?—I should be set down for one day.
80,985. You expected sixpence, perhaps?—I cannot say.
80,986. *5s.*?—Somewhere there about.
80,987. Not less than that?—No.

W. Hunter, jun.

WILLIAM HUNTER jun. sworn, and examined

80,988. Where do you live?—Worship Street.
80,989. What is your business?—A harbour master.
80,990. What rent do you pay?—£16.

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80,991. Are you a freeman ?—I am.
80,992. When were you made a freeman ?—In 1829.
80,993. At your own expense ?—Yes.
80,994. In 1841, who did you vote for ?—I was at sea.
80,995. In 1847 ?—Likewise at sea.
80,996. At the last election, who for ?—Moore and Butler.
80,997. Were you on any committee ?—No.
80,998. Did you get your name set down ?—No.
80,999. Did you receive anything for your expenses ?—No. The only thing that was done for me by way of expenses was, they sent a cab for me, which brought me to the Town Hall and took me back again.
81,000. You did not get any money ?—Not a farthing.

THOMAS RIPPON sworn, and examined.

Thomas Rippon.

81,001. Where do you live ?—At Grimsby.
81,002. What is your business ?—A ship chandler.
81,003. What rent do you pay ?—£30.
81,004. Are you a freeman of Hull ?—No.
81,005. At which election were you first entitled to vote ?—The last one.
81,006. Who for did you vote ?—Clay and Goderich.
81,007. Did you receive any money ?—Yes.
81,008. How much ?—10*s.*
81,009. What for ?—Four days' expenses.
88,010. How much did it cost you to come and return to Grimsby ?—2*s.* 6*d.*
81,011. Then the 7*s.* 6*d.* was for loss of time, was it ?—Yes.
81,012. When were you paid ?—The same day.

WILLIAM WELLS sworn, and examined.

William Wells.

81,013. What is your business ?—A mariner.
81,014. Where do you live ?—Lower Union Street.
81,015. What rent do you pay ?—£5.
81,016. When were you made a freeman ?—I cannot tell you; it is a long while since now.
81,017. How many years; thirty or forty ?—Yes; it is forty years.
81,018. In 1841, who did you vote for ?—The last time I polled was for Mr. Clay, the first election he came. I have not been at a Hull election since.
81,019. In 1841 ?—Yes.
81,020. Did you get set down as a runner ?—No.
81,021. Did you not get any money ?—No; I went away to sea directly.
81,022. You had it when you came back ?—No, I did not.
81,023. Just remember ?—I do not remember getting anything.
81,024. We are told you got money in 1841 ?—You have been told wrong. I did not receive it. If my wife did it is more than I know. I think she would not let me a tale about it.
81,025. You think she would tell you ?—Yes, she would.
81,026. Did you never hear she did ?—No. She never did.
81,027. Nor from anybody else ?—No.
61,028. Did you not vote at either of the last two elections ?—No; I did not vote at the elections. I was away at sea. I only came home last week.

WILLIAM REA COUSINS sworn, and examined.

W. R. Cousins.

81,029. Where do you live ?—Hodgson Street.
81,030. What business are you ?—A shipwright.
81,031. What rent do you pay ?—£4 10*s.*
81,032. When were you made a freeman ?—1847, I believe.
81,033. Did you vote at that election ?—Yes.
81,034. Who took your freedom up for you ?—I took it up myself.
81,035. Who did you vote for ?—Clay and Brown.
81,036. Did you receive any money at that election ?—Yes.
81,037. How much ?—£2 15*s.*
81,038. Who paid you ?—I do not know; it was brought to me.
81,039. Which gentleman was it for ?—£1 for Mr. Clay, and the other for Mr. Brown.
81,040. Where were you when it was brought to your house ?—They sent it to the Pottery.
81,041. After the election ?—Some I got after and some before.
81,042. You were of the party at the Baltic ?—I believe I was there.

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81,043. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
81,044. How much did you get?—£2.
81,045. Where were you paid?—I was paid at Witham; I was fetched from Grimsby.
81,046. When were you paid?—The same day; after I polled.
81,047. How much did it cost you to come from Grimsby?—It was paid for. I did not pay anything.
81,048. How much did it cost?—It cost me nothing.
81,049. How much were you paid coming from Grimsby besides?—I got 2*l.* I do not know what it was for; voting or expenses.
81,050. Were you paid the fare besides?—Yes, it was paid. It cost me nothing in the train.
81,051. Where was the 2*l.* paid?—Paid in a cab.
81,052. Where?—Witham.
81,053. As you were going to vote?—No; after I had done voting.
81,054. Who else was with you?—Three or four more of us from Grimsby.
81,055. Did you get 2*l.* each?—Yes; I believe we did.
81,056. Who paid you?—I do not know what they call him.
81,057. I want to know his name?—I do not know his name.
81,058. It was the last election?—Yes.
81,059. You had all come from Grimsby together?—Four of us.
81,060. Your fare had been found for you?—We were fetched. We did not pay anything.
81,061. Have you all been working there?—Yes.
81,062. How long have you been working there?—Two years.
81,063. These men with you?—Yes.
81,064. What are their names?—Thistleton, one; Robinson, and Harper.
81,065. And yourself?—Yes.
81,066. You four came from Grimsby, did you?—Yes.
81,067. Do you know where they are to-day?—Yes; two of them are here.
81,068. Was it one of Mr. Barkworth's men that paid you?—May be it was one of his men.
81,069. Do you know?—I do not know for a fact; I do not know his name.
81,070. You believe it was?—Yes.
81,071. Who were you working for at Grimsby?—Mr. Weaners, at the Jetty.
81,072. Has Mr. Barkworth any work at Grimsby?—He has a deal yard; but I was not working for him.
81,073. Did Mr. Barkworth's clerk come for your vote?—I do not know. One of them said it was a clerk. I do not know what they call him, whether he was a clerk or not.
81,074. Did he come over with you?—He came over with us.
81,075. He fetched you; brought you over, and paid you?—Yes.
81,076. The same money?—Yes.
81,077. That was the morning of the election?—Yes.
81,078. Did he fetch over any others?—Yes; four came together; that was all.
81,079. You say James Thistleton?—No; Henry Thistleton.
81,080. What is the other name?—John Robinson and William Harper.
81,081. Did you see the money paid to them?—Yes, I did.

John Robinson

JOHN ROBINSON sworn, and examined.

81,082. Where did you come from; Goole?—Saturday at dinner time.
81,083. Where do you live?—No. 4, Spittal Street.
81,084. What are you? What rent do you pay?—I am only a lodger.
81,085. When were you made a freeman?—1847.
81,086. Did you vote at that election?—No.
81,087. At the last election, did you vote for the blue party?—Yes.
81,088. For Moore and Butler?—Yes.
81,089. We hear you got 2*l.*; is that so?—Yes.
81,090. Is that all the money you got?—Yes.
81,091. Who paid you?—William Harper paid me mine.
81,092. Who gave him the money?—I do not know; he did not tell me.
81,093. Was not it given you there?—It was not given to me in a cab. He gave me mine as soon as I had done polling. I was out of the cab when he gave me the money.
81,094. You were one of the men that came with the last witness from Grimsby?—Yes.
81,095. You did not go back in the cab from the poll?—No. We went with him to Witham; we went and polled somewhere against Christ Church.
81,096. Did I ask you about 1841?—I did not poll in 1841.
81,097. Do you know Mr. Barkworth's clerk?—Yes.
81,098. He brought you ovee?—Yes; I only know him by seeing him.

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81,099. Do you know the clerk that came over?—Yes; I know him very well.
81,100. What is his name?—I do not know his name. I have seen him. I know him by sight. I have seen him several times.
81,101. Is he tall or short?—A tall man,

HENRY THISTLETON sworn, and examined.

Henry Thistleton.

81,102. Where do you live?—Hodgson Street.
81,103. What business are you?—A shipwright.
81,104. What rent do you pay?—Somewhere about 5*l.*
81,105. When were you made a freeman?—1847.
81,106. Did you vote at that election?—No.
81,107. At the last election you came with the last witnesses?—I did.
81,108. And got 2*l.*?—Yes.
81,109. You voted for Moore and Butler?—Yes, I did.
81,110. Do you know Mr. Barkworth's clerk?—I know him by sight, that is all.
81,111. You never asked his name?—No; I had no occasion to ask his name.
81,112. Did you get any other money?—None at all.
81,113. They have got you down as a runner in a good many places?—They might have me down. There are other names as well as mine.
81,114. Did you get any money?—Not a farthing.
81,115. You got 2*l.*?—Yes, I did.
81,116. Were you paid in a cab?—Yes, I was.

HENRY CAMMELL sworn, and examined.

Henry Cammell.

81,117. Where do you live?—At Grimsby.
81,118. What is your business?—Harbour master at Grimsby.
81,119. What rent do you pay?—At the last election I lived at Hull.
81,120. What rent did you pay?—£15.
81,121. Are you a freeman of Hull?—Yes.
81,122. When were you made a freeman?—In 1825.
81,123. In 1841, did you vote?—No.
81,124. Were you not entitled to vote?—Yes. I was not at home.
81,125. In 1847, did you vote?—No.
81,126. Why not?—I was not at home; I was at sea.
81,127. At the last election did you vote?—Yes, I did.
81,128. For whom?—Moore and Butler.
81,129. Did you canvass at the last election?—I did.
81,130. For the blue party?—Yes.
81,131. Did you get persons to have their names put down?—Yes.
81,132. What did you say to them?—I used to send them to the chairman, Mr. Turnbull, if they applied to me.
81,133. At which committee?—Mr. Turnbull's, 17, Worship Street.
81,134. Did you get your name set down?—Yes.
81,135. Were you on that committee?—Yes.
81,136. Did you take any committee rooms?—No.
81,137. Did you ask people if they wanted their rooms taken?—No.
81,138. Did persons apply to you to have their rooms taken?—No.
81,139. Did you send any persons to get their rooms engaged as committee rooms?—No; I cannot remember that I sent any one: I cannot remember any such thing.
81,140. I must ask you, did you not make applications to parties to have their rooms taken?—I do not remember.
81,141. As committee rooms?—I do not remember making any applications.
81,142. It is a very short time ago?—There was a baker; I forget his name; the chairman sent him to me; he had made an application for a committee room. That is the only remembrance I have. A baker of New George Street.
81,143. Who is it?—Hughes, I think, they call him.
81,144. Did you not wish to secure his vote by taking his room?—No. The chairman sent me down to inquire about the room.
81,145. Did you take the room?—No; we did not take it.
81,146. Why not?—I really cannot tell you the reason of that.
81,147. Did he not vote for you?—No. He voted against us.
81,148. That was the reason, I dare say?—Very possibly it might be. I really cannot say.
81,149. Of course that was the reason. You would not take his room if he would not promise to vote?—I think I should be wrong if I was to say that.
81,150. Can you give me any other reason?—No, I cannot.
81,151. The room was not too small; that was not the reason?—No. I do not remember.
81,152. Or too large?—I do not remember.

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81,153. Perhaps the money was not enough?—Possibly it might.

81,154. What were you giving for rooms at that time?—I never had any engagement of any one at the time.

81,155. Did you receive any money?—I did. I let them a house at No. 17, Worship Street, for a month, for which they paid me 10*l.*

81,156. Was it where the committee met?—Yes.

81,157. You were on the committee?—I was.

81,158. Was it part of the engagement that you were to canvass for them?—No. It was a business transaction altogether; nothing relative to my vote.

81,159. Was that all the money that passed through your hands?—All.

81,160. When were you paid?—About three weeks after the election. Mr. Steeple paid me.

81,161. What did you say to the people when you sent them to Mr. Turnbull?—To get their names set down?

81,162. Yes?—I told them they were to apply to him; I could not do it.

81,163. You told them it would be done by Mr. Turnbull?—No; I told them to apply to see if they could get down.

81,164. Did Mr. Turnbull do it?—No.

81,165. Why did you not do it?—I thought it was possible they might get their names down.

81,166. You knew they set down names with a view to secure their votes?—I thought we might be wanting runners.

81,167. Had you any doubt when you sent them that Mr. Turnbull would set them down?—I did not know whether he would or not.

81,168. You mean to say you did doubt whether he would?—I did

81,169. Did you know that they were set down afterwards?—I knew there were a many set down.

81,170. Those that you sent?—I knew that I could not do it. I did not pay that attention after they left me, whether it was or was not done.

81,171. You mean to swear that you, who were canvassing for the party, doubted whether the men would be set down or not?—I really did doubt it, because I heard Mr. Turnbull was very particular about setting down.

81,172. Will you swear you really doubted it?—I have declared the truth as far as I know. I have no reason to keep anything back.

81,173. Did you tell them it was doubtful?—It is very possible I did.

81,174. I ask what you did tell them?—I cannot tell.

81,175. Did you lead the men to understand it was doubtful whether their names would be set down?—When they applied, I may have told them they had better go to Mr. Turnbull, to see whether he would set them down or not; I could not.

81,176. Did you put them down in a book yourself as having promised?—I had no book.

81,177. You knew they were setting them down?—I did.

81,178. So you sent them there to be set down?—Yes, certainly, if they could get set down.

81,179. You went and reported, now and then, the result of your canvass?—I did.

81,180. You would see some of your friends' names down, I dare say?—I did not look at the book. I had no business with the book where those names were down.

81,181. There was a particular book for that, I suppose?—Yes.

81,182. You did not care to look at that book?—I did not think anything about it.

81,183. You had no doubt, if they would vote for your party, their names would be put down in the book if they applied?—I should be very wrong if I said that, because I really did not know that they would.

81,184. You said you knew there was a book there?—Certainly, I did know it; I knew there were names set down.

81,185. You did not know each individual?—No, I did not.

Timothy Darley.

TIMOTHY DARLEY sworn, and examined.

81,186. Where do you live?—Waverley Street.

81,187. What business are you?—A sailor.

81,188. What rent do you pay?—Eight guineas.

81,189. When were you made a freeman?—In 1842, I think it was.

81,190. At your own expense?—Yes.

81,191. In 1847, did you vote?—No; I was at sea.

81,192. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

81,193. I believe you were a runner for the party?—I was.

81,194. Did you apply to be set down?—Yes.

81,195. How much money did they pay you?—I received 1*l.* a week; 5*s.* a day for the nomination and polling days.

81,196. £4 5*s.*?—£4 10*s.*, I think, it amounted to.

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81,197. Mr. Wells paid you?—Yes; Mr. Charles Wells.
81,198. Were you paid by the week?—Paid by the week; every Saturday night.
81,199. Were you paid the whole?—No; I had 1*l.* a week.
81,200. Were you paid the whole, or was it kept back?—The whole, 1*l.*
81,201. When were you paid the last money?—The Saturday night after the election.
81,202. And 5*s.* for those two days?—Yes.
81,203. When you applied to be set down, they knew you would of course vote for them?—Yes.
81,204. You meant them to understand that?—Yes.

JOHN ADAMSON GRAY sworn, and examined. *J. A. Gray.*

81,205. Where do you live?—King's Place.
81,206. What is your business?—A coachsmith.
81,207. What rent do you pay?—£4 10*s.*
81,208. When were you made a freeman?—At Hanniforth's election.
81,209. In 1841, did you vote?—No.
81,210. Why not?—I was from home.
81,211. In 1847, who did you vote for?—I was not here.
81,212. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
81,213. Were you set down as a runner?—I was.
81,214. Where did you apply for that?—Chapel Lane.
81,215. In order that you might get something after the election, was not it?—I did not apply for it; but whilst I was out with another party he told me he was set down, and I thought I had better be down.
81,216. It was in order that you might get something after the election?—Yes.

WILLIAM PASHLEY sworn, and examined. *William Pashley.*

81,217. Where do you live?—Vicar Lane.
81,218. What business are you?—A mariner.
81,219. What rent do you pay?—£5 10*s.*
81,220. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
81,221. When were you made free?—In 1812.
81,222. In 1841, did you vote?—Yes.
81,223. For whom?—Hanmer and James.
81,224. Did you receive any money at that election?—Yes; I was a runner.
81,225. How much did you get for being a runner?—About 30*s.*
81,226. Did you get your name set down?—Yes.
81,227. You applied to be put down as a runner?—Yes.
81,228. At the next election, in 1847, who did you vote for?—Brown and Baines.
81,229. Were you a runner at that election?—No. I was only here a day; I was fetched from a float belonging to a light vessel.
81,230. Where were you floating?—Abreast of the Spurn.
81,231. How much money did you get?—10*s.*
81,232. What was it for?—To cover my expenses for the day, I expect.
81,233. It did not cost you anything to come here?—It did not. I should have had to pay my passage up and down if I had not begged it.
81,234. I suppose you call it for loss of time?—Yes, of course.
81,235. For vote and services?—Yes.
81,236. At the last election, who did you vote for?—The two blues.
81,237. Did you apply to have your name set down?—Yes.
81,238. Where did you get that done?—At the committee of Humber ward.
81,239. Did you get some money?—Yes; I got paid my running money, 3*s.* 6*d.* a day.
81,240. How much altogether?—About 30*s.*

JOHN OSBOURNE sworn, and examined. *John Osbourne.*

81,241. Where do you live?—Reform Street.
81,242. What business are you?—A painter.
81,243. What rent do you pay?—£8.
81,244. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
81,245. When were you made a freeman?—In 1832.
81,246. Who took it up for you?—The Reform party took it up for me.
81,247. The orange party?—Yes.
81,248. In 1841, did you vote for them, in consequence?—I voted for Clay and Thompson.
81,249. Were you set down as a runner?—Yes.

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81,250. What money did you get for that?—30*s.*
81,251. Who paid you that?—I was paid by Mr. Anderson, at the Durham Ox.
81,252. At the next election, in 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay.
81,253. I believe you were a runner for him at that time?—Yes.
81,254. How much money did you get?—14*s.*, I believe.
81,255. Where were you paid?—At the Wilberforce Rooms.
81,256. At the last election you voted for Clay and Goderich?—I did.
81,257. Did you apply to be set down by Mr. Wilde?—I did not.
81,258. But your name is down there?—My employer, who I was working for at that time, got me put down.
81,259. He told you he had done it?—Yes.
81,260. You did not send to have your name struck out?—No.
81,261. Who did it for you?—Robert Foster of Scale Lane.
81,262. And you expected to be paid some money, either at or after the election?—Yes, I did.

William Smith.

WILLIAM SMITH sworn, and examined.

81,263. Where do you live?—Adelaide Street.
81,264. What is your business?—A painter.
81,265. What rent do you pay?—£5 10*s.*
81,266. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
81,267. When were you made a freeman?—I think it was in 1839.
81,268. At the expense of the blues or the orange?—The orange.
81,269. Did you vote for them, in consequence, at the next election?—No; I did not vote for them at the next election.
81,270. Did you not vote for Clay and Thompson?—No; Hanmer and James.
81,271. Why was that?—I was working with an employer.
81,272. The others paid for your freedom?—I was working for my employer, who was on the other side, and I felt rather bound to do it; that is all.
81,273. Did you pay back your freedom money?—I never was asked for it.
81,274. But you might have gone and offered it?—I never knew where it was paid.
81,275. You knew when they paid it that they meant you to vote for them?—I never asked any one for it.
81,276. You signed a paper, did you not?—I do not know; I will not be sure. If I did it is out of my memory.
81,277. And you voted against them?—Yes.
81,278. What money did you get for that?—£2 10*s.*
81,279. At the next election, in 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay and Brown.
81,280. How much money did you get for that?—£2 9*s.*
81,281. Were you a runner?—Yes.
81,282. Who paid you?—I am sure I do not know. I got it at two different places.
81,283. Were you of the party at the Baltic?—Yes.
81,284. At the last election you were down as a runner?—Yes; on Mr. Hodgson's list.
81,285. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
81,286. How much money did you get for that?—Nothing. I was set down as a runner.
81,287. You were set down to be paid?—Yes.
81,288. And expected to get some money at or after the election?—Yes.

J. B. Spencer.

JOHN BARKER SPENCER sworn, and examined.

81,289. Where do you live?—New George Street.
81,290. What is your business?—A labourer.
81,291. What rent do you pay?—About 7*l.*
81,292. When were you made a freeman?—I never was a freeman.
81,293. You have been a voter?—Yes.
81,294. How do you vote, if you only pay 7*l.* rent?—I was placed in different circumstances at that time. I paid a larger rent.
81,295. At the election in 1841 did you vote?—No; I never was able to vote before the last election.
81,296. Then I believe you went to get put down on Mr. Wilde's list?—I never went at all.
81,297. You authorized somebody to do it?—No. The man that solicited my vote told me—after I had promised—told me he would get my name set down. He told me he had, and I know nothing at all further about it.
81,298. He told you that he had done it?—Yes.
81,299. Was that before the election?—After I promised my vote.
81,300. Who was it?—John Roberts.

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81,301. Then you voted for Clay and Goderich?—Yes.

81,302. And at the time you voted you expected to be paid at or after the election?—I was not acquainted with the voting proceedings, as I had only been four years in Hull, and from what I learnt about putting down as a runner, I expected there was something for me. I never was called on, and never knew anything about it.

81,303. You expected there would be something for you?—Yes.

81,304. Where did you live when you voted?—At York Street.

81,305. What rent did you pay then?—£12.

William Turvey.

WILLIAM TURVEY sworn, and examined.

81,306. Where do you live?—No. 12, Adelaide Street.

81,307. What business are you?—A pianoforte maker.

81,308. What rent do you pay?—I am paying 16*l.* now.

81,309. Are you also a freeman?—Yes.

81,310. When were you made a freeman?—In 1826.

81,311. In 1841 did you vote for Clay and Thompson?—I believe I voted singly for Thompson, to the best of my recollection.

81,312. You were a runner for him, were you not?—No.

81,313. Were you not a runner at that election?—No, not to my knowledge.

81,314. Did you receive any money?—Not one farthing.

81,315. Neither at nor after his election?—No; none at all.

81,316. At the next election, in 1847, who did you vote for?—Singly for Brown.

81,317. Did you receive any money then?—No, not one halfpenny. I have two wages tickets in my pocket; presents that were presented to me by Mark Duffill. (*Handing in two cards.*)

81,318. 5*s.* tickets?—Yes.

81,319. What did you get them for?—I never got a halfpenny.

81,320. What did you get the tickets for?—I did not interfere at all in that election. I was not even canvassed by any one until about noon of the election day, when I was going to tender my vote. I met Mark Duffill, and he asked me who I was going to vote for. I said I was going to give a single vote for Brown.

81,321. What did you get those tickets for?—I got them expecting that they would pay me. If they offered to pay me 5*s.*, I should receive it.

81,322. Why did you not receive it?—Because they refused it. It is natural to make some little inquiry about it—about the 5*s.* I never got a halfpenny, and I thought it was no use making much bother about it.

81,323. I suppose the inquiry you made was after you voted?—Yes. I did not get the tickets until after I voted. Mark Duffill went with me to vote; he saw me vote, and afterwards he took me to the Bull and Sun, and John Walker presented me these tickets.

81,324. Had not Duffill spoken to you about them when you went up to the booth?—I did not understand the nature of what he was speaking about. He said, after I voted, "Come along with me."

81,325. What did he say before you voted?—Nothing at all with reference to any payment or tickets whatever. I was acquainted with the man. I had frequently seen him, and I thought merely it was a casual interest which he possessed, which caused him to go to the polling booth and see me vote.

81,326. How long after you voted did he give you these tickets?—Immediately. We went from the polling booth down to the Bull and Sun, and they were given to me.

81,327. I do not understand why they did not pay you?—Nor I either. I have no notion of men making propositions and not fulfilling them.

81,328. You voted the right way, did you not?—I voted according to the dictates of my own conscience, fancying, from what Mr. Brown spoke in a few words, that he appeared to be a most straightforward candidate, as far as I could judge.

81,329. Did you vote in accordance with these tickets?—I voted for Mr. Brown, but not in accordance with these tickets.

81,330. The tickets are for Mr. Brown?—Yes.

81,331. As you went up to poll did he not say it would be all right afterwards?—No; I do not recollect any such expression.

81,332. Something of that kind?—No; I do not recollect any such expression.

81,333. You say Mark Duffill spoke to you?—He spoke to me in passing over Mytongate Bridge. He says, "Mr. Turvey, have you voted?" I said, "No; I am just going to vote." "Who are you going to vote for?" That is the first time I saw any one connected with electioneering matters.

81,334. He asked, "Who are you going to vote for"?—I told you before, he said, "I will go with you;" and he took me from the polling booth to the Bull and Sun, and John Walker gave me these two tickets.

81,335. When you voted, did you expect to have anything at all?—Nothing at all. I had no notion.

81,336. Did that take you by surprise?—Yes; I must confess I felt somewhat surprised.

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81,337. Did you take those tickets anywhere to get the money?—Yes.

81,338. Where did you take them to get the money?—I made an application at some room; I think somewhere in Chariot Street, where they told me they were paying the men. I never could find any gentleman of the committee paying money, consequently I put them in my pocket, and they have laid in a drawer ever since.

81,339. Did you know Mr. Mitchell, the tobacconist?—Yes.

81,340. He paid those tickets, I believe?—I do not know.

81,341. Did you apply to him?—I do not recollect applying to him personally.

81,342. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

81,343. You were put down as a runner in one or two places, I believe?—Yes; I was put down, I believe, in two places. I found I was on Mr. Wilde's list, and I was on the list for Osborn Street.

81,344. When you got down on those lists you expected you would be paid for it at some time?—Yes.

81,345. That was not against your conscience?—No.

Robert Watkinson.

ROBERT WATKINSON sworn, and examined.

81,346. Where do you live?—Wentworth Street, Drypool.

81,347. What business are you?—A shipwright.

81,348. What rent do you pay?—Six guineas.

81,349. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

81,350. When were you made a freeman?—In 1841.

81,351. Or 1839?—No; 1841, I believe.

81,352. At whose expense?—My own expense.

81,353. Did you vote at that election?—No.

81,354. In 1847 who did you vote for?—No one. I was not at home.

81,355. At the last election, in 1852, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

81,356. And I believe you got your name set down in Mr. Wilde's list?—I got my name set down in Bishop Lane.

81,357. And you expected to get some money at or after the election?—I was set down as a runner.

81,358. And you expected to get some money for it?—Yes.

John Butler.

JOHN BUTLER sworn, and examined.

81,359. Where do you live?—Dock Street.

81,360. What business are you?—A master tailor.

81,361. What rent do you pay?—£11 10*s.*

81,362. Are you a freeman?—No.

81,363. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—I cannot remember.

81,364. Did you vote in 1841?—Yes.

81,365. Who for?—I think it was for Thompson.

81,366. Did you receive any money for your vote?—No; not a farthing.

81,367. Did you receive any money at all?—No.

81,368 At the next election, in 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines, I believe.

81,369. Did you receive any money then?—No, nothing.

81,370. At or after the election?—No, nothing.

81,371. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

81,372. Had you got your name set down at Wilde's?—No.

81,373. Did you get your name set down as a runner anywhere?—No.

81,374. Nowhere at all?—I never got my name set down for anything this last election.

81,375. Were you paid any money?—Nothing.

81,376. Did you get any money in 1841, from Stark?—I got 5*s.*; that is all I ever got at Mr. Clay's election.

81,377. How does that agree with what you swore just now; that you never got a farthing?—I never got anything that last election.

81,378. I asked you distinctly as to 1841, just as well as the last election, and you said positively you got nothing?—I never got anything but 5*s.* I got set down as a runner.

81,379. And you got paid 5*s.*?—Yes.

81,380. Who by?—Some one in Parliament Street.

81,381. Who did you run for?—It was for Mr. Clay.

81,382. And you voted for Mr. Clay, did you not?—Yes; Clay and Baines.

81,383. You are upon your oath, remember?—I have not kept account of any of them, and I do not remember.

81,384. Perhaps you can remember whether you received any money at any of the elections?—I never received anything but 5*s.*; that is all that I ever received.

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81,385. You said you were not set down for the orange at the last election; were you set down for the blues?—Yes; for the blues I was.

81,386. As a runner?—No; I was set down for a clerk.

81,387. At the last election did you vote for Moore and Butler?—No.

HENRY HARGRAVE sworn, and examined.

Henry Hargrave.

81,388. Where do you live?—Parker Street.

81,389. What is your business?—A silk mercer.

81,390. What rent do you pay?—£15.

81,391. Are you a freeman?—No.

81,392. At the election of 1841, were you entitled to vote?—Yes.

81,393. Did you vote for Clay and Thompson at that election?—Yes; I think I did.

81,394. Did you get some money?—Yes. I was put on at a committee room; to attend a committee room at Bramham's, in Whitefriars Gate.

81,395. Did Mr. Stark put you on his list?—I do not know who sent me. I was sent by the committee to take charge of the committee room in Whitefriars Gate, and there was a runner with me. We had nothing to do. The people came up, and applied to know if their names were here and there.

81,396. And applied for their names to be set down?—Yes.

81,397. Did you put them down?—No.

81,398. What did you do?—I sent them up to the central committee room.

81,399. What did you get paid?—5*s.* a day.

81,400. For how many days?—Six days, I think there was.

81,401. What room was this?—A man of the name of Bramham kept it at that time; he is since dead.

81,402. Was it a public house?—Yes.

81,403. And you and the runner sat there?—Yes; we sat in the room.

81,404. And nobody else?—No; not a soul, except any person came up to see what we were doing; but no persons came up, scarcely.

81,405. Were you on the list of six day runners?—No; I was on no list as a runner. I was clerk there, if there was any clerk wanted.

81,406. Who employed you?—I think Mr. Jones and Mr. Galloway.

81,407. At 5*s.* a day?—Yes.

81,408. Were you paid?—Yes.

81,409. You got 30*s.* altogether?—Yes; from Mr. Galloway.

81,410. At the next election, in 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.

81,411. Did you receive any money that election?—Yes.

81,412. How much?—15*s.*

81,413. What was that for?—For being on the committee next door to us. There was a person of the name of Wharam kept a public house, and I was to be one of the committee, I suppose.

81,414. And you got 5*s.* a day?—Yes.

81,415. They do not generally pay the committee men, do they?—I do not know; I was paid; I did nothing at all; I was clerking a little there.

81,416. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

81,417. Did you get any money then?—Yes; Mr. Hodgson sent me for three weeks, and afterwards he said he would give me a sovereign out of his own pocket.

81,418. I suppose you did not care what pocket it came out of?—I did not ask him.

81,419. What was it for?—For canvassing. I was three weeks canvassing for Clay and Goderich.

81,420. Who set you on to canvass?—I set myself on to canvass.

81,421. And then you were rewarded with 1*l.*?—Yes; Mr. Hodgson said I was highly entitled to something, and he said, "Here, Hargrave, I give you this out of my own pocket."

JAMES HILTON BERNARD sworn and examined.

J. H. Bernard.

81,422. Where do you live?—No. 27, Windsor Street.

81,423. What business are you?—I am superintendent of the marine telegraph here.

81,424. Do you pay rent for a house?—Yes.

81,425. What is it?—£17 per annum.

81,426. Are you also a freeman?—No.

81,427. At which election were you first entitled to vote?—1847 was the first.

81,428. Who did you vote for?—Brown and Baines, I believe.

81,429. Did you take any part as a committee man?—Not the slightest.

81,430. Or receive any money in any way?—No.

81,431. Did any pass through your hands?—Not the slightest.

81,432. Did you pay any voters?—No, I did not.

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81,433. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
81,434. Were you on any committee?—No.
81,435. I believe you managed one of the clearing houses?—I was there.
81,436. Did you understand the scheme?—No, I did not; only from what was explained to me.
81,437. Did you receive any money?—I did.
81,438. What did you get?—I believe it was 1*l.* I received for the day's service. I was only there one day; the day of the election.
81,439. I suppose you can hardly tell what you did?—Yes; I know well what I did.
81,440. What did you do?—The form of proceeding was, a lot of runners came to the room and brought the reports.
81,441. Who appointed you to this place?—I believe I first applied to Mr. Ash.
81,442. What for?—I was not particularly engaged at the time, and I heard there were lots of situations, or not exactly situations, but employment, and I thought I might as well have some.
81,443. Was that a little before the election?—I believe it was a day or two only before the election.
81,444. Mr. Ash was one of the committee?—Yes, I think he was.
81,445. Did he send for you, and offer you this place?—I believe he did.
81,446. And you promised your vote to them, I suppose?—I had promised previous to that to Mr. Bramley Moore and Mr. Butler, when they called to solicit.
81,447. When did you get paid the 1*l.*?—A few days after the election; perhaps ten days.
81,448. Where were you paid the 1*l.*?—At Mr. Ash's office.
81,449. Did you receive any other money?—Five shillings, which I paid for getting two flags made, and they paid me afterwards.
81,450. I suppose the flags were blue?—Yes.
81,451. They were made by some of the ladies in your house?—Yes.
81,452. Were you the superintendent of the telegraph at that time?—Yes, I was.
81,453. How did you manage the business?—We were repairing one of the stations, and were interrupted.
81,454. You could not use it?—No, we could not.
81,455. And so you applied for employment?—Yes.
81,456. You applied some days before?—Yes.
81,457. They might have sent for you?—Yes, they might.
81,458. I want to know whether you paid anybody to take your place?—No, I did not; the communication was interrupted at that time in consequence of a warehouse being built between the two stations. It is a semaphoric telegraph.
81,459. I suppose that you receive from it a regular pay:—Yes.
81,460. By the week?—No; I get it annually.

John Smith.

JOHN SMITH sworn, and examined.

81,461. Where do you live?—Kingston Court, Blanket Row.
81,462. What business are you?—A messenger for the Bankruptcy Court.
81,463. What rent do you pay?—£10.
81,464. When were you made a freeman?—I never was a freeman.
81,465. At which election were you first entitled to vote as a householder?—I never did vote.
81,466. Did you make anybody else vote?—No.
81,467. Did you pay any money to anybody?—No.
81,468. Did you take any people up to vote?—No.
81,469. Was a room taken at your house?—No.
81,470. Cannot you tell us something about the election?—I was not engaged in the least with it.
81,471. Not at all?—No.
81,472. Either of the others?—I was messenger at the other, for the South Myton committee.
81,473. But had no vote?—No.

G. P. Bell.

GEORGE PARKINSON BELL sworn, and examined.

81,474. Where do you live?—Upon the Hessle Road.
81,475. What business are you?—A coal dealer.
81,476. What rent do you pay?—I am in lodgings at present in Alfred Street.
81,477. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
81,478. When were you made a freeman?—In 1818.
81,479. At the election of 1841 did you vote?—Yes.

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81,480. Who for?—The blues.

81,481. Did you receive any money for your vote?—Six months after I had a sovereign brought to my house by a gentleman of the name of Milner.

81,482. In 1847, who did you vote for?—The blues.

81,483. Mr. Brown, do you mean?—Mr. Brown and Mr. Clay, I believe; but I am not certain.

81,484. Did you not receive some money from Mr. Brown?—Yes; 10*s.*, a fortnight after.

81,485. Did you receive any from Mr. Clay?—I got that 10*s.*, about a fortnight after, paid by a man of the name of Conkerton, a painter.

81,486. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

81,487. Were you set down as a runner?—No.

81,488. Did you get any money?—No.

81,489. None at all?—Nothing.

81,490. Did you get any promise?—No; I considered myself an independent burgess, and I voted so.

Mr. J. Stubbing.

Mr. John Stubbing sworn, and examined.

81,491. Are you a brewer living at Hedon?—Yes.

81,492. Have you lived there many years?—Fourteen or fifteen.

81,493. Are you a voter in this borough?—No.

81,494. Have you never been?—I was at one or two elections; I think as a householder, when I lived in Hull.

81,495. Were you in 1841?—No, I was not.

81,496. Then it was before 1841?—Yes.

81,497. Have you taken an interest for the blue party at the elections in Hull?—A little; not a great deal since 1841.

81,498. Did you take any part in the election of 1841?—Yes; I took a little.

81,499. Did you make the arrangements for the Hedon voters in 1841?—Not the whole of them.

81,500. For some of them; for such as voted for the blue party?—No; I did not make the whole of them. I began with them, and some other parties began to interfere, and then I gave up, and did nothing more in it.

81,501. Can you tell me what the arrangement was in 1841 with them?—As to what?

81,502. As to the payment of money?—There had been no arrangement whatever with the voters, as to the payment of money.

81,503. Do you mean that they were not paid money, as for travelling expenses?—No, decidedly not; they never were dealt with in that way at all. The practice always has been, that these men have been pretty well treated, and after the election they sometimes had half a sovereign, and sometimes a sovereign a man; but there was never any arrangement made previous to the election.

81,504. Has it been the usual course that men should be treated, that is, given refreshments and brought to Hull?—Yes.

81,505. And after the election, that they should receive a sum of money?—Generally they have some, but there never has been any arrangement; it has always been left to the committee to settle after what they should have, and upon some occasions they have had 10*s.* a man, and some others 12*s.* a man.

81,506. Then they have been treated, not individually, but as a party?—Yes; as a party.

81,507. Were they so treated in 1841?—Yes, they were.

81,508. Were they upon that occasion treated and brought to Hull, and did they after the election receive a sum of money?—I believe so. I did not pay the men in 1841.

81,509. What part in that arrangement did you take?—I am sure I am not able to say what part in the arrangement I should take; I should take the principal part in the commencement of the arrangement.

81,510. That is, you canvassed the men?—Yes.

81,511. And obtained their names or promises?—Yes.

81,512. That was upon the understanding that they should be treated in the ordinary way?—That might be the understanding, but there never would be anything of that kind pass. We had gone on for several years together, and we understood one another; and I believe the fact was, that I set down a good many names without having asked them at all as to their promises.

81,513. When you did obtain a promise from any one of the men, it was understood between you and him that the ordinary course would follow?—They might understand it, but it would be taken as a matter of course.

81,514. For both sides?—Yes.

81,515. Supposing you did not intend to take that course, and did not intend to pay them, you would tell them so, would you not?—I do not know, for paying them, if they had not been intended to be paid, whether I should tell them or not.

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81,516. Would not that be the fair course, considering the understanding at Hedon?—I do not think it was understood they would be paid for their votes.

81,517. But that they would be paid a sum of money?—I do not know that that was the understanding; I am not certain; but it strikes me, that there have been elections where they have had nothing.

81,518. Were they not dissatisfied?—I cannot say that they were; I am now speaking only from memory.

81,519. You took no part in 1841 in the payment?—No.

81,520. How many voters do you think voted for the blue party upon that occasion at Hedon?—I cannot say; there were a good many more than now.

81,521. How many, as far as you can give us?—I should think near thirty, and I should not be surprised if it was more than thirty.

81,522. And you understood at the time that they were treated in the ordinary way?—Yes.

81,523. And paid something afterwards?—Yes; I suppose they would be.

81,524. Who were the parties that took the arrangement out of your hands?—Mr. Hammond came from Hull.

81,525. Mr. Charles Hammond?—No; Mr. Thomas Hammond.

81,526. Who else?—I do not recollect anybody else. It was not exactly taken out of my hands, but he ordered the supper and took the arrangements, and sent for me, and I did not go.

81,527. Do you know what they did get?—I believe they got a sovereign each, but that I only know from what I have heard from them.

81,528. You have heard some of the men say that they have had it?—Yes, I have.

81,529. At the election of 1847, did you take part for Mr. Brown?—No; I did not take any part in the least.

81,530. Did you know that the men were treated in the ordinary way?—I have understood that they were, but I have never taken the least part in it.

81,531. On looking at that list, can you recognize it as a list of the Hedon voters (*handing a list to the witness*)?—Yes.

81,532. Do you know at all who did make the arrangement in 1847?—Mr. Iveson and Mr. Park.

81,533. Did you take no part in it?—Not the slightest.

81,534. I understand that you took no part in the election of 1847 at all?—Not the least.

81,535. At the last election did you take any part?—I did.

81,536. What arrangement did you make with them upon that occasion?—I did not make any arrangement with the burgesses upon that occasion. I was not the principal in the arrangement upon that occasion.

81,537. Who was?—Mr. Iveson.

81,538. What was the course pursued this time?—They were treated as usual.

81,539. Was any communication made to them that they would not be paid?—No; I think not. I am not aware that there was.

81,540. Do you know whether they were paid?—I believe not.

81,541. Have you heard them express disappointment at not being paid?—I have heard something said. They sometimes asked me when they were going to be paid, and expressions of that kind.

81,542. From what you heard in Hedon, have you any doubt that they did expect to be paid when they came here?—I think it was doubtful at the time. I think it was generally understood at the time that economy would be more the order of the day than had been. I think it was understood among them that the pay would be very doubtful.

81,543. You say that economy would be the order of the day; you do not say purity?—I do not know. I think I could not improve upon it.

81,544. Have you not heard in Hedon the men expressing disappointment at not being paid?—I have not heard any expression of disappointment exactly.

81,545. Do you know whether any of them have not actually asked for payment since?—I think not, in any direct way. I think several of them have asked me when they would be getting anything, and expressions of that kind.

81,546. Is it any part of the system at Hedon to feed these men, and treat them at other times than at elections; for instance at Christmas?—No; not at all.

81,547. Have you ever given them a supper at Christmas?—No.

81,548. A little beer?—No.

81,549. Have you never given them refreshments at Christmas, and at the same time made a payment of 10*s.* each, for the purpose of keeping them together?—No. There was a payment of 10*s.* each to them upon one occasion. I cannot recollect what it was about, but it was either the Queen's marriage day or birth day, or something of that kind.

81,550. What year was that?—I do not recollect what year it was.

81,551. Was it since 1841?—I am not sure about that; but that is the only time that there has been anything of that kind.

81,552. The Queen's birth day was a sufficient excuse, but it was for the purpose of an election, was it not?—I do not know that it was for the purpose of the election, but it was given to those men who usually voted for the blues.

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81,553. Do you know who gave it to them?—Yes.
81,554. Who was it?—I paid it myself to them.
81,555. Cannot you recollect what year it was?—No, I cannot.
81,556. Was it close before, or after any election?—No, I do not think it was. I remember the circumstance perfectly well, and I have tried and asked a great many people to refresh my memory, but I cannot recollect when it was.
81,557. You cannot recollect whether it was about the time of the 1841 election, or not?—No, I cannot; all I recollect about the affair is, that there was something of a public nature going on at Hedon at the time. I know there was a service at the church, and I was called out of church to have the money given to me.
81,558. Who gave it you then?—Mr. Wilkinson.
81,559. Which Mr. Wilkinson?—Mr. Charles Wilkinson.
81,560. It was not your own money?—No.
81,561. It came from the party?—I suppose so.
81,562. How far is Hedon from Hull?—About five miles and a half.
81,563. I suppose the expense of getting to and fro is not above 18*d.* or 2*s.*?—18*d.* or 2*s.* each way. There are conveyances that would come for less, but that is the coach fare.
81,564. 10*s.* a man you have spoken of; that would leave a good surplus over the actual expenses?—Yes.

Mr. G. R. Park.

Mr. Godfrey Richard Park sworn, and examined.

81,565. Are you a householder, living at Hedon?—Yes.
81,566. How long have you lived there?—I have been in practice there about ten years.
81,567. Are you a voter for this borough?—No.
81,568. You took no part in the election of 1841?—None whatever.
81,569. You were not there?—No, I was not there.
81,570. In the election of 1847, did you take a part?—Yes, I did.
81,571. Was that on behalf of Mr. Brown?—No; on behalf of Mr. Baines.
81,572. Were you retained?—I was retained by one or two of his committee.
81,573. Was that to make the arrangements for the Hedon voters?—It was.
81,574. And did you make the arrangements?—I did.
81,575. On behalf of Mr. Baines' committee?—Yes.
81,576. Who were the persons who retained you?—I cannot say exactly who. I believe Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Bright and Mr. Carrick were present, and some more. I cannot say which of them instructed me to make the canvass.
81,577. Where was it?—I believe at the George Inn.
81,578. In Hull?—Yes.
81,579. What instructions did they give you?—They wished me to make a canvass of the voters, and if they would vote for Mr. Baines, to make an agreement for bringing them to the poll.
81,580. What else?—That was pretty nearly all.
81,581. Did they tell you if the men wanted money they were to have it?—I gave them to understand there would be certain expenses.
81,582. You mean by that, certain expenses in paying the men?—In getting them to the poll.
81,583. What did you say?—I cannot recollect what I said.
81,584. What did they say to you in answer?—They said they should pay all reasonable expenses.
81,585. Did you understand at all that you were shut off from influencing the men by payment?—I made no payment before the election.
81,586. Never mind before or after; I am asking you as to their instructions?—No; there was nothing of that sort in my instructions.
81,587. You were not forbidden to use money as a means of influencing the voters?—No; that never was mentioned at all. I do not suppose that that was thought of.
81,588. Did you then proceed to canvass the Hedon voters?—Yes.
81,589. Would that be the list of the persons who voted on that occasion (*handing a list to the witness*)?—Yes; I suppose it would.
81,590. What arrangement did you make?—I made an arrangement that the actual expenses of conveying the voters to the poll, should be paid half by Mr. Baines and half by Mr. Brown; and that agreement was carried out.
81,591. Did you make the arrangement that these parties should have refreshments?—Yes.
81,592. At Hedon and at Hull?—Yes.
81,593. That they should be brought here free of expense to themselves?—Yes.
81,594. And that they should be paid afterwards?—I did not make any arrangement with them about paying them afterwards.
81,595. You said nothing about it?—No.
81,596. Is that so?—To the best of my recollection it is so.
81,597. Did you see anybody on behalf of Mr. Brown's committee, to make arrangements

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with them?—What arrangements I made, I made with Mr. Iveson, who was acting for Mr. Brown.

81,598. And Mr. Brown was to pay half of the expenses?—Yes.

81,599. Did you and Mr. Iveson arrange that you were each of you to pay the men a guinea apiece?—We arranged to pay them a pound each; that is to say, 10*s.* from each candidate.

81,600. That was for each vote?—Yes.

81,601. Then the men who voted for Mr. Baines, according to that, were to get from Mr. Baines refreshments and their carriage?—Yes.

81,602. And how much money?—10*s.*

81,603. Did you understand that that was the ordinary course of proceeding with the Hedon voters?—I had never had anything to do with an election before, but I believe it was.

81,604. The men had the refreshments and were brought to Hull?—Yes; they had a breakfast and were brought to Hull.

81,605. Where they afterwards paid?—They were afterwards paid.

81,606. Who paid them?—I paid them the 10*s.*

81,607. For Mr. Baines?—Yes.

81,608. Where?—At Hedon.

81,609. How long after the election?—I do not know; it would be some few weeks after, perhaps.

81,610. Did they come to you to be paid?—I let them understand that I had this money for them, and they very soon came for it, in the course of a day or two.

81,611. They did not seem to express any surprise at it?—No, I am not aware that they did.

81,612. Was it not treated as the ordinary course, both by them and by you, that they should be paid?—They had no understanding from me of what they should get.

81,613. Nothing was said?—No.

81,614. Did it not seem to you that it was the understanding at Hedon, that they always should have something?—I was under the impression that they always had had something, and they possibly looked for it again.

81,615. Did they not seem to expect it?—I cannot say that.

81,616. Did they express any surprise when you gave them the money?—I cannot say that they did.

81,617. You paid them 10*s.* each?—Yes; such as voted for Mr. Baines.

81,618. Was Mr. Iveson present when you paid your 10*s.*?—No.

81,619. Where was his paid?—I do not know where his was paid. I paid mine at my office.

81,620. Then you do not know that his were paid?—No.

81,621. Have you heard from the men that they were paid?—I do not know that I have; but I have no doubt that they have been paid.

81,622. Would this, in your judgment, be the list of men who were paid (*list marked F.*)?—Yes; I should say so.

81,623. Were there any men who plumped for Mr. Baines?—No, I believe not.

81,624. Have you a list of the persons that you paid?—Yes, I have a list of the persons that I paid.

81,625. Are there none that voted only for Mr. Baines?—I believe not; there is one that I believe voted only for Mr. Brown.

81,626. There was one, you think, plumped for Brown?—Yes. I think you will find him in that list.

81,627. He was paid the whole pound for Mr. Brown, was he not?—I suppose he would be; he got nothing from me.

81,628. At the last election of 1852, did you take part again?—No, not the slightest.

81,629. Had you nothing to do with it?—Nothing to do with it.

81,630. And knew nothing of it?—And knew nothing of it.

81,631. The only election in which you have been engaged, is the one in 1847?—Yes; the only one.

Mr. A. Iveson.

Mr. Arthur Iveson sworn, and examined.

81,632. What is your profession?—An attorney at law.

81,633. At Hedon?—Yes.

81,634. How long have you lived there?—I was born there, and have been there ever since.

81,635. Are you a voter for this borough?—No.

81,636. Have you ever been?—No.

81,637. Did you take any part in the election of 1841?—Yes.

81,638. What part did you take in the election of 1841?—The part I took in the election of 1841, was to canvass as many as I could for the blues.

81,639. Were you engaged to make the arrangement?—No, I was not an agent at all.

81,640. Did you, in point of fact, make any arrangement with the voters?—I never made any arrangement with the voters in 1841 at all.

81,641. You knew nothing of the money part of the business?—No.

81,642. In 1847, did you take any part?—Yes; I was engaged for Mr. Brown.

81,643. Who engaged you?—Mr. Wells.

81,644. Mr. Robert Wells, the solicitor?—Yes.

81,645. What were your instructions?—My instructions were to canvass the Hedon voters, and obtain as many votes as I could for Mr. Brown, which I did.

81,646. Were there any further instructions?—No.

81,647. Had you before that heard of the ordinary system of securing the Hedon voters?—I knew of the system.

81,648. Do you agree with the last witness that that was to give them refreshments, bearing them free of expense, and to pay them after the election was over a sum of money?—Yes.

81,649. And that was understood by the voters as well as by you?—Yes.

81,650. It was the ordinary course?—Yes.

81,651. You had no instructions restricting you from that ordinary course in 1847?—No.

81,652. Did you proceed to act upon your understanding of that system?—In 1847 the voters were met at a public house in Hedon, the Sir Charles Saunders. I went there, and engaged as many as I could to vote plumpers for Mr. Brown.

81,653. Did they seem to act as if they were a party?—How do you mean as a party?

81,654. You had not to act with each man separately, but they all acted upon the same agreement?—No; I acted with each man separately. I called each man out into the yard to canvass him.

81,655. Did they seem to you to have met at that public house for the purpose of making their electioneering arrangements?—I believe they met there at that public house that night from some person calling them on behalf of Mr. Baines, but who it was I do not know as a fact.

81,656. But they were met for that purpose?—Yes; met at that house; and as soon as I received my instructions I went there.

81,657. How many did you secure to vote plumpers for Mr. Brown?—I think twenty-five, with this understanding, that after I made use of them for Mr. Brown, that they should be at liberty, if I said so, to vote for Mr. Baines.

81,658. If you gave them leave?—Yes; my scheme was to get plumpers; to come over to Hull and get those plumpers to split with plumpers of Mr. Baines, so as to secure Mr. Brown's election.

81,659. That agreement they entered into?—Yes.

81,660. Twenty-five of them?—Yes; I think that was the number.

81,661. What were they to be paid?—I did not agree with them for any payment at all.

81,662. Was nothing said about it?—No.

81,663. Did those men afterwards vote for Brown and Baines?—No; they did not.

81,664. Who did they vote for?—Five of them voted plumpers for Brown, and the rest split with Baines.

81,665. Was that by your express leave or instructions?—Yes.

81,666. Did you make an arrangement with Mr. Park or Mr. Stubbing, or anybody for Mr. Baines?—No; I made no arrangement?—No.

81,667. You made no arrangement at all?—No.

81,668. Is that a list of persons that voted upon that occasion (*handing list* F. *to the witness*)?—Yes.

81,669. Were those persons treated and brought here free of expense, and did they not afterwards receive a payment on behalf of Mr. Brown?—Yes.

81,670. Who paid them?—I did not, all of them.

81,671. Where?—At Hedon.

81,672. How much did you pay them?—Ten shillings apiece for the single vote, and 1*l.* for a plumper; I only paid one plumper. These four plumpers were paid by some other person, not by me.

81,673. Are they Hedon voters?—They are Hedon voters, resident at Paul.

81,674. They were paid by somebody else?—Yes; they were paid by Mr. Stephenson.

81,675. Did you obtain the money from Mr. Brown's committee?—I have tried to charge my memory with who I received the money from, but I cannot.

81,676. You rendered an account, and was paid?—Yes; I got 27*l.* 8*s.*

81,677. That was paid on behalf of Mr. Brown?—Yes; but I do not know how.

81,678. And no objection was made as to the mode in which you had expended it?—No; I suppose that was the account I rendered.

81,679. Those payments would be within your instructions, as far as you understood them?—There were no instructions as to the payment of the voters at all before the election.

81,680. But you understood it so?—It is a regular understood thing that they do receive a pound a burgess.

81,681. Those payments would be within your understanding of the instructions that you received?—Yes.

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81,682. And no objection was taken afterwards?—No.
81,683. At the last election did you take any part?—Yes.
81,684. Was that for the blue candidates?—Yes.
81,685. Who instructed you upon that occasion?—Mr. Wells.
81,686. Did he give you any particular instructions?—He did.
81,687. What were they?—He gave me instructions to canvass for Moore and Butler, and he gave me particular instructions as to any bribery or treating.
81,688. What did he say about that?—That there was neither to be any bribery or treating at all.
81,689. Was that all he said?—Yes.
81,690. Did you ask him for any explanation of that; how far you were to go?— No.
81,691. You were to act on your own judgment as to what bribery and treating was?—Yes; just so.
81,692. Did he furnish you clauses of the Bribery Act?—I do not recollect whether he did or not.
81,693. They seem to have been current at the time?—They were.
81,694. How did you proceed to act on your instructions?—I canvassed the burgesses, and never promised them anything.
81,695. Did you tell them the ordinary system at Hedon was to be departed from upon this occasion?—I told them I would have nothing to do with any treating or head money.
81,696. What did they say to that?—I do not know; they seemed all agreeable that it should be so.
81,697. I suppose they thought it would come in another shape?—I do not know what they thought.
81,698. You told them that was so?—Yes.
81,699. Did they promise to vote for you?—Yes.
81,700. How many?—That I cannot tell.
81,701. Did you give them a breakfast?—No.
81,702. Did they not have any refreshment at Hedon?—Yes; they had.
81,703. Was that paid for by the party?—Not by me.
81,704. You know that it was paid for by the party?—I do not know that it was paid for at all.
81,705. Do you know that the voters themselves did not pay for it?—I believe not; I do not know that they did not.
81,706. What did you do to carry out your instructions; only canvass them and leave them?—I merely canvassed them.
81,707. And then left them?—And then left them.
81,708. Do you know at all who took the after arrangements?—I think Mr. Stubbing interfered with them, but I do not know from whence he received his instructions.
81,709. Then they had a breakfast or refreshment at Hedon?—Yes.
81,710. And were brought to Hull free of expense?—Yes.
81,711. And they had more refreshment in Hull?—For anything I know.
81,712. Do you believe that they had?—I do not know anything about it; I never heard it.
81,713. Did they have anything upon the road?—That I do not know; I came here early in the morning, being the agent for the Lowgate booth.
81,714. Have they been paid anything since?—Not by me.
81,715. Any head money?—No.
81,716. Have you ever heard that they have?—No; I believe that they have not.
81,717. Not even their expenses of coming?—No; I think there was a carriage sent for them, and they came in and went back again.
81,718. Have you heard them complaining at all?—No.
81,719. None of them have ever complained to you that they have not been paid?—No.

Robert Kyme.

ROBERT KYME sworn, and examined.

81,720. Where do you live?—At Hedon.
81,721. What business are you?—A cordwainer.
81,722. And a voter for this borough?—Yes.
81,723. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
81,724. How long have you been a freeman?—Ever since 1816.
81,725. What rent do you pay?—No rent; I am in an hospital.
81,726. Did you live at Hedon since the year 1841?—I did.
81,727. Who did yote for?—I am sure I cannot say, but I always voted for the blues.
81,728. Then that would be for Hanmer and James?—Yes; I never voted any other colour.
81,729. Were you paid any money yourself at that election?—I am sure I cannot say exactly, but I think I got a sovereign.
81,730. Who do you think you got it from?—I am sure I cannot say.

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81,731. Where do you think it was paid?—It would be paid in Hedon.

81,732. Did you at all assist in getting other people to vote at Hedon?—No; I did not.

81,733. Did you assist in paying other people?—No, I did not; I was not of that quality.

81,734. Were you ever employed by Mr. Stubbing?—No.

81,735. Did you assist him at all?—No.

81,736. Not in paying the Hedon voters?—No; I never had any money pass through my hands.

81,737. What was your sovereign for that you got?—For my expenses from Hedon to Hull, and from Hull to Hedon again.

81,738. Did you walk here?—No; it was not likely that a man with a wooden leg could walk here.

81,739. Did they bring you here?—I came here with a conveyance the election day morning.

81,740. And you did not pay for it?—No; I paid nothing.

81,741. Did they give you some breakfast, dinner, and luncheon?—There was a breakfast, I believe, but no dinner.

81,742. In the year 1847, who did you vote for?—The blues still.

81,743. Who was that, Mr. Brown; did you vote for Brown and Baines?—Yes; I think I should.

81,744. You were brought here upon that occasion, were you not?—Yes.

81,745. And had your refreshments?—Yes.

81,746. And were you paid 10*s.* for Mr. Baines and 10*s.* for Mr. Brown?—Yes.

81,747. Did you take any part in paying the others?—No; I never took any part of that kind.

81,748. At the last election who did you vote for; did you vote for the blues again?—Yes; I never voted for anybody else.

81,749. Did you come from Hedon upon this occasion?—Yes.

81,750. Who canvassed you?—Mr. Iveson and Mr. Park, I believe.

81,751. Did they at all tell you that there was to be a different system this time?—There was nothing mentioned of the system.

81,752. When you came did you expect to get your money, as you always had done?—No; I never looked for it.

81,753. Why not?—Things began to be worse in that department.

81,754. It has been getting worse and worse?—It has been getting worse and worse, and it is getting worse still.

81,755. Did you think it was so bad then that you would get nothing?—I did think so.

81,756. Have you never asked for anything since?—The last election I have got nothing, but the middle one I got 10*s.* from Mr. Arthur Iveson, and 10*s.* from Mr. Park.

81,757. I am asking as to the last election; did you, after the election was over, go to anybody to get any money?—No.

81,758. And never asked for it?—Never asked for it.

George Batty.

GEORGE BATTY sworn, and examined.

81,759. Do you live at Hedon?—Yes.

81,760. What business are you?—A tailor.

81,761. What rent do you pay?—I vote as a freeman, or else I pay 10*l.*

81,762. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1818, I believe.

81,763. In 1841, who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.

81,764. Were you brought to Hull free of expense?—Yes.

81,765. And had refreshments?—Yes, I had at Hedon; but I think not at Hull

81,766. Were you paid a sum of money after the election?—Yes; I was paid 10*s.* for each party for my expenses.

81,767. You were paid 1*l.*?—Yes.

81,768. You say it was for your expenses?—I expected so; there was nothing more that ever I got.

81,769. All your expenses had been paid for you, had they not?—No; I believe I had my dinner to get that day, and that is rather uncommon, and ought to be, for the election day.

81,770. Did you pay a guinea for it?—No, certainly not.

81,771. In 1847, did you vote for Baines and Brown?—Yes.

81,772. You were then brought to Hull free of expense?—Yes.

81,773. And were paid 10*s.* for each candidate?—I have made a mistake: in James and Hanmer's time, to the best of my recollection, I never got a farthing. I was running on the 1847 election. I got 10*s.* each in 1847.

81,774. Not in 1841?—Not in 1841. I may be mistaken, but I have no memorandum or anything that can bring it to my recollection.

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81,775. Will you venture to say you got nothing in 1841?—In 1841 I do not recollect that I got a farthing.

81,776. Do you recollect that you got nothing?—Nothing at all.

81,777. You are sure of that?—I am sure of that as far as my recollection goes.

81,778. At the last election, did you get any money?—No.

81,779. Did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

81,780. Were you brought here free of expense?—Yes.

81,781. And you had refreshments?—I had, at Hedon.

Archer Brown.

ARCHER BROWN sworn, and examined.

81,782. Do you live at Hedon?—Thorngreenbald at present.

81,783. That is near Hedon?—Yes.

81,784. What is your business?—Carrier and horsebreaker.

81,785. What rent do you pay?—£9.

81,786. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

81,787. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1839.

81,788. Was your freedom taken up for you?—Yes.

81,789. By which party?—The blues.

81,790. Did you vote in consequence in 1841?—Yes.

81,791. For Hanmer and James?—Yes.

81,792. Were you paid any money?—I got a sovereign after the election.

81,793. Was that as for your travelling expenses from Hedon?—Yes.

81,794. You were brought here free of expense?—I was.

81,795. And paid?—Yes.

81,796. Was that all you got?—All I got.

81,797. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.

81,798. Were you brought to Hull free of expense?—Yes.

81,799. Were you fed?—No.

81,800. Did you have no refreshment?—A little.

81,801. And were you paid 10*s.* for each of the candidates?—I got 10*s.*

81,802. From each of them?—From one party.

81,803. Did you get 10*s.* from the other?—No.

81,804. Why not?—I do not know.

81,805. Did you not ask for it?—I never asked for a penny yet.

81,806. You got 10*s.* from Mr. Brown then?—I do not know from which party it was.

81,807. Are you quite sure you only got 10*s.*?—Yes.

81,808. Have you said that the lawyer kept your money?—I do not know who kept it; I never got it.

81,809. Have you never said so?—No; I have no occasion. I do not know that he had.

81,810. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

81,811. Were you brought to Hull this time?—Yes.

81,812. Did you have refreshments?—Yes.

81,813. Did you get any money?—No.

81,814. Did you expect any when you voted?—No; I do not know that I did.

81,815. You seem to hesitate; tell me the truth, did you expect any?—I expected our expenses the same as before.

81,816. You expected to have the same as you always had?—Yes.

81,817. Did they tell you at any time you were to have it?—No; and they did not tell me I was to have them.

81,818. They never did tell you that at any election?—No.

George Brown.

GEORGE BROWN sworn, and examined.

81,819. Do you live at Hedon?—Yes.

81,820. What business are you?—I look after a coal trade.

81,821. What rent do you pay?—I do not pay any rent; it is my own house.

81,822. What is it rated at?—£10.

81,823. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

81,824. How long have you been a freeman?—I think in 1820 or 1821 I took up my freedom.

81,825. In 1841, who did you vote for?—James and Hanmer.

81,826. Were you brought to Hull free of expense?—I was.

81,827. Did you have refreshments?—I did.

81,828. Were you paid any money after the election?—Yes.

81,829. How much?—A sovereign.

81,830. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.

81,831. Were you brought to Hull free of expense?—Yes.

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81,832. And had refreshments?—Yes.
81,833. And were paid 10*s.* for each of the candidates?—Yes.
81,834. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
84,835. Were you brought to Hull free of expense?—Yes.
81,836. And had refreshments?—Yes.
81,837. Were you paid any money?—No.
81,838. At the time you voted, did you expect to have any?—No; I did not know whether they would pay for the loss of time or not. I never got any.
81,839. Did you think they would?—I rather expected they would pay me for the loss of time.
81,840. Was it according to the usual custom?—No; there was no custom at all about it. It was their own payment.

David Brown.

DAVID BROWN sworn, and examined.

81,841. Do you live at Hedon?—I do.
81,842. What business are you?—A plumber and glazier.
81,843. What rent do you pay?—Eight guineas.
81,844. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
81,845. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1820.
81,846. In 1841, who did you vote for?—I was out of the district at the time.
81,847. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay, singly.
81,848. Were you then living at Hedon?—At Hull.
81,849. Were you then paid any money?—None.
81,850. Did you get nothing from the party?—No; nothing whatever.
81,851. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
81,852. Then you were living at Hedon?—I was at Hedon.
81,853. Were you brought here free of expense?—I believe so.
81,854. You must know it?—Yes.
81,855. You had refreshments, and you were with a party of Hedon voters?—I had a small share of refreshments.
81,856. Did you have any money?—No; none whatever.
81,857. Did you understand before you came here that you were to have money?—No, I did not expect any.

William Brown.

WILLIAM BROWN sworn, and examined.

81,858. Do you live at Hedon?—Yes.
81,859. What business are you?—A cartman and carrier.
81,860. What rent do you pay?—£11.
81,861. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
81,862. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1828.
81,863. In 1841, who did you vote for?—For the blue candidates, ever since I was a voter. Hanmer and James, I believe.
81,864. Were you then living at Hedon?—No; about a mile the other side.
81,865. Were you brought to Hull free of expense?—Yes.
81,866. Did you have refreshments?—Yes.
81,867. Were you paid money after the election?—Yes.
81,868. How much?—A sovereign.
81,869. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown, I believe.
81,870. Were you then brought free of expense?—Yes.
81,871. And had refreshments?—Yes.
81,872. And paid 10*s.* for each candidate?—That is right.
81,873. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
81,874. Were you brought free of expense?—Yes.
81,875. And had refreshments?—Yes.
81,876. And no money?—Not a farthing.
81,877. Were you disappointed at that?—Rather.
81,878. You expected it?—We always had got something.
81,879. And they told you nothing to the contrary?—Yes; they gave us to understand there was a different system.
81,880. How came you to expect it?—Because we thought somebody would pay it.

Isaac Burnham.

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ISAAC BURNHAM sworn, and examined.

81,881. Where do you live?—At Preston.
81,882. Is that near Hedon?—A mile off.
81,883. What business are you?—I am no business at present.
81,884. What business were you?—A farmer.
81,885. What rent do you pay now?—It is not my rentage; I am free born.
81,886. What rent do you pay for your house, or whatever you have?—About 6*l.* or 7*l.* and taxes, I suppose.
81,887. How long have you been a freeman?—Ever since 1815, I think.
81,888. In the year 1841, who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
81,889. Were you then living at Preston?—Yes; I lived at Preston all my time.
81,890. Were you brought here free of expense?—I do not know; I rode in a coach.
81,891. You did not pay for it?—No, I never paid for it. There was a coach or something to come in. I did not know there was anything amiss, or I would have come another way.
81,892. Did they give you something to eat and drink?—No, I got nothing to eat. I think I got a glass of ale after the election time. There was a place I resorted to; I went in accidentally, and they said I was to have refreshment.
81,893. After the election, were you paid any money?—I never received anything.
81,894. Did you not receive 1*l.*?—No. I did not. With Mr. Baines and Mr. Brown. I received 10*s.* for each.
81,895. In 1841, did you receive any money?—No; I never received anything.
81,896. In 1847, did you vote for Baines and Brown?—Yes.
81,897. Were you brought here without paying for it?—I rode in with some of them.
81,898. Did they give you anything to eat and drink?—No; I was at my own expense.
81,899. Did they pay you 10*s.* apiece afterwards?—Yes; I think they paid me 10*s.* each party.
81,900. Last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
81,901. Were you brought here this time?—I think we all rode together. I did not know.
81,902. Did you get any money?—No; I got nothing at all.

David Grice.

DAVID GRICE sworn, and examined.

81,903. Where do you live?—At Hedon.
81,904. What business are you?—A labourer.
81,905. What rent do you pay?—£6.
81,906. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1839.
81,907. Was your freedom taken up for you?—Yes.
81,908. By which party?—The blues.
81,909. Did you vote for them in consequence in 1841?—Yes.
81,910. For Hanmer and James?—Yes.
81,911. Were you brought to Hull free of expense?—Yes.
81,912. And had refreshments?—Yes.
81,913. And were paid 1*l.* afterwards?—Yes.
81,914. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
81,915. Were you brought to Hull free of expense?—Yes.
81,916. And had refreshments?—Yes.
81,917. And paid 10*s.* for each candidate?—Yes.
81,918. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
81,919. Were you brought to Hull free of expense?—Yes.
81,920. And had refreshments?—Yes.
81,921. Were you paid any money?—No.
81,922. Did you expect any?—Yes.
81,923. They never told you anything contrary to the usual custom?—No.

George Hansley.

GEORGE HANSLEY sworn, and examined.

81,924. Do you live at Hedon?—Yes.
81,925. What business are you?—A tailor.
81,926. What rent do you pay?—£11.
81,927. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
81,928. How long have you been a freeman?—Fourteen or fifteen years.
81,929. Was your freedom taken up for you?—No.
81,930. In 1841, who did you vote for?—The blues.
81,931. Were you brought free of expense?—Yes.
81,932. And had refreshments?—Yes.

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81,933. Were you paid 1*l.* afterwards?—Yes.
81,934. In 1847, who did you vote for?—The blues.
81,935. Mr. Baines and Mr. Brown?—I believe so.
81,936. Were you brought free of expense?—Yes.
81,937. And had refreshments?—Yes.
81,938. And were paid 10*s.* for each candidate?—Yes.
81,939. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
81,940. Were you then brought free of expense?—Yes.
81,941. And had refreshments?—Yes.
81,942. And no money?—No money.
81,943. Did you expect any?—Of course.
81,944. They told you nothing contrary to the ordinary custom?—Nothing.

John Heron.

JOHN HERON sworn, and examined.

81,945. Do you live at Hedon?—Yes.
81,946. What is your business?—A bricklayer.
81,947. What rent do you pay?—£6.
81,948. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
81,949. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1839.
81,950. Was it taken up for you?—Yes.
81,951. By which party?—The blues.
81,952. Did you vote in consequence in 1841?—Yes.
81,953. For Hanmer and James?—Yes.
81,954. Were you brought free of expense?—Yes.
81,955. And had refreshments?—Yes.
81,956. And paid £1?—Yes.
81,957. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
81,958. Were you brought free of expense?—Yes.
81,959. And had refreshments?—Yes.
81,960. And were paid 10*s.* for each candidate?—Yes.
81,961. At the last election did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
81,962. Were you brought free of expense?—Yes.
81,963. And had refreshments?—Yes.
81,964. And no money?—No.
81,965. Did you expect any?—Yes.
81,966. They told you nothing contrary to the usual custom?—No.

William Kates.

WILLIAM KATES sworn, and examined.

81,967. Do you live at Hedon?—Yes.
81,968. What business are you?—Brewer.
81,969. What rent do you pay?—None.
81,970. What are you rated at?—I am not rated at all. I believe I live in a house belonging to the corporation.
81,971. Is that as part payment for your services?—No.
81,972. How came they to put you in a house?—They can do it; they have them on purpose for the burgesses.
81,973. What office do you fill in the corporation?—None at all.
81,974. They find you a house?—Yes.
81,975. Is it an almshouse?—No.
81,976. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1839.
81,977. Which party took it up for you?—The blues.
81,978. Did you vote in consequence in 1841?—I voted for them.
81,979. Was not that because they took your freedom up?—I should have voted for them if they had not.
81,980. When they took it up, you knew they expected you to vote blue, of course?—Of course I did.
81,981. You took their money upon that understanding; you had the benefit of their money as they paid for your freedom?—Yes.
81,982. And as an honest man you voted for them in consequence, in 1841?—Yes.
81,983. Were you brought to Hull free of expense?—Yes.
81,984. And had refreshments?—Yes.
81,985. And were paid 1*l.* afterwards?—Yes.
81,986. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
81,987. And you were brought here free of expense?—Yes.
81,988. And had refreshments?—Yes.
81,989. And were paid 10*s.* for each candidate?—Yes.
81,990. In 1852, did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.

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81,991. And were brought here free of expense?—Yes.
81,992. And had refreshments?—Yes.
81,993. Did you expect to be paid?—No.
81,994. Had they told you you should not be paid?—I understood there was to be nothing of the sort.

Robert Leake.

ROBERT LEAKE sworn, and examined.

81,995. Do you live at Hedon?—Yes.
81,996. What is your business?—A bricklayer.
81,997. What rent do you pay?—I live on my own property.
81,998. What is it rated at?—£10.
81,999. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
82,000. How long have you been a freeman?—Ever since O'Neill's election; a good many years since.
82,001. In 1841, who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.
82,002. Were you brought to Hull free of expense?—Yes.
82,003. And had refreshments?—Yes.
82,004. And were you paid 1*l.* afterwards?—Yes.
82,005. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
82,006. Were you brought to Hull free of expense?—Yes.
82,007. And had refreshments?—Yes.
82,008. And were you paid 10*s.* by each candidate?—Yes.
82,009. In 1852, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
82,010. Were you brought to Hull free of expense?—Yes.
82,011. And had refreshments?—Yes.
82,012. And no money?—No.
82,013. Did you expect any?—Yes.
82,014. They had not told you that there was to be an alteration in the custom?—Not at all. It is the usual custom, and I expected it.

Samuel Leake.

SAMUEL LEAKE sworn, and examined.

82,015. Do you live at Hedon?—Yes.
82,016. What business are you?—A bricklayer.
82,017. What rent do you pay?—About 8*l.*
82,018. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
82,019. How long have you been a freeman?—Ever since 1815, I believe.
82,020. In 1841, who did you vote for?—For the blue party.
82,021. Hanmer and James?—Yes.
82,022. Were you brought to Hull free of expense?—Yes.
82,023. And had refreshments?—Yes.
82,024. And were paid 1*l.* afterwards?—Yes.
82,025. In 1847, did you vote for Baines and Brown?—Yes.
82,026. Were you brought to Hull free of expense?—Yes.
82,027. And had refreshments?—Yes.
82,028. And were paid 10*s.* for each candidate?—Yes.
82,029. In 1852, did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
82,030. Were you brought to Hull free of expense?—Yes.
82,031. And had refreshment?—Yes.
82,032. And no money?—No money.
82,033. Did you expect any?—Yes, I did.
82,034. You were not told of any change in the usual arrangements?—No.

Thomas Lickiss.

THOMAS LICKISS sworn, and examined.

82,035. Do you live at Hedon?—Yes.
82,036. What business are you?—A bricklayer.
82,037. What rent do you pay?—About 5*l.*
82,038. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
82,039. How long have you been a freeman?—This ten years.
82,040. In 1841, who did you vote for?—I was always for the blue party.
82,041. Hanmer and James?—Yes.
82,042. Were you brought to Hull free of expense?—Yes.
82,043. And had refreshments?—Yes.
82,044. And were paid 1*l.* afterwards?—Yes, that is right.
82,445. In 1847, did you vote for Baines and Brown?—Yes.
82,046. Were you brought to Hull free of expense?—Yes.

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82,047. And had refreshment ?—Yes.
82,048. And were paid 10*s.* for each candidate ?—Yes.
82,049. In 1852, did you vote for Moore and Butler ?—Yes.
82,050. Were you brought free of expense ?—Yes.
82,051. And had refreshments ?—Yes.
82,052. And had no money ?—No money.
82,053. Did you expect it ?—No.
82,054. Were you told that there was to be a different arrangement ?—No.
82,055. Why did you not expect it this time, as you had always had it before ?—They told me there would be none.

Joseph Potchett.

JOSEPH POTCHETT sworn, and examined.

82,056. Do you live at Hedon ?—No.
82,057. Where do you live ?—In Hull.
82,058. Have you ever lived at Hedon ?—Yes.
82,059. Where do you live in Hull ?—No. 15, Hill Street.
82,060. What rent do you pay ?—£9 10*s.*
82,061. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.
82,062. How long have you been a freeman ?—Since 1845.
82,063. Was 1847 the first election at which you voted ?—Yes.
82,064. Were you then living at Hedon ?—Yes.
82,065. Were you brought to Hull free of expense ?—Yes.
82,066. And had refreshments ?—I had breakfast before I came off, that is all.
82,067. Did you vote for Brown only ?—Brown only.
82,068. Were you paid 1*l.* on the part of Mr. Brown ?—Yes.
82,069. Who had made the arrangement with you as to your vote ?—Nobody.
82,070. Had not Mr. Iveson spoken to you ?—He had, of course, but I did not promise him.
82,071. He had spoken to you ?—Yes; I lived with him; he was sure to speak to me. I was his servant at the time.
82,072. Were you promised 1*l.* ?—No; there was no promise, no agreement at all.
82,073. At the last election, who did you vote for ?—Clay and Goderich.
82,074. Had you your name set down ?—No.
82,075. Did you never speak on that subject ?—No.
82,076. Did you never expect any money ?—No. Only as the Hedon voters were paid, I expected, along with the rest, that I should be paid.
82,077. You were at Hedon ?—No; I was at Hull. I did not know that it was customary. I did not know that the custom was to pay the Hull voters the same as the Hedon.
82,078. You spoke to nobody about it ?—No; there was no agreement made.

T. Stephenson.

THOMAS STEPHENSON sworn, and examined.

82,079. Do you live at Hedon ?—No, I live at Hull now. I did live at Hedon. I have lived here ever since April.
82,080. Where do you live in Hull ?—Nile Street. I did live in Cogan Street, but I have removed.
82,081. Where did you live at the last election ?—At Hedon.
82,082. What rent do you pay now ?—£12.
82,083. What is your business ?—I do nothing now.
82,084. What were you ?—I served my time to be a shoemaker. I have not followed my business this thirty years.
82,085. How long have you been a freeman ?—I think, ever since 1802.
82,086. In 1841, did you vote for Hanmer and James ?—Yes.
82,087. You were then living at Hedon ?—Yes.
82,088. Were you brought here free of expense ?—I was.
82,089. And had refreshments ?—Yes.
82,090. And were afterwards paid 1*l.* ?—Yes; I was.
82,091. In 1847, did you vote for Baines and Brown ?—Yes; I did.
82,092. And were brought to Hull free of expense ?—Yes.
82,093. And had refreshments ?—Yes.
82,094. And were paid 10*s.* for each candidate ?—No; I only got 10*s.* Mr. Park promised to give me 10*s.*, but I only got 10*s.* of Mr. Iveson.
82,095. You only got 10*s.* ?—Yes, I only got one. I did not know it was paid till a long time after.
82,096. At the last election, did you vote for Moore and Butler ?—Yes.

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82,997. Were you brought here free of expense?—Yes.
82,098. And had refreshments?—Yes.
82,099. And had no money?—No, I never expected any.
82,100. Why not?—I did not think they would pay me. I did not expect i

R. Whitaker.

ROBERT WHITAKER sworn, and examined.

82,101. Do you live at Hedon?—Yes.
82,102. What is your business?—A hairdresser.
82,103. What rent do you pay?—£4.
82,104. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
82,105. How long have you been a freeman?—About eight years.
82,106. In the year 1847, did you vote for Baines and Brown?—Yes.
82,107. Was that the first election at which you voted?—Yes.
82,108. Were you brought to Hull free of expense?—Yes.
82,109. And had refreshments?—Yes.
82,110. And were paid 10*s*. for each candidate?—Yes.
82,111. In 1852, at the last election, did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
82,112. Were you brought from Hedon free of expense?—Yes.
82,113. And had refreshments?—Yes.
82,114. And got no money?—No.
82,115. Did you expect to have any money?—Yes, or I should not have come. I expected my expenses.
82,116. According to the former custom?—Yes. I never was promised anything.
82,117. They did not tell you it was changed?—No.

Matthew Wright

MATTHEW WRIGHT sworn, and examined.

82,118. Do you live at Hedon?—Yes.
82,119. What is your business?—A carrier.
82,120. What rent do you pay?—Six guineas.
82,121. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
82,122. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1839.
82,123. Which party paid for it?—The blues.
82,124. Did you vote for them in consequence, in 1841?—Yes.
82,125. For James and Hanmer?—Yes.
82,126. Were you brought to Hull free of expense?—Yes.
82,127. And had your refreshments?—Yes.
82,128. And paid 1*l*.?—Yes.
82,129. In 1847, did you vote for Baines and Brown?—Yes.
82,130. Were you brought to Hull free of expense?—Yes.
82,131. Had you refreshments?—Yes.
82,132. And were paid 10*s*. for each of the candidates?—Yes.
82,133. At the last election did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes.
82,134. Were you brought here free of expense?—Yes.
82,135. And had your refreshments?—Yes.
82,136. And no money?—No money.
82,137. Did you expect money?—Yes.
82,138. According to the usual custom?—Yes.
92,139. And they did not tell you it was to be altered?—No.

G. Willingham.

GEORGE WILLINGHAM sworn, and examined.

82,140. Do you live at Hedon?—No; I live at Thorngumbald.
82,141. That is near to Hedon?—Yes, within two miles.
82,142. What rent do you pay?—None at all.
82,143. Why not?—It is my own property.
82,144. What are you rated at?—I live on it myself.
82,145. What is the amount of all the property for which you are rated?—All the property I am rated at comes to 20*l*., but what I live on myself is only 3*l*. 10*s*.
82,146. What is your business?—A blacksmith.
82,147. In 1841, did you vote for Hanmer and James?—Yes.
82,148. How long have you been a freeman?—Thirty-one years, I believe.
82,149. In 1841, were you brought to Hull free of expense?—Yes.
82,150. And had your refreshments?—Yes.
82,151. And you were paid 1*l*.?—No, I was not.
28,152. How was that?—I do not know. I never got it.
82,153. Did you get no money at all?—No, not for that election, I never did.

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82,154. Did you never understand you should have money?—I expected it, but I never got it.

82,155. Did you ask for it?—I cannot say. I believe I had asked for it; other people I believe got it.

82,156. Why did they not give it to you; did they tell you?—I cannot tell you that.

82,157. Did they give you any reason?—No.

82,158. At the time you voted, did you expect you were to have it as the others did?—I expected to be paid as the others were.

82,159. That was in 1841?—Yes.

82,160. Has it always been paid in Hedon in your time?—Yes.

82,161. In 1847, did you vote for Baines and Brown?—Yes.

82,162. Were you brought here free of expense?—Yes.

82,163. And had refreshments?—No. I believe I had my breakfast before I came from home, and I walked back again.

82,164. Did you get 10*s.* from each of the candidates?—Yes, I did.

82,165. At the last election did you vote for Moore and Butler?—Yes, I did.

82,166. Were you brought free of expense?—Yes.

82,167. And had refreshments this time?—No.

82,168. None?—No more but what I had at my own expense.

82,169. Did you get any money?—No, not a halfpenny.

82,170. Did you expect any?—Yes.

82,171. According to the usual custom?—Yes; according to the usual custom.

82,172. And they did not tell you it was altered?—No.

John Hewitt.

JOHN HEWITT sworn, and examined.

82,173. Where do you live?—Sproatley.

82,174. Where is that?—About eight miles from here, in Holderness.

82,175. Near Hedon?—About three miles and a half from Hedon.

82,176. What rent do you pay?—£44, where I live now.

82,177. What is your business?—A publican.

82,178. How long have you been a freeman?—I am not a freeman. I lived in Hull when I voted. I left Hull about a year and a half since.

82,179 Are you on the register for 1852?—Yes.

82,180. In the year 1841, did you vote?—No.

82,181. In 1847, did you vote?—No.

82,182. Was the last election the first at which you voted?—Yes.

82,183. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

82,184. Were you then living at Hull?—No.

82,185. Were you living at Sproatley?—Yes.

82,186. Were you brought into Hull free of expense?—No.

82,187. Were you paid any money?—No.

82,188. Not on account of the election at all?—No.

82,189. Not on any account from the candidates or their committees?—No.

82,190. Did you take any part in the election?—No.

Robert Leake.

ROBERT LEAKE sworn, and examined.

82,191. Where do you live?—At Hedon

82,192. What is your business?—A bricklayer.

82,193. What rent do you pay?—£8.

82,194. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

82,195. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1851, I believe.

82,196. Were you ever entitled to vote in Hull before that?—No.

82,197. Was the last election the first at which you voted?—Yes.

82,198. Who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

82,199. Were you brought from Hedon free of expense?—Yes.

82,200. And had refreshments?—Yes.

82,201. And got no money?—No.

82,202. Did you expect any money?—I did not know how it was. I ought to have had some, I think.

82,203. Did you expect it?—No.

82,204. Nothing was said to you about it?—No.

George Wright.

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GEORGE WRIGHT sworn, and examined.

85,205. Where do you live?—Paul.
82,206. Where is that?—Near Hedon.
82,207. What is you business?—A carrier and farmer.
82,208. What rent do you pay?—£27.
82,209. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
82,210. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1823.
82,211. In 1841, did you vote for Hanmer and James?—Yes.
82,212. Were you brought here free of expense?—No; I came at my own expense.
82,213. Did you walk?—I did.
82,214. Did you get any money?—Yes.
82,215. How much?—A sovereign.
82,216. And got your refreshments?—Yes; I believe I got a little.
82,217. You voted for the blues?—Yes.
82,218. Hanmer and James?—Yes.
82,219. In 1847, did you vote for Brown and Baines?—No; Brown only.
82,220. Were you brought free of expense that time?—No.
82,221. Did you walk?—No.
82,222. How did you come?—I came by water.
82,223. You did not pay for that?—No.
82,224. Were you paid 1*l.* on behalf of Mr. Brown?—Yes.
82,225. Who canvassed you?—Nobody in particular.
82,226. Where were you paid?—At Bishop Lane committee room.
82,227. By Mr. Stephenson?—I believe Mr. Stephenson was in the room, but I do not know who it was paid the money.
82,228. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
82,229. Were you paid any money this time?—No.
82,230. Were you brought here?—No; I came the same way.
82,231. Was nothing said about money to you at all this time?—Nothing at all. They never said anything about money.
82,232. And you never had your name set down?—No.

John Wright.

JOHN WRIGHT sworn, and examined.

82,233. Do you live at Paul?—Yes.
82,234. What is your business?—A labourer.
82,235. What rent do you pay?—I do not pay any rent at all. I live in my own house.
82,236. What is it rated at?—£3.
82,237. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
82,238. How long have you been a freeman?—Ever since 1825.
82,239. In 1841, did you vote for Hanmer and James?—Yes.
82,240. Were you brought here free of expense?—No; I came myself.
82,241. You walked?—Yes.
82,242. Did you have refreshments?—Yes.
82,243. And were paid 1*l.*?—Yes.
82,244. In 1847, did you vote for Mr. Brown?—Yes, Brown only.
82,245. Did you come free of expense?—I came at my own expense.
82,246. That was nothing?—I walked here.
82,247. Did you have any refreshments?—Yes.
82,248. And were paid 1*l.*?—Yes.
82,249. On behalf of Mr. Brown?—Yes
82,250. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
82,251. Were you paid anything this time?—No.
82,252. Were you brought here?—No.
82,253. Was nothing said to you about any money?—No.

Henry Robinson.

HENRY ROBINSON sworn, and examined.

82,254. Where do you live?—Salthouse Lane.
82,255. What rent do you pay?—Six guineas.
82,256. What business are you?—A shipwright.
82,257. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
82,258. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1849.
82,259. Did you take it up yourself?—Yes.
82,260. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Clay and Goderich.
82,261. Did you have your name set down?—I had my name set down for a messenger, but I never went to do any work; therefore, I never looked for any pay.

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82,262. Was it set down in Saville Street?—Yes.

82,263. Did you understand that everybody set down in Saville Street would be paid something after the election?—I understood they would have to work for it.

82,264. Why did you not go to work?—Because I could not. They sent for me to be a messenger; I went and they set my name down, but I did not go the next day.

82,265. Why not?—Because I could not get leave.

82,266. You had your own business to attend to?—Yes.

82,267. When you voted you did not expect to have any money?—No, not at all. The first time I was canvassed I promised Clay and Goderich.

82,268. At the time you had your name set down, did you not expect some money?—Not without I worked.

82,269. You knew they would not give you work unless you promised to vote for them?—I never applied for any work.

82,270. What did you go to apply for?—They sent for me to be a messenger.

82,271. And you agreed your name should be set down?—Yes, if I could get to the booth.

82,272. You knew they would not give you work or money unless you voted for them; did you not know that?—That did not influence my vote.

82,273. Answer my question. Did you not know, when they asked you to have your name set down, that they would neither give you employment nor money unless you voted for them?—Decidedly.

82,274. And you let them set your name down?—I let them set my name down.

82,275. That was at Wilde's, in Saville Street?—Mr. Beeton set my name down.

82,276. Did he tell you it was at Saville Street?—A man called at our house and said I was to go there; they wanted some messengers for the polling day.

82,277. Was that the day before the election?—Yes. I had promised my vote a fortnight before that. It did not balance my vote.

82,278. They came and said they wanted some clerks?—They wanted some messengers, and I did not go to work, therefore, I did not go for the money.

82,279. Did you not know they got money without doing much for it?—I am aware some parties did, but I do not agree with that; nobody would influence my vote opposite to my opinions.

W. Wilberforce.

WALTER WILBERFORCE sworn, and examined.

82,280. Where do you live?—St. James's Square.

82,281. What business are you?—A hairdresser.

82,282. What rent do you pay?—I do not rent a house now; I live with my daughter.

82,283. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1811.

82,284. In 1841, who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay.

82,285. Clay and Thompson?—No; Clay only.

82,286. Did you get any money for it?—Yes.

82,287. How much?—30*s*.

82,288. Was it from Mr. Thistleton?—No.

82,289. Who paid you?—Mr. West.

82,290. In the year 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Clay.

82,291. Did you get any money for that?—No.

82,292. Did you get any money that election at all?—None at all.

82,293. At the last election, did you vote for Clay and Goderich?—Yes.

82,294. Had you your name set down?—Yes; I was at Stark's committee room.

82,295. Were you a messenger employed?—Yes.

82,296. Had you applied for employment?—Mr. Stark sent for me.

82,297. To be a messenger or runner?—Yes.

82,298. You knew at that time he would not employ you unless you voted for him?—No, I expect not.

82,299. How much did you get?—I was there, I am not sure, whether it was three or four weeks.

82,300. How much did you get?—A guinea a week.

82,301. Then you had four guineas?—I am not sure whether I was there three or four weeks.

S. Goundrill.

STEPHEN GOUNDRILL sworn, and examined.

82,302. Where do you live?—Moxon Street.

82,303. What business are you?—A grocer.

82,304. What rent do you pay?—£10.

82,305. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

82,306. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1818.

82,307. In the year 1841, who did you vote for?—Hanmer and James.

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82,308. Were you paid any money for it?—Yes.
82,309. How much?—I should think about 4*l.* or 5*l.*
82,310. Were you a runner?—I was employed as a messenger at 5*s.* a day. I cannot say the exact amount of money I had to pay.
82,311. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.
82,312. Only?—Only.
82,313. Did you get any money for that?—Yes.
82,314. How much?—30*s.*
82,315. Was that paid after you voted?—Yes.
82,316. Was that all you got?—That was all I got.
82,317. At the last election, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
82,318. Were you set down as a runner?—Yes.
82,319. Where?—At Mr Galloway's office, in Bowlalley Lane. I was set down there; that is, my promise was put down there. I went to tender my promise before I asked for employment.
82,320. Where did you ask for employment?—At their office.
82,321. Mr. Galloway's?—Yes.
82,322. Did you not ask for employment at the time you tendered the vote?—Yes; but I tendered my vote first, independent of any employment.
82,323. At the same time?—Yes.
82,324. Did you get employment?—Yes.
82,325. How much were you paid?—3*s.* 6*d.* a day for the time I was employed.
82,326. How long?—About three weeks and three or four days.
82,327. Then you got altogether near 4*l.*?—Yes; I should say so.

W. Warewick.

WILLIAM WAREWICK sworn, and examined.

82,328. Where do you live?—Dock Street.
82,329. What business are you?—A butcher.
82,330. What rent do you pay?—£20.
82,331. Are you a freeman?—No; I was a householder.
82,332. Was the last election the only one at which you voted?—Yes
82,333. Who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
82,334. Was your name set down as a runner?—Yes.
82,335. Where?—At Mr. Galloway's office.
82,336. Did you go there to apply to have your name set down?—Yes.
82,337. Was that in order that you might get some money?—I suppose so.
82,338. Did you get any?—I got 17*s.* 6*d.*
82,339. Were you employed at all?—Five days, running.
82,340. As a runner?—Yes.
82,341. Did you expect to have more after the election?—No.

R. Dannatt.

ROBERT DANNATT sworn, and examined.

82,342. Where do you live?—At the Town Hall. I am the housekeeper.
82,343. How long have you been a freeman?—About forty years.
82,344. In the year 1841, who did you vote for?—Clay and Thompson.
82,345. Were you paid any money for it?—No.
82,346. You were not paid any money that election?—Nothing at all.
82,347. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Clay.
82,348. Did you get any money that time?—Nothing that time.
82,349. At the last election who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
82,350. Did you get any money?—Mr. Beeton gave me 5*s.* the day after the polling; that is all I got.
82,351. What was that for?—I do not know, except it was for accommodating them with some wine glasses at the polling booth we had there.
82,352. Was your name set down at all?—No.
82,353. As a messenger?—No.
82,354. Was that all you got?—Yes; all I got.
82,355. And all you expected?—Yes.

William Arnett.

WILLIAM ARNETT sworn, and examined.

82,356. Where do you live?—Katherine Street.
82,357. What business are you?—I am employed in an insurance office.
82,358. In what capacity?—As agent, and to assist in the office duties.
82,359. What rent do you pay?—Four guineas.
82,360. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

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82,361. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1841.
82,362. Did you take it up yourself?—No.
82,363. Who took it up for you?—The blues.
82,364. Did you vote in 1841?—No.
82,365. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Baines and Brown.
82,366. Were you paid any money for your vote?—No.
82,367. Did you get no money at all?—None.
82,368. Not from the committee or their party?—Not from any one.
82,369. At the last election who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
82,370. Was your name set down as a runner?—I was employed as a messenger.
82,371. Did you ask to be employed?—Yes.
82,372. Where?—I asked Mr. Sandell, the chairman of East Sculcoates ward.
82,373. When you applied to him for employment you knew he would not employ you if you did not undertake to vote for him?—I did not expect that he would, if I voted on the opposite side.
82,374. How much were you paid?—A guinea a week.
82,375. How many weeks?—Three weeks and four days.
82,376. How much were you paid altogether?—About 3*l.* 17*s.*

P. Nequest, jun.

PETER NEQUEST, junior, sworn, and examined.

82,377. Where do you live?—Cogan Street.
82,378. What business are you?—An attorney's clerk.
82,379. What rent do you pay?—I am not a housekeeper on my own account. I live with my parent.
82,380. Whose clerk are you?—Thompson and Cook.
82,381. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1844, I believe.
82,382. Did you take it up yourself?—Yes.
82,383. Did you pay for it?—It was not paid for.
82,384. It was not paid for by the party?—Mr. Thompson being the town clerk, made no charge for it, or else I should have done so.
82,385. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay and Baines.
82,386. Did you get any money?—No.
82,387. Not from the party at all on any account?—I did not expect any.
82,388. Did you get any?—I did not.
82,389. At the last election who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
82,390. Did you get any money this time?—No.
82,391. Was your name set down as a runner?—Not that I am aware of.
82,392. Were you not a messenger at some committee room?—No.
82,393. Was not your name set down at some committee room?—Not to my knowledge. I never heard it was set down.
82,394. And you were not employed at all?—No.
82,395. Your name is down on the list. Can you explain how it is?—I am not aware that it was set down. I never applied to have it set down.
82,396. It is set down; can you explain it; did you ever hear of it before?—I never heard that I was set down.
82,397. Did they ask you whether you would have it set down?—No; not to my knowledge I think not.
82,398. Will you undertake to say nobody spoke to you on that subject at all?—No; not that I am aware of.

John Gray.

JOHN GRAY sworn, and examined.

82,399. Where do you live?—Waverley Street.
82,400. In this town?—Yes.
82,401. What is your business?—A pawnbroker.
82,402. What rent do you pay?—£14.
82,403. Are you a freeman?—No.
82,404. How soon were you entitled to vote?—The election before this last, and the last election.
82,405. In 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay only.
82,406. Did you get any money?—No.
82,407. Not from the party or their committee at all?—No.
82,408. Did you take any part in the election besides voting?—No.
82,409. In the year 1852, who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.
82,410. Was your name set down?—I do not know that it was. Mr. Willows said he would set it down.
82,411. Did you agree that he should?—I did not say anything to the contrary.
82,412. Was that in order that you might get some money after the election?—I do

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not know what it was for. He asked me to assist him at the committee room for two days, and I attended there.

82,413. Did you expect to be paid for it?—Yes.

82,414. And were you paid?—No.

82,415. And you did expect to be paid after the election?—Yes.

82,416. You knew he would not employ you unless he expected you to vote for them?—Yes; I gave my promise before I attended at the committee room.

82,417. At the same interview?—No.

82,418. How long before had you promised to vote?—Perhaps three weeks.

82,419. Did he ask you to do anything particular or whether you would have your name set down?—He asked me to interest myself in favour of Lord Goderich and Mr. Clay.

82,420. You say he asked you about the employment?—Yes.

82,421. What did he say?—He said he would like me to assist him at the committee room, as I knew the neighbourhood well, and knew several of the freemen, and could be of service to him.

82,422. Was that to assist him as a canvasser?—Yes.

82,423. You could not do it for nothing?—I did do it for nothing.

82,424. You intended to be paid for it?—Yes; I expected he would pay me.

J. N. Pickering.

JOHN NOBLE PICKERING sworn, and examined.

82,425. Where do you live?—In Cotton Street, at present. I have removed from where I was before.

82,426. Where did you live at the last election?—York Street.

82,427. What rent do you pay now?—I am only a lodger now

82,428. How long have you been a freeman?—Ever since O'Neill's election in 1826.

82,429. In the year 1841, who did you vote for?—I was at Gainsborough that time. I came down from Gainsborough, and polled for Clay and Thompson.

82,430. Did you get any money?—I only got my expenses. I was to have six days at 5*s.* a day; but through the men, that was, a tollkeeper and a drunken lawyer, they robbed me of the other. It was hard to get that.

82,431. They told you you should have 5*s.* a day?—Yes; I agreed for that.

82,432. For six days?—Yes.

82,433. And they cheated you?—Yes; many were cheated that way.

82,434. In the year 1847, who did you vote for?—Clay and Brown. I got 10*s.* from Mr. Brown's party, but nothing from Mr Clay's. I was to have had it this time when they were paying the money, but the other party stopped it.

82,435. The last election who did you vote for?—Clay and Goderich.

82,436. You had your name set down?—Yes; at Mr. Wilde's.

82,437. That was in order that you might get something?—I got two days' pay there at 3*s.* 6*d.* a day, and then I was drafted to Mr. Richardson's committee at the top of the street, and I got paid for four days at 3*s.* 6*d.* a day as a runner.

82,438. They were both orange committees.?—Yes.

82,439. Was that all you got?—That was all I got.

John Barton.

JOHN BARTON sworn, and examined.

82,440. Where do you live?—In English Street.

82,441. What is your business?—An accountant.

82,442. What rent do you pay?—£10.

82,443. Are you a freeman?—No.

82,444. How long have you been entitled to vote?—Since the Reform Bill passed.

82,445. In 1841, who did you vote for?—Clay and Thompson.

82,446. Did you get any money that election?—I was employed as a check clerk and received 1*l.* I do not remember exactly.

82,447. Did you apply for employment?—Yes.

82,448. What did you apply for?—As a clerk at the election day.

82,449. You applied to be employed as a check clerk?—Yes.

82,450. In the year 1847, who did you vote for?—I was not entitled to vote then. I was employed by Mr. Brown's party.

82,451. You did not vote?—I was not on the register.

82,452. Did you persuade other people to vote?—No.

82,453. How were you employed?—In the central committee room.

82,454. In what capacity?—In making up the books.

82,455. As clerk?—Yes; as clerk.

82,456. For Mr. Brown?—Yes.

82,457. Did you set people's names down there?—They were set down, but not in the room I was in.

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82,458. Did you pay any one?—No.

82,459. You had nothing to do with paying?—Nothing to do with any money.

82,460. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.

82,461. Did you get any money this time?—I was employed as a committee clerk there three weeks.

82,462. Which committee?—Osborne Street.

82,463. Were you employed as clerk to Mr. Hodgson?—No; for Moore and Butler, the blue party.

82,464. Who was the chairman?—Mr. Preston and Mr. Charles Wells.

82,465. Did you set names down there?—They were set down.

82,466. Did you help?—No; I did not. The chairmen set them down themselves. I made a memorandum and they came in the evening.

82,467. You were not present when the arrangement was made that they should be set down?—I had no authority to set them down myself.

82,468. Did you help to pay?—No

82,469. You were paid yourself as clerk?—Yes.

RICHARD COOPER sworn, and examined.

Richard Cooper.

82,470. Where do you live?—Osborne Street.

82,471. What rent do you pay?—I live in my own house.

82,472. What are you rated at?—£16, I believe.

82,473. What is your business?—A grocer.

82,474. Are you a freeman?—No.

82,475. How long have you been entitled to vote?—I think fifteen years, perhaps, in Hull.

82,476. Did you vote in the year 1841?—I think I did.

82,477. Who did you vote for?—The orange party.

82,478. Was that for Clay and Thompson?—Yes, I believe so.

82,479. Did you get any money on any account at the election of 1841?—No.

82,480. Did you take any part in the election?—No.

82,481. In the year 1847, who did you vote for?—For the orange party.

82,482. Who was that?—I think it would be Mr. Clay and Baines.

82,483. Were you paid any money at that election?—No.

82,484. Not on any account?—No.

82,485. At the last election who did you vote for?—I voted for Moore and Goderich.

82,486. Did you get any money from either party at this election?—No, not for voting.

82,487. I ask whether you got any money from any party?—I had a committee room let.

82,488. To which party?—To the blues.

82,489. Was that at your house?—Yes.

82,490. How much were you paid for it?—£10.

82,491. Did you get more than 10*l.*?—I only had some windows broken.

82,492. Did you give one vote for the blues, because they took your room?—No; I told them when they came that I had been a voter for so many years, and I was never bought or sold and would not be; whether they took my room or not, my vote should be quite independent.

82,493. What did they say to that?—They argued with me a good while, and they took the room at last on these conditions.

82,494. On the conditions that you should vote as you liked?—Yes; I would not let it otherwise.

82,495. You are quite sure of that; that they took it on the understanding that you were to vote as you liked?—I am quite sure; I never spoke more positive in my life than I did on that point to them and to the other people too.

82,496. You had always voted orange before?—I had always voted orange; I did in the East Riding for a number of years; I should think thirty years.

82,497. And this time you gave the blues one vote?—Yes; I told them that I would not be tied in my vote; but I did think I should vote for Bramley Moore for one and Lord Goderich for the other, but I would go free; I would not let my room to be tied to the voting; I would go to the poll free; that is what I told them.

82,498. It was one of their regular district committee rooms?—Yes; I think they had it nearly a month.

ISAAC LILL sworn, and examined.

Isaac Lill.

82,499. Where do you live?—In Sculcoates.

82,500. What business are you?—A cowkeeper.

82,501. What rent do you pay?—£14 for a house.

82,502. Are you a freeman?—No.

Isaac Lill.

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82,503. How long have you been entitled to vote?—Ten years.
82,504. Was 1847 the first election at which you voted?—Yes.
82,505. Who did you vote for?—Mr. Brown.
82,506. Did you get any money?—Yes; half a sovereign after the election.
82,507. Was that all you got?—Yes.
82,508. At the last election who did you vote for?—Moore and Butler.
82,509. Were you paid for that?—No.
82,510. Were you paid no money?—Nothing.
82,511. Was your name set down?—No.
82,512. We are told you got 30*s.*?—No, nor 30*d.* neither; I never got a farthing.
82,513. Not on any account at the last election?—On no account at all.

Mr. JOHN PEEK sworn, and examined.

Mr. John Peek.

82,514. Did you, at the election in 1841, pay the Barton voters?—I cannot distinctly recollect that I paid them myself, but I can recollect that they were paid, and, doubtless, the parties that had the Barton voters in their care afterwards got the money from me to pay the expenses with, because we did pay all that we thought were travelling, legal expenses.

82,515. You gave the money to some person to pay the Barton voters?—Doubtless, I should.

82,516. Knowing the purpose to which that money was to be applied?—Knowing that it was to be applied for their travelling expenses, and no other purpose.

82,517. Do you recollect how much you paid them each?—I cannot say at this distance of time.

82,518. Were they not paid as much as 1*l.* each?—I really could not positively say, but I think that would be about the sum, to the best of my recollection.

82,519. I am told in a list you handed in yourself, they were paid 30*s.* apiece; do you believe you paid as much as that?—If it is down in the list I handed in, I paid it.

82,520. You perfectly well knew at the time the men could come from Barton for the sum of 1*s.*?—Yes; certainly they could come by the packet for 1*s.*

82,521. And did you not know at the time that the Barton voters would not vote unless paid the sum of 1*l.* or 30*s.*?—I cannot say that they distinctly came before me. It would be simply the amount that would be required for the payment of the Barton voters; and some other parties, whose names I do not recollect, would have them in charge; I never saw them.

82,522. I ask you whether, at the time, you did not know, from your knowledge of elections in Hull, that the Barton voters would not vote unless paid 1*l.* or 30*s.*?—Yes; certainly I knew they were always paid a considerable sum, but I do not know what amount.

82,523. At the next election, Mr. Brown's, did you pay the Hedon voters?—No; I had never anything to do with the financial matters.

82,524. Did you make the arrangement?—No.

82,525. Did you have anything to do with it?—Not to my knowledge; I never spoke to any of them.

82,526. Were any of the other out-voters paid besides the Barton, for Colonel Thompson?—Yes; I have a distinct recollection of paying the expenses of any one properly accredited, or half the expense, as it might be, when they voted for Clay and Thompson. If the expense was 2*l.* or 3*l.* it was divided between us.

82,527. These were the voters in the town within the seven mile limit?—We had to fetch them from Lincoln and Gainsborough.

82,528. I ask such as Hedon: did you pay any besides the Barton?—No doubt we should.

82,529. Did you pay the Hedon voters?—I have no doubt we did.

82,530. And the Cottingham voters?—I believe we did.

82,531. And did you pay them all on the same scale as the Barton?—That I could not undertake to say. I could not undertake to say whether the Barton voters had more or less, or the others had more or less.

82,532. Was the matter of the payment of the out-voters known to Colonel Thompson?—I am sure, at this distance of time, I could not say. I should almost think not. He knew well we paid the travelling expenses of all parties, but whether he knew we paid 30*s.* or not for coming from Barton, I could not undertake to say.

82,533. Did he not know that was part of the arrangement at the coalition that he was to pay half the expenses of the persons who were out-voters?—I do not think it amounted to that. I handed in a paper; it was of what was called the legal expenses.

82,534. Was this matter ever discussed with Colonel Thompson?—Yes; undoubtedly it would be, because Mr. Lawson Johnson would bring it before the Colonel, he having the legal business.

8,2535. Do you perfectly recollect that he did do so?—I cannot distinctly recollect.

82,536. Have you any doubt about it?—I have not much doubt about it, but I cannot recollect so as to speak pointedly to particulars.

Mr. John Peek.

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82,537. Did he enter into any arrangement as to the scale of payments they were to receive?—Not that I recollect.

82,538. Will you undertake to say it was not so?—I cannot say, because it might be, and my memory fail me.

82,539. Have you any doubt it was?—I cannot say.

82,540. The scale of payments?—I could not say positively, but it might be mentioned.

82,541. I ask you whether you recollect that it was?—I do not recollect that it was.

82,542. Will you undertake to say it was not?—No; that I could not undertake to say.

82,543. What is your belief about it?—My belief is that it would be mentioned.

82,544. Would you venture to make such a payment as that without the knowledge of Colonel Thompson?—Certainly I should. If Mr. Lawson Johnson said this was a legal expense, I should be guided by him. Those were my instructions from the Colonel: "Whenever you have a doubt, fall back on Mr. Johnson." I did not trouble him with the affair. He said, "Pay everything that is legal."

82,545. You knew these men would not vote without payment, did you not?—That is the impression. I knew that they would expect to be paid more than their travelling expenses, but it was put down as travelling expenses.

82,546. Under which head of legal expenses do you think it falls to pay a man 1*l.* where he spends 2*s.*?—My answer would be, it is not simply the 2*s.* that would take him there and back, but he must have his refreshments, and he ought to be paid for his day's wage.

82,547. When you say travelling expenses, the word "travelling" has a sense beyond that in which we understand it?—Yes, truly; the concomitant expenses attending travelling.

82,548. I could not understand what you meant by travelling expenses when you say a man spends 2*s.* and you give 1*l.*: it has a larger sense?—Yes.

82,549. It includes his loss of time?—Yes; and refreshments.

82,550. And his day's wage?—Yes.

82,551. That is the acceptation of the words "travelling expenses"?—That is the acceptation of the words travelling expenses, as I understand it.

82,552. Do you suppose the Colonel understood it in that sense in Hull?—I had no talk with him on the subject at all.

Thomas Wilde.

THOMAS WILDE recalled, and examined.

82,553. Do you hand in a list?—I hand in a list which I was requested, to the best of my knowledge, to make out, and I have done so.

82,554. Is this a list of the persons whose freedoms were taken up on the part of the orange party in 1839?—On the part of the orange and the blues. You will see the letter O attached to the orange, and B to the blues.

82,555. Is this, as far as you recollect, a correct list of all the persons whose freedoms were taken up on that occasion?—It is, to the best of my knowledge. It may not be exactly correct, but I believe it is.

FIFTY-SEVENTH DAY.—August 16th, 1853.

J. Brown, Esq.

JAMES BROWN, Esq., sworn, and examined.

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82,556. You were late a candidate for the representation of this borough?—Yes.

82,557. In the year 1847?—Yes.

82,558. I believe you live at Rossington, near Bawtry, in this county?—Yes.

82,559. Previous to your becoming a candidate for this borough, had you any communication in any way with the borough?—No.

82,560. You had no local influence?—No.

82,561. Or acquaintance in the borough?—Yes; I had acquaintance.

82,562. But no local influence or property?—None whatever.

82,563. We understand at the time that you consented to become a candidate for the borough, Mr. Clay and Mr. Baines were already candidates?—Yes.

82,564. Previously to your consenting to become a candidate had there been some overtures with respect to your becoming a candidate before Mr. Baines had made up his mind?—Yes, certainly.

82,565. Mr. Baines, I believe, was not quite determined in the early part whether he would be a candidate or not?—I believe not. I believe that Mr. Baines was at York, employed following his avocations at the assizes, and I believe that after he received a message from the electors of Hull, there was some hesitation upon his part, and I believe that he partly refused; and during that time they applied to me, during the time of his having refused, or not made up his mind, if he did not refuse. I cannot say; there was some hesitation, and then they applied to me in the first instance.

82,566. About what time was it the first communication was made to yourself?—I do not remember.

82,567. The election took place the 29th of July which we are alluding to?—I should say the beginning of July.

82,568. Early in July?—Yes; early in July.

82,569. Quite the early part of July, do you think?—I should say quite the early part of July.

82,570. From whom did that first communication with yourself originate?—To the best of my recollection the first intimation I had that it would be at all acceptable to the people of Hull that I should stand for the borough, came through my solicitor, Mr. Tottie, of Leeds, and I think it was through a communication from his brother, Mr. Tottie, of Hull, an old gentleman. I think the first communication that I had was through my friend at Leeds, from his brother.

82,571. I believe that ultimately that gentleman, Mr. Tottie, was the chairman of Mr. Baines?—Yes; I would not say he was acting chairman.

82,572. But nominally chairman?—Yes; nominally he was the chairman.

82,573. I suppose that negotiation had not arrived at maturity when, some further communication having taken place with Mr. Baines, he consented to become a candidate?—Just so.

82,574. You had not at that time fully consented to become a candidate?—No.

82,575. Upon the ascertaining that Mr. Baines had become a candidate, from that time did the communication with yourself cease?—Yes.

82,576. You would be aware that Mr. Clay was in the field at that time?—Yes.

82,577. The persons in the field would be Mr. Clay and Mr. Baines?—Yes; Mr. Clay and Mr. Baines certainly

82,578. After the first communications with yourself had ceased, and Mr. Baines had consented to become a candidate, did it appear to you and was it generally considered, that there would be a contest?—After the communications with me had ceased, and Mr. Baines had consented to become a candidate, and Mr. Clay was also in the field.

82,579. Was the impression upon your mind that there would not be a contest?—I felt sure there would be a contest if I came.

82,580. I mean before?—I did not think of it.

82,581. It was not until the Sunday previous to the election that the next communication with yourself took place?—Yes.

82,582. That would bring it very close to the election?—Yes, it would.

82,583. I would ask you this question: whether, in case you had received no further communication from the borough, had you any intention of offering yourself?—Not the slightest in the world.

82,584 As far as you are aware, until the further communication was made with yourself, there would not have been a contest that election?—Certainly not.

82,585. Things being in that state on the Sunday preceding the election, a deputation from this borough waited upon you at your house?—Yes.

82,586. Consisting, among others, of Mr. Peek, Mr. Digby, Mr. Lockwood, and some others?—I do not recollect who came.

82,587. I think Mr. Digby was one?—Mr. Digby, I think, came; I feel sure that he did, and others, many others certainly.

82,588. I believe they found you at home upon that Sunday?—Yes; they found me at home.

82,589. We understand that Mr. Digby preceded the rest of the deputation and came first to your house?—Yes.

82,590. Upon his coming to your house will you state, as shortly as you can, to the best of your remembrance, what proposition he made to you with regard to your becoming a candidate, and with regard to the interests that you were to represent, and so on, and the state of things in the borough at that time. He would probably inform you that Mr. Clay and Mr. Baines were in the field, and the election was handy?—Yes, and soforth, and inquired my opinions.

82,591. They came as a deputation from a section of the constituency?—From two sections, I think.

82,592. I want you to tell me that; I wish to draw that to your attention?—They inquired my opinions, and they considered my opinions would suit a vast number of people in Hull, so they said.

82,593. Of any particular colour, or a mixed constituency?—A mixed constituency rather, I believe. I forget the colours. The blue was one colour; but my colour was pink; that was to distinguish me. I was to be a third man.

82,594. Mr. Clay and Mr. Baines were in the field; which of those gentlemen was it understood that you were principally to oppose, or entirely?—I stood upon my own foundation, I think.

82,595. Was not Mr. Baines a personal friend of yours?—No; I had never seen him before. I knew his family well, and his brother. I knew him by name.

82,596. And his position here as recorder might be known to you?—I knew him by character, by reputation; and I knew him to be a most excellent man.

82,597. At that time when this interview took place, and Mr. Digby waited upon you, had you any more than a general knowledge, such as any person might have living in the same county, of the particular mode of conducting a Hull election?—No; I certainly had not. I knew it was a place that was generally supposed to be an expensive place to be returned for; and I learnt those particulars from Sir John Hanmer and others.

82,598. Are you acquainted with Sir John Hanmer?—Slightly.

82,599. He had been elected at the former election?—Yes; he represented this place for one or two sessions.

82,600. And he had given you generally to understand that Hull was an expensive place as regarded elections?—Yes.

82,601. Did he inform you at all of any of the heads of expenses that were usual?—No.

82,602. He merely gave you general information?—Yes; that it was likely to cost so much.

82,603. Do you remember any sum that he stated?—Yes; he told me what it cost him in some instances. I think he said he had been returned at as small an expense as 400*l.* or 500*l.*, but that it had cost him as much as 5,000*l.*

82,604. Who is that?—Sir John Hanmer; I only think that is so.

82,605. You think that he said that the expenses might have varied between 400*l.* and 5,000*l.*?—Yes.

82,606. Not that it had cost him; but that a member might be returned for that?—Yes; that I might be returned. I should not like it to be put down that I said that he said that as to himself.

82,607. Do not you remember whether he mentioned at that time, when he was stating the wide gap, if I may say so, the large amount in the difference of expense,—whether he referred in any way to the mode in which such a difference might be accounted for?—No; I do not think he referred to the mode in which such a difference might be accounted for; but it would result either from there being a contest, or from there being no contest.

82,608. In both cases there were contests: in the 400*l.* case there was a contest, and it was a very severe contest?—I was not aware of that.

82,609. You do not remember that he drew your attention to any particular heads?—No.

82,610. Did he say that the printers were expensive people?—No; I do not remember that he did.

82,611. Did he name any particular items?—No particular items.

82,612. At this interview with Mr. Digby, when you saw him, did you enter into some details of the probable expenses for the then coming election?—Not that I recollect.

82,613. Something would naturally pass about the probable expenses?—Yes; about 1,500*l.* I think they said it would cost.

82,614. Was anything said at all as to that being the sum, or that any guarantee would be found for any money beyond it?—No; I did not ask for it.

82,615. Did you mention any sum that you would not go beyond, that you recollect?—No; I think I did not.

J. Brown, Esq.

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82,616. When Mr. Digby was with you, did he state some of the modes of ordinary payment of money in the nature of expenses at elections?—None whatever.

82,617. Did he allude to printers and items of that kind, messengers, runners, and committee rooms?—Not that I recollect.

82,618. You do not remember?—I do not at all remember.

82,619. Do you remember if you inquired of him any specific head of expense at that time?—No; I have no recollection of having done so.

82,620. The sum of 1,500*l.*, which seems to have been one mentioned, was not objected to by you as a sum that you would not be inclined to spend?—No.

82,621. Do you recollect during this interview before the other gentlemen came,—I believe they came up and took luncheon at your house afterwards?—Yes.

82,622. Do you recollect whether he alluded in any way to the mode of employment in Hull by running?—No; I do not think we entered at all into the details of the matter; it was some time before I gave them an answer in the affirmative, respecting my standing for Hull.

82,623. You received such information as you wished from Mr. Digby, and then retired for half an hour?—Yes.

82,624. Had you any friend to consult with about it, staying with you at the time?—No, no one. I was alone.

82,625. You made your mind up yourself at the time?—Yes.

82,626. If I understand you, the matter of conversation between you and Mr. Digby was rather more of a general kind as to election matters in Hull, than as to any matters of detail?—Yes; certainly so. There was hardly time to enter into matters of detail; because, if I remember right, they called on Sunday afternoon, after the morning church, and they went away probably before three o'clock, and during that time I had to make up my mind, and they had to get their luncheon.

82,627. Do you recollect if Mr. Digby also said that Hull was an expensive place; you said that Sir John Hanmer mentioned that?—I do not remember that he ever said so.

82,628. Did he draw your attention to the maximum and the minimum of expenses?—No, I think not.

82,629. You did not inquire of him?—No, I did not.

82,630. I suppose the conversation partly would turn upon your political views?—In some degree it would.

82,631. And the gentlemen were satisfied in that respect?—Yes, they were.

82,632. There were several parties represented by the deputation?—Probably so.

82,633. And they were all satisfied?—I presume they were.

82,634. When the gentlemen came to you, and were assembled at luncheon, did you think that they appeared to have a relish that there should be a contest?—No; that did not strike me.

82,635. What was the reason that was put forward for having a third candidate at this late hour?—I cannot say that I can give any account of that. The deputation came to wait upon me.

82,636. It was close upon the election?—They said, that having heard I was once coming forward, they were sorry I refused, and that my return would be certain.

82,637. Was any dissatisfaction expressed with the views of Mr. Clay or Mr. Baines, which induced them to wish for a third candidate?—I do not remember.

82,638. Or do you think it was the love of a contest?—I am not able to say. If you ask me my opinion I will give it you.

82,639. The opinion. as conveyed to your mind by what passed, we should be glad to have?—The opinion, I have now, in consequence of what has happened, is surely this: that they wanted a contest; not Mr. Digby, I do not say that, but that a third man was required.

82,640. Could you collect, from what passed, any definite reason for looking for a person at this last hour?—No; not from what passed at that time.

82,641. You wished to get into the House probably?—Yes; I wished for a seat for my own county, and this one seemed to offer.

82,642. Do you recollect whether any allusion was made to these gentlemen having communicated in London with Sir Robert Inglis and others, with reference to another candidate?—None to me.

82,643. They did not communicate anything of that sort?—No; nothing of the sort.

82,644. It was not stated to you that any other gentleman besides yourself had been looked to as a third man?—It was certainly not stated to me.

82,645. These gentlemen waited and took some refreshment at your house?—Yes.

82,646. And then, I believe, they returned to Hull?—Yes.

82,647. Did you draw up any kind of an address before they left you, or how was that to be?—Not before they left me. I was prepared to come the next day, with the heads of an address.

82,648. The time was so pressing that I thought they would have taken something back in the shape of an address?—I asked them, if they wished it, I would explain my political views; and they said the next day would do very well; and I had the address ready the next day.

82,649. And you consented to come to Hull the next morning?—Yes; and I think the next morning I came.

82,650. Before the gentlemen left, and while they were with you, do you recollect whether the conversation turned more on the details of the coming election, as to the matter of expenses?—No; certainly not.

82,651. You came to Hull the next morning, I believe?—Yes.

82,652. Where did you take up your quarters; did you come to one of the hotels?—To the Royal Hotel,

82,653. Probably after you came, from that time until the election was over, there was a considerable bustle and confusion?—Yes.

82,654. What time did you come into Hull on the Monday morning?—I think I must have arrived about the middle of the day; I think so.

82,655. Did you find that handbills had been put out; did you circulate an address upon your arrival; or how was that?—I cannot remember. I think there were handbills announcing my intentions.

82,656. Did you prepare your own address?—Yes, certainly; I prepared my own address.

82,657. And how was it got into circulation?—It was sent to the printer, I think, when I arrived here.

82,658. I believe committees were formed immediately?—Yes; I should say directly.

82,659. Was Mr. Digby the chairman of one?—He was my principal chairman.

82,660. There were other chairmen acting in various places?—I dare say. I do not know; but no doubt there were.

82,661. Did you commence an active personal canvass upon your arrival?—No; the time was too short for that. I called on a few people, but I did not canvass personally throughout the borough.

82,662. Did you find in the course of that day committees were organized?—I did not find it in the course of that day; but during my stay here, three or four times during the day, I went to different places to speak, and I presume these were places which were held and paid for, for people to assemble in as committee rooms. I knew of no other committee rooms, except the one or two that I happened to go to. I am unable to say whether these were called committee rooms where I saw the inhabitants and spoke to them.

82,663. You continued in Hull then up to the election?—Yes, I did; and I think I never left it.

82,664. You did not make a strictly personal cauvass?—Certainly not.

82,665. Did you go about at all making applications for votes?—Yes; I called upon a few people.

82,666. Who accompanied you, do you remember, upon your canvass?—I do not know; I am not able to say.

82,667. Was Mr. Digby with you?—No; I do not think that he ever went with me.

82,668. Was Mr. Stephenson?—I really cannot tell you; but some would go with me.

82,669. You hardly knew the localities of Hull?—I hardly knew them, but a messenger would be sent with me. I canvassed very slightly. My plan was to speak to the people out of the windows, and speak to them in the rooms.

82,670. You received from time to time from the chairmen of the committees, or others, some account of the progress that they were making in their canvass?—Yes; I received certain accounts.

82,671. Did you receive them in the evening, or at particular times, or at the Royal Hotel?—I received them from time to time. When I asked how matters were going on, I was told, pretty well.

82,672. You had a general account?—Yes.

82,673. Were you more in communication with any particular person,—Mr. Digby or Mr. Bannister?—Yes; Mr. Bannister was the name, and Mr. Digby and Mr. Burstall also I saw.

82,674. And Mr. Mitchell, a gentleman who is now dead?—I do not remember him. Then I called upon gentlemen out of the town, Mr. Sykes and others, or I saw him at all events.

82,675. I believe Mr. Digby was the treasurer, if I may so call him?—Yes.

82,676. And made advances of money, upon your account, from time to time?—I do not know about his making advances; I paid the money to him.

82,677. You did not know whether it had been paid or not?—No.

82,678. Did you ascertain in the course of the canvass, from personal applications to yourself or otherwise, that it was the custom to employ a good many people as messengers and runners?—No, I did not.

82,679. Did you not hear of that being a mode of employing voters at this and other elections?—I knew it was a mode of employing voters at other elections, but I did not hear that it was particularly the case here; I knew that it was, but I was not told so.

82,680. Did it not occur to you, when making your canvass, that the persons would apply to you sometimes for employment as messengers?—They never applied to me personally.

82,681. Did you hear that such applications were being made?—I did not hear it; but I saw in one of the committee rooms the persons came, and I think they had "messenger"

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upon their hats. I recollect that sort of thing, as there was a messengers' place for them to be engaged at. I could not tell you for certain, but I felt certain that they were being employed.

82,682. Do you remember at which committee room it was that you saw them?—No; I do not remember it. I am not acquainted with Hull much; I do not know the localities.

82,683. I believe the course was, that they made applications at the rooms, and got their names set down?—I feel no doubt that was the course, but I am not able to tell you.

82,684. Did you attend the committee room, do you remember, from time to time?—Not much.

82,685. What did you understand the nature of that engagement to be, when persons came and made an application of that sort?—I am really not able to tell you.

82,686 Did you inquire at all?—No.

82,687. You said you had been aware there was a good deal of employment?—I saw people applying for employment.

82,688. Do you remember what the nature of the application was?—No; not at all.

82,689. But they would do it in the committee room?—Yes; to carry messages, and placards, and flags, and aid in the noise.

82,690. Were such applications numerous?—I think so. I did not pay much attention to it at the time. I thought of it since I received your notice.

82,691. Probably you would understand that they were voters?—No; I did not know that; certainly not.

82,692. Did you make any inquiry whether they were voters or not?—No.

82,693. Did you see many people about the doors of the committee room?—At times I did.

82,694. Did you say that you observed some with "messenger" pasted on their hats?—I cannot remember whether it was "messenger" on their hats, or whether a place where the messengers were supposed to go to, to obtain their ticket or employment. I cannot remember. There was something to do with messengers, I remember perfectly well, but I cannot remember what it was.

82,695. You do not know whether that was conveyed to your mind from anything you saw about the persons of the men, or what you collected?—I do not remember. I could not speak positively upon that point.

82,696. Do you not remember that applications to be set down as runners for employment would be made to Mr. Bannister or Mr. Burstall in the canvass?—They were not made to them before me; certainly not. I do not remember such an application, and I had no such application personally made to myself.

82,697. You do not remember it. I merely wish to see if it can be brought to your mind at all by the fact, if any such applications were made, that they would be directed to go to the committee room in the district?—I should certainly send them to the committee room.

82,698. Do you recollect whether any such applications were made to Mr. Bannister or Mr. Burstall, and any such directions given?—I do not remember such an instance. There was an old man whom I knew to be a voter and freeman of Hull, who attended me at the hotel, who was sitting in a chair in the passage next to my sitting room, ready to carry messages or do anything that I required; that man was a freeman, that I know.

82,699. Where was that?—At the Royal Hotel.

82,700. You do not know his name?—No.

82,701. And you would not know his name if you heard it?—No.

82,702. Was it Steeple; do you know if that was the name?—I think not.

82,703. In the course of your canvass, and while you were about with these gentlemen, did you hear that there were lots of people who clubbed together, as voters, who wanted to be employed and get money?—No; I did not hear it during the canvass.

82,704. Not any lots of voters who met at different places?—No; I did not.

82,705. Or making parties?—No.

82,706. Wishing to be employed?—No; I did not hear of that.

82,707. To get money for their votes?—No; not during the canvass.

82,708. Did you hear of it before the election day?—No; I heard of it upon the election day, when I resigned.

82,709. Did you hear, in the course of your canvass, applications made for rooms to be engaged as committee rooms?—No.

82,710. Had you heard, before you came to Hull, from information that you had received from Sir John Hanmer or otherwise, that it had been the custom to engage committee rooms at elections, other than those that were actually wanted?—I understand what you mean. I do not think that Sir John Hanmer mentioned that at all. He did not enter into details; he mentioned the general sort of expenses, and the nature of the constituency. I put general questions, and I received general answers.

82,711. Do you recollect whether he mentioned that prior to the Reform Bill there had been a customary payment, something in the nature of head money, two guineas for a split vote, and four guineas for a plumper?—Not that I recollect.

82,712. Do you recollect whether he drew your attention at all to what had prevailed since, as contrasting it with the custom which had prevailed before?—I do not recollect that he did.

82,713. Did you become acquainted with a man named John Walker in the course of your canvass?—I cannot remember the name at all.

82,714. You have mentioned Mr. Burstall?—Yes, I remember Mr. Burstall perfectly; and Mr. Digby I know well.

82,715. Walker was a very active man?—I do not remember his name; I should probably know him if I saw him.

82,716. Did you hear at any time of any tickets being given to voters?—No, none whatever. I never heard of such a thing.

82,717. A ticket that would be a voucher for a sum of money?—I never heard of such a thing.

82,718. Never at any time?—I heard of it this morning.

82,719. Not until then?—No.

82,720. I infer from you that you have not directed your attention to the evidence before this Commission?—No, I have not read any part of it.

82,721. You have not read it?—No, I have not been in this country, and I have not read a word.

82,722. Then, if I understand you, this morning was the first time that you heard of the issue of any tickets as vouchers for money?—Most assuredly.

82,723. You have not heard of 500 or 1,000 being issued by Walker?—No; I heard of it this morning, and not before.

82,724. Do you recollect seeing anything of that character (*handing a card to the witness*)?—No, this is the first time that I ever saw it.

82,725. The name is on the back?—Yes.

82,726. You never saw anything of the kind?—No, this is the first time that I have seen it.

82,727. It is in evidence that 1,000 of these were issued on your behalf?—I never heard of it.

82,728. The finance department, I understand, was principally under the management of Mr. Digby?—I feel sure that it was. I paid the money to him when the election was over.

82,729. Did you at all, in the course of the election, during the days that you were in Hull, have any conversation with Mr. Digby upon the matter of expense?—No, no particular conversation.

82,730. Did you ask him how the money was going, or a general remark of that sort?—No.

82,731. As well as you remember, will you state anything that passed between you?—There was no particular conversation between Mr. Digby and myself at all. He was very busy, and very much employed in the matter of the election, and had other affairs to attend to. We were in a sort of bustle and fuss the whole time. I do not think that I felt so particularly, but other people were, and I do not remember that we had any particular conversation about the matter. In fact, I am sure we did not.

82,732. You found the thing in a great bustle, and the time was short; did you then when in Hull put any limit at all upon the money that you would spend?—No, I understood it was likely to cost from 1,500*l.* to 2,000*l.*, and I had no reason to presume it would cost more, and I decided and declared, and positively gave orders that there should be no bribery whatever, and I relied upon the orders that I had given.

82,733. Did you ever say that you would not go beyond 2,000*l.* in the expenses?—I do not recollect that I did.

82,734. Or any sum?—I do not recollect that I ever did.

82,735. Mr. Digby has told us that before the Thursday, the day of the election, he had made use of about as much as 1,200*l.* Do you remember, during the progress of the matter, before the day of the election, he mentioned to you having disbursed either that or any other sum, or any amount that he mentioned as having disbursed prior to that time?—I think it likely he would, but I could not distinctly say I remember it.

82,736. Do you remember at all?—Yes, I recollect something of the sort.

82,737. I merely mention that for this reason, you were then getting pretty close on to 1,500*l.*, and I have no doubt Mr. Digby was a man in whom you had perfect confidence?—Entire confidence.

88,738. Bearing that matter in mind, that you had mentioned the sum of 1,500*l.*, and he said he had advanced 1,200*l.* before the day of election?—I do not think he could have said he advanced 1,200*l.* before the day of election.

82,739. He did not state it to you, but he stated to us that he had?—I do not think he told me.

82,740. He did not go so far as that. It was on that I put the question to you whether he did not state it in the course of the hurry?—I do not think he ever did, that he had spent as much as 1,200*l.* before the election.

82,741. Did he say he had spent any sum?—I do not recollect he did. I think it is most probable. I could not call to mind that occasion or any particular period.

82,742. I think you stated just now that you said you would not spend any money in bribery, or anything of that kind?—Certainly.

82,743. When was it, do you remember, that you first made that statement?—I think I must have said it to the deputation when they called upon me, but I am perfectly

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sure that I said it as soon as I got to Hull, the first opportunity I had, in the committee room or to any members of my committee.

82,744. Allow me to say, having on my mind the letter you addressed to us, and the phrase in that letter, which is, you would be no party to "direct bribery"?—Would that be the phrase in the letter?

82,745. I have the letter; I was merely going to draw your attention to it, "have no reason to suppose direct bribery was resorted to"?—I have no reason to suppose it now.

82,746. Merely adverting to the words "direct bribery," do you remember, when that was said, there was not any open and direct bribery in Hull, but that there had been means of employing persons in the way I have alluded to?—No, I do not think it was stated at the time; I think you misapplied my letter. I mean to state that I have no reason now, in 1853, to suppose that direct bribery was resorted to then.

82,747. You have not read the evidence?—No; I only returned from Norway the other day.

82,748. I only ask whether at your house, in the course of the statement, it was intimated to you, although there was no direct bribery in Hull, that there were the means of giving employment to runners, messengers, and persons of that kind that I have been adverting to?—That was not stated to me, but I was very sure there were modes of spending money in Hull, and other places where freemen are concerned in an election, which is not usual in places where there are no freemen to be found. I was not aware whether it was open bribery given for the vote, or whether they were employed in carrying flags, blowing trumpets, or anything of that sort.

82,749. Probably you think blowing a trumpet or carrying a flag to some extent would be colourable?—I should have thought so in Hull.

82,750. You thought so at that time?—Yes; I think so.

82,751. And you would not have objected to that mode of employing persons?—I think had it been stated to me at the time a man was carrying a message, and was to receive 1*l.* for it, I should not have objected to it.

82,752. Without much regard to the length of the message or the distance he had to go?—I think at that time I should not have objected to it.

82,753. And probably you would not have inquired at that time very scrupulously into the number of trumpet blowers or flag carriers?—No; I saw a good many of them, and I did not inquire how much they were paid.

82,754. Probably you could judge for yourself they were not very necessary?—Yes; undoubtedly.

82,755. Did you not become aware to this extent that there were means employed of giving some colourable employment to voters during the time of the election?—Yes; I feel sure of it now. And on thinking the matter over, when the election was past and gone, I thought so then.

82,756. During the election?—No; I do not think it entered into my head.

82,757. You observed a good many of these people?—A good many.

82,758. And you did not make inquiry particularly who they were or what they were doing?—No.

82,759. Did they wear colours that denoted they were in your interest?—Yes; I think so.

82,760. There is evidence of all the pink colours being got?—Yes; so much so that they sent to Leeds for more. I heard that during the election.

82,761. Mr. Digby stated to us that the whole of that 1,200*l.* was spent in the purchase of voters; he did not say at all he communicated that to you?—Certainly not.

82,762. Do you remember whether he made any communication at all to you with respect to this kind of employment?—Certainly not.

82,763. Of flagmen, runners, colourmen, or messengers?—I recollect no intimation of it from him of any sort.

82,764. Did you make any inquiry of him who would make the payments temporarily, or how was that arranged?—No.

82,765. Who was to make the current payments?—I made no such inquiry.

82,766. And you had at that time not paid any money to his bank?—I think none whatever.

82,767. I understand from him and yourself, the payments were made afterwards?—Quite so.

82,768. His evidence entirely agrees with yours in that respect?—Quite so.

82,769. Did you not collect at all by whom the money was being disbursed during the progress of the election?—No, I did not.

82,770. When you saw these colourmen and blowers, and so on, you did not restrict any payment being made to them?—No; not at all.

82,771. And you would have no doubt probably they were voters in your interest?—That I did not know.

82,772. Merely by the colours?—Yes.

82,773. And probably they would be occasionally?—Yes; I should have been glad to find them so at the time, I think, but I am not sure that I noticed much.

82,774. Did you pay any money at all yourself during the election?—Nothing whatever, that I am aware of.

82,775. Any sum of any kind to anybody?—Not to anybody that I remember.

82,776. I think there are one or two instances that have been before us of persons who said they received some money directly from you, some small sums?—I do not think it is at all likely; I do not recollect any such thing.

82,777. Do you think you could pledge yourself at this distance of time that you never made any payments?—Yes; I think I could venture to state that I made no payments whatever.

82,778. Do you remember whether it was a matter of agreement or arrangement that you should not pay any money at the time; that the amount should be sent in to you, and you should make the payment afterwards; otherwise it would seem to me of course these gentlemen had a thorough confidence in your honour, but there would be something pass as to the mode the payments should be made?—It was understood the election expenses should be paid after the election was over.

82,779. And these gentlemen should find in the meantime what money was wanted?—I suppose it was understood, but there was no arrangement of that sort.

82,780. You have alluded to the day of polling. On that day did you become acquainted with the fact while the poll was going on that there were lots of voters in different parts who were waiting for money?—I heard it just before I retired; I remember it distinctly.

82,781. Was any application or communication made to you respecting any such persons on the day before the nomination day?—I think not. I do not recollect that there was.

82,782. Some persons who had gone across to New Holland or Barton, to the amount of 250, and sent a message across that they were to be treated with. Do you remember anything of that on the nomination day?—I do not recollect; and I do not think that message was ever conveyed to me. I have no recollection of ever having received it; none whatever.

82,783. During the progress of the election, while in Hull, had you any communication with Mr. Baines prior to the last day?—No.

82,784. You had not?—Certainly not.

82,785. Your committees were not working together?—Not that I am aware of; not the least.

82,786. On the day of the election, you did hear of some lots of voters, or one lot?—On the day of the polling, I did.

82,787. On the polling day do you remember hearing of any lots of voters?—Yes; I do distinctly remember hearing of it.

82,788. Did they make any application personally directly or indirectly to you?—No; it was told me in my committee room, that there were certain voters in numbers to be bought.

82,789. Who brought you that communication?—That I cannot remember. It was told me in the committee room. I do not think it was told me by one individual, "Why will you give up, there are numbers of people not polled?"

82,790. Was that at the time you gave up?—That determined me. I said I had no chance, and I should at once go to my opponents and say I did not wish to make any more disturbance in the town, and should retire.

82,791. And then it was stated there were a certain number of voters?—Yes; and I might possibly win the game by those means.

82,792. What was the statement made to you with regard to those persons?—I think simply this, that there were a number of voters who had not polled, but who were to be bought; they were to be found in public houses. I do not think the names were mentioned to me; but they were to be paid.

82,793. Was the number mentioned?—I think it was; but I do not recollect the number.

82,794. 150?—Something of that sort I suppose, or I think more. "Waiting to be bought," I think was the expression at this moment.

82,795. That was very plain language; what did you reply to them?—That I would not buy them.

82,796. You declined to have anything to do with them?—That was my answer.

82,797. And did you then determine to relinquish the contest?—Instantly.

82,798. You were not successful at that election?—No.

82,799. Did you upon that go to Mr. Baines' committee room?—Yes.

82,800. That was I think at the George?—I do not recollect the inn.

82,801. But you saw Mr. Baines, I think?—Yes; at his committee room.

82,802. Did you state to him this overture that had been made to you?—I have no recollection of stating that to him distinctly, as a statement; but I think it likely I mentioned it. My object in going was simply to wish him joy of his election, and say I retired and left the field clear for him.

82,803. I believe a great many persons, after you retired, continued to poll for you?—That is very likely. I was told of that this morning.

82,804. Did you leave the town that afternoon?—I left the town and went to my friend Mr. Tottie.

82,805. The same afternoon?—Yes.

82,806. At some little distance?—Yes; some two miles from here.

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82,807. After the announcement you made to Mr. Baines, did you yourself take any further interest?—None whatever; I went away the next day, I think.

82,808. Did you hear at the time that these persons were continuing to go to poll?—No.

82,809. Probably you have heard since that they did?—This morning.

82,810. For the first time?—Yes.

82,811. Probably the object of that was that they should endeavour to get some of your money if they could?—I suppose there could be no other object.

82,812. The expense to you was 3,000*l.*?—I think so, as nearly as possible.

82,813. Did you, if you remember, furnish the money to Mr. Digby in two cheques, for 1,500*l.* each?—I think so; and I have been looking over some old memorandum books of that date, and I find I paid 1,500*l.* to him the 24th of August. I think that would be the last payment. I think I must have left 1,500*l.* with him here, or sent it immediately after I left Hull.

82,814. Do you think you left one 1,500*l.* before you left the next morning?—I cannot distinctly recollect. I have lost the book in which it would be, but I paid the other, that would be the case I have no doubt, but I cannot charge my memory to it.

82,815. Did you understand when you made the first payment of 1,500*l.* to Mr. Digby, that it was merely a payment on account?—Yes, I should understand that. I do not recollect saying that.

82,816. You did not understand it was an ultimate payment?—No; I should distinctly ask him that.

82,817. Do you recollect whether at the time Mr. Digby acquainted you at all with what in his judgment would be the full expenses?—Yes.

82,818. What sum did he mention?—He said over 2,000*l.*, I think; but he did not expect it would amount to 3,000*l.* I have a note from him to me, which is the only document I have which is forthcoming now, or that I can find, but which will corroborate that in which he mentions there was not so much surplus as he supposed there would be out of my second 1,500*l.*

82,819. I believe it dwindled into nothing?—I never received anything.

82,820. When you made the first payment of the 1,500*l.* on the day after the election, do you remember if you adverted to the fact, on that same being asked, how so much money could be spent?—No, I do not recollect that.

82,821. Did not Mr. Digby on that occasion draw your attention to the number of persons employed in the committee rooms, and so on?—I cannot charge my memory. I do not recollect it.

82,822. He was telling you, if I understand, he thought the sum would exceed 2,000*l.*, which was the sum you did not expect to go beyond?—Yes.

82,823. Did not that statement naturally lead you to inquire how so much could be spent?—Not at the time. I left them in the heat of the thing. I trusted entirely to Mr. Digby. I had every reason to do so, and I went away.

82,824. Did you at that time put any restriction at all upon him as to the character of the payments he might make at the time?—No, I think not.

82,825. Nor at any time subsequently?—Nor at any time subsequently.

82,826. You advanced the second 1,500*l.* somewhere about the 24th of August?—My memorandum says the 24th of August a cheque was sent to him.

82,827. Do you remember if prior to that Mr. Digby had furnished you with a detailed account of the expenses?—I think he did. I feel pretty sure that he did, and that he sent me vouchers for them, but I believe I have destroyed them. I cannot find them. I have searched for them.

82,828. Do you remember whether those items of expenditure, or that account, were rendered before you paid the second 1,500*l.*, or cotemporaneously?—I think it would be rendered afterwards; after the whole thing was disposed of, he sent me the heads of the expenditure, to the best of my recollection, and I think he sent me a parcel of vouchers, but those I cannot find.

82,829. Do you remember if, on your forwarding the second 1,500*l.*, you made any inquiry how so much money would be wanted, or to what purpose it was applied?—I made no inquiry, the thing was done with.

82,830. You understood the second 1,500*l.* was all you would be called upon for?—Yes, certainly; and I paid no more.

82,831. Probably when the accounts came to you, you had some curiosity to see how 3,000*l.* could be spent in a Hull election?—No; I do not think I ever opened the parcel; I put them away.

82,832. You did not examine them?—No; I did not examine them minutely. I have no recollection. I thought I should have been able to find them for you, but I cannot.

82,833. Mr. Burstall was with you?—Yes.

82,834. Do you remember if he said he was making payments, disbursing money to the chairmen of the different districts?—No.

82,835. Or that he was paying any money at all away?—No.

82,836. Or his alluding to any payment?—He never alluded to making any payment that I recollect.

82,837. We understand Mr. Stephenson was not one of the deputation that waited on you, but one of your active supporters?—I remember the name, but I do not recollect the person.

82,838. Do you remember whether he stated to you at any time he was securing some of the voters by employment or anything of that character during the progress?—No; I do not remember that; he might have done so, but I do not recollect any one making a statement to me.

82,839. Did you not receive rather a specific warning before you came to Hull not to come here?—Yes.

82,840. From Mr. Beckett Denison?—Yes.

82,841. Will you tell me what it was he said to you?—I do not remember. I cannot remember. It was an off-hand sort of thing.

82,842. Was it not to the effect that it was an exceedingly expensive place, and that the expenditure would not be in legal methods?—I think I can perhaps recollect it. I think he said: "Hang those fellows. I know them well."

82,843. Was that all?—I think that would be something like it; he warned me, but I do not recollect exactly.

82,844. He wanted you not to come?—Surely; and when I had been defeated, he said: "I told you how it would be."

82,845. Did not his warning convey to your mind that it would cost a great deal of money?—Yes; and probably be beaten into the bargain.

82,846. And not a sort of expenditure that could be strictly looked into?—He did not enter into the details.

82,847. I wish to know what he conveyed to your mind?—I cannot exactly tell you that; he conveyed to my mind that I should be obliged to buy voters, but they were a curious lot to come among.

82,848. That you would be obliged to spend money, if you wanted to be popular among them?—Yes, surely.

82,849. And that it was not much use to come to Hull without spending money among them?—Surely. He did not enter into the details.

82,850. I ask what were your thoughts at the time?—I should think he would mean that, but I was partly aware of that before.

82,851. Were you also aware of that at the time, that in general where there are freemen money must be expended, in a way in which it would not be expended where there were not freemen?—Surely, it is notorious.

82,852. You were aware of that?—Yes.

82,853. You were aware there were freemen in Hull, and a large number?—I was not aware how many there were.

82,854. Was it called to your attention, when these gentlemen waited upon you, that they were the representatives of two different parties?—I do not think they informed me that they were the representatives of two distinct parties; they might be the representatives of moderate Whigs.

82,855. Extreme Radicals?—I do not know.

82,856. Were they not so far distinct, that one were the high Tories, and the others extreme Radicals?—I was not aware there were any high Tories.

82,857. It was not so far called to your attention?—Certainly not. I was not acquainted with any of them before.

82,858. Was it at all called to your attention that there was such a difference in politics in your supporters, that made you inquire why they should be joined on that occasion?—No, I should say not; I do not recollect anything of the sort. The notion was, that the party who would support Mr. Baines would support me; I think the deputation to Mr. Baines was also a joint deputation,—two parties were connected in that matter, and it was supposed that same party would join in supporting me; that was the impression on my mind at the time.

82,859. Was not this called to your attention, that the object of the union in effect with Mr. Baines was, to prevent a contest, and the object of the union in your case was to create one?—That was not stated to me.

82,860. Tell me this, whether by observation, or conversation, or any other means, it did pass into your mind during the election, that money was being expended for the purpose of influencing voters?—No, I do not think that occurred to me; I think not. I do not think it ever occurred to me that there was money given for bribery, certainly not. It occurred to me, as I said before, that there were numbers of people employed, and numbers of people—the bands, seem to have been larger than there need to have been; but I do not think they were larger than other elections.

82,861. Did it occur to you that the employment was made for the purpose of paying people money in some other way?—No, I do not think it occurred to me; I cannot distinctly say it did.

82,862. You say it occurred to you that the expenditure was exceedingly lavish?—After the election was over, and I had to pay the bills.

82,863. But during the election?—I did not know what was going on.

82,864. Did it come to your mind that the expenditure was lavish?—No.

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82,865. Did it seem to you to be an ordinary and necessary expenditure?—Certainly not necessary; but it did not seem extraordinary for such a large place as Hull.

82,866. You thought it unnecessary?—Yes, all bands are unnecessary.

82,867. And all the persons you saw employed?—I dare say they were.

82,868. Did it not at all strike you why they should be employed unnecessarily?—No, I do not think it struck me particularly; certainly not.

82,869. You say you gave instructions that there should be no bribery?—Yes.

82,870. To whom did you give those instructions?—To my committee generally; to Mr. Digby specially.

82,871. You said so to Mr. Digby?—I feel no doubt about that.

82,872. Did you say so when the committee were all present?—I do not recollect that I assembled the committee and said that to them; but I distinctly said so, many times, to members of the committee, when the opportunity occurred, when I thought it necessary.

82,873. Did you know Mr. Wells was the professional gentleman managing the election on your behalf?—Not in the least; certainly not.

82,874. You do not recollect whether you instructed him?—I do not recollect Mr. Wells at all; I do not recollect any one of the name; he might probably have been there.

82,875. You feel quite certain you instructed Mr. Digby to that effect?—I feel pretty sure I did; I certainly instructed the committee generally.

82,876. I understood you to say, that you did not know of these little lots until the last day?—Certainly not.

82,877. Then you did not know that a party of eighty of them were bought on your behalf at the Baltic?—No; not at all.

82,878. Did you ever hear of that?—No; till this morning.

82,879. And another lot of 25, at Hedon, the out-voters?—I was not at all aware of that.

82,880. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Burstall, on your part, managed that little arrangement?—I did not hear of that.

Mr. Markham, the secretary, was then directed to adjourn the Court sine die.